VICTIMS OF TERRORISM RELIEF ACT OF 2001

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of the passage of the bill, H.R. 2884, on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I yield the balance of my time.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in voting in favor of H.R. 2884.

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this legislation to provide a tax relief package for the victims of Tuesday’s terrorist attacks in New York and Washington DC. I urge my colleagues to join in supporting this appropriate and necessary measure.

Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday our Nation suffered an unprecedented terrorist attack in both the scope of its depravity, and in the magnitude of the resulting destruction of both life and property. At this time, the full extent of the number of casualties from the attack on the World Trade Center in New York remains unknown. Not only did thousands of people perish in the fires and subsequent collapse of the twin towers, but hundreds of brave New York firefighters and police officers lost their lives in attempting to rescue those trapped in the towers.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 2:30 p.m.

Accordingly (at 2 o’clock and 31 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 2:30 p.m.
A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:


COMMUNICATION FROM THE STAFF ASSISTANT TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Millender-McAfee), assistant to Committee on Veterans' Affairs:


Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT, Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

Dear Mr. Speaker: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena for testimony issued by the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

GREGORY R. CARMICHAEL, Staff Assistant.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. ARMY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ARMY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to announce to the Members that we are going to adjourn subject to the call of the Chair. I am announcing that at 4:30 there will be on the floor of this House a Members-only national security briefing and all Members are requested to attend.

The briefing will be given by people from the White House and the administration.

Mr. Speaker, soon after that briefing, it is our expectation that we will be able to resume legislative business in order to consider the emergency supplemental appropriations act and a resolution authorizing the use of force in regard to the terrorist attacks on the United States.

I, the Chair, declares the House in recess until further order of the House.

I want to thank the Members of this body for their cooperation and their patience as we work these things out together, Republicans and Democrats, as our Members of this body, Members of the other body from both parties, working hard. The timetable I know should be more exacting than it is, but it is as exacting as we can give you. I can assure Members with full confidence that by the normal departure time of 2 o'clock Friday, we should have been able to complete both of these two important pieces of legislation and have completed our legislative week. I thank the Members for their patience.

RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr.翁hc) at 11 o'clock and 24 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. MYRICK, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 107–205) on the resolution (H. Res. 237) waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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AFTER RECESS

The Recess having expired, the House was called to order at 10 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.; on the calendar day of September 12, 2001.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business.

Ms. KILPATRICK (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of the