

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Friday, September 21, 2001

The House met at 9 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, ever faithful to Your covenant with Your people, and always loving to those who call upon Your Holy Name, be with us today and in the unfolding historic days ahead. In this land of liberty, we freely choose to be renewed in faith and place our trust in You.

At this time of seeking justice, Lord, guide our President and the Members of this Congress. Confirm them and all Americans, military and civilians alike, to the noble task of performing daily work to the best of their ability.

Already You have lifted this Nation from death and debris with stories of heroes and heroines, songs of revitalized patriotism and new depth of unity born out of love of family and love of country.

With Your help, our grieving will never end but become fond remembrance. With Your help, our response to all forces of evil and injustice has just begun and will never cease.

Emerging from clouds of dismay, You Lord, have brought about quiet resolve, a deeper respect for all humanity and a longing for lasting peace.

Lord, may the words of Daniel Webster which are engraved above this Chamber now come to life in the flesh and bone of this country.

Let us develop the resources of our land, call forth its power, build up its institutions, promote all its great interests and see whether we also, in our day and generation, may not perform something worthy to be remembered.

And with Your blessing, may this country itself become a vast and splendid monument, not of oppression and terror, but of wisdom, of peace, and of liberty upon which the world may gaze with admiration forever. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. REYNOLDS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. REYNOLDS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will delay 1-minute requests until the end of the legislative day.

### MAKING IN ORDER AT ANY TIME CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2904, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order at any time for the Speaker, as though pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, to declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2904) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes, and that consideration of the bill proceed according to the following order.

The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with.

All points of order against the bill and against its consideration are waived.

General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the 5-minute rule.

During consideration of the bill for amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII, and amendments so printed shall be considered as read.

At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment, the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted.

The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 2904, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the order of the House of today and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole of the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 2904.

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### IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2904) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Defense Department for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes, with Mr. GILLMOR in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the order of the House of today, September 21, 2001, the bill is considered as having been read the first time.

The gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HOBSON) and the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. OLVER) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HOBSON).

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, before I present the subcommittee's recommendations, let me take a moment to address the events perpetrated on the United States last week.

America has been hurt by these attacks, but we are far from defeated. We will care for our wounded and mourn for those who have lost their lives. We will repair the physical damage to our institutions and seek out those who are responsible. We will have justice. We