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:

Invocation

The Speaker. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HOBSO

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.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, 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.

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

There was no objection.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HOBSO. 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

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 Department of Defense 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. HOBSO) and the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. OLVER) each will control 30 minutes.

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

Mr. HOBSO. 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...