

Keep us together as one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PITTS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PITTS 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.

WELCOMING THE REVEREND WALTER L. SOLOMON, MT. MORIAH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTH PRATT, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

(Mr. HILLIARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, we welcome Reverend Walter Solomon to this Chamber. We are very appreciative of his leadership in Birmingham, Alabama, and indeed in this Nation. His work on the national level with the National Baptist Convention is extraordinary. Many opportunities have been afforded this young man and many things are expected from him.

Mr. Speaker, as we move forward in these difficult times, there will be men like Reverend Solomon, who will make the difference. There will be men in this Chamber who will perform to the utmost. We thank him for coming this morning. May God bless him and his family, and may God bless America.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain ten 1-minute speeches from each side.

#### ORGAN DONATION, THE GIFT OF LIFE

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, the stinging attacks of September 11 remind us of the fragility of life. Life is fleeting, and no one knows it better than the nearly 60,000 patients waiting to receive transplant organs. Today

alone, nine patients will die because a match was not found.

The Transplant Foundation at the University of Miami is dedicated to transplant research because there is no greater gift than the gift of life. On October 13, the Foundation will host its sixth annual That's Life ball to raise funds for patient services and public education. I congratulate president Donnie Coker and president-elect Ivan Gomez of the Transplant Foundation of Miami. Also Ellie Compton, Jeffrey Barash, John Venezia, and surgeons Joshua Miller, Andreas Tzakis, and Si Pham.

I commend the That's Life committee and members of all boards who devotedly educate our community on organ procurement.

Becoming an organ donor is as easy as checking a box on your driver's license, and it could literally mean a life to a transplant patient. I have signed up as an organ donor, and I encourage all of my colleagues to leave a lasting legacy by giving the gift of life.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PRIORITIES

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, all around America firefighters, policemen, and rescue workers prove to be heroes. What is troubling though, in Washington State, weeks before the attack, four firefighters died because of red tape and the Endangered Species Act. Officials there delayed using helicopters for 4 hours on a massive fire because it might harm the protected bull trout fingerlings.

Beam me up. Since when are fish more important than the lives of our brave firefighters?

This is bull trout.

I yield back all the cod liver oil in the bowels of these conservationists and bureaucratic leaders.

#### PROTECTING LIBERTY AND FREEDOM

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, as we continue to mourn the senseless loss of thousands of Americans, let us begin to ensure that the tragic events of September 11 never happen again.

This week we will consider legislation to begin providing our military men and women the resources they have needed for years. According to Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, the United States military needs "every penny" of the \$343 billion provided in the fiscal year 2002 Defense budget, because in real terms the Defense budget has declined every year from 1985 until 1998. Our battle to com-

bat terrorism will require dedication and commitment not only by our armed services and by the American public, but by Congress, this very Congress as well.

We need to ensure that our military has every tool and resource available to enable them to protect freedom and liberty. Therefore, I encourage all of my colleagues to support the defense authorization bill, a down payment for our military to enable them to meet the challenges of today and to begin preparing for those of tomorrow.

#### KEEP FAITH WITH OUR AIRLINES

(Mr. MATHESON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MATHESON. Mr. Speaker, over the last 2 weeks, we have all seen what has become of our airline industry. Airport concourses across the country seem more like ghost towns than centers of international commerce. The lounges are empty, the taxi stands and busses are vacant. Across the country, airports that should be at the center of municipal liveliness, now seem to be monuments to a bygone era.

The terrorist attacks left our nation reeling, but they did not change the fundamental soundness of any of our industries or the safety of future fliers. Over the past 2 weeks, our airline system has been hurt much more by perception than reality. It is our responsibility in this Congress not only to provide cash to the airlines, but also to provide reassurance and security to their passengers.

Airport and airplane safety should now become the domain of the Federal Government. Before September 11, security was provided by the airlines that usually contracted this service to the lowest bidder. Securing the safety of the traveling public should be a basic function of government. We have the Coast Guard to protect boaters, we make sure the State Police monitor our highways, the skill of government-trained air traffic controllers has all but guaranteed the safety of our space. Why should security in airports and airplane cabins be any different?

#### COMING TOGETHER IN A TIME OF NEED

(Mr. FOLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise with a great deal of pride to salute the communities I represent, Palm Beach County, Martin, St. Lucie, Okeechobee, Glades, Hendry, and Highlands, the 16th Congressional District in Florida.

I am so proud because every citizen of our community rallied together for this Nation, supporting those who are