

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

in need, helping raise funds, donating blood, doing whatever little bit they could to make not only those in New York and Washington feel better, but unite as a Nation against evil.

I am proud because our community at times during the last election was disparaged for not getting their votes right. Today we prove not only did we send the right person to Washington to lead this Nation, but we are also committed to making certain this terror never rains on America again.

The firefighters, the paramedics, the police, the National Guard, everybody virtually joined hands together to work together to make this Nation stronger. We may have had a difficult day September 11, but out of the ashes comes a greater resolve to make America a more perfect union, under God, protecting liberties, defining the future, and making certain we support our commander-in-chief, the President of the United States, George Bush, who I am proud to call a friend, and particularly proud to call a great leader today in times of adversity. I salute him, I thank him, and God bless his family as we endeavor to protect our country.

A GREAT LEADER

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, times of trouble expose either the greatness or the weakness of a leader. Last week, we saw our President rise to become the chief steward of freedom on planet Earth. It was a sight to behold. It was a defining moment in our country. America has once again stepped up to the plate to rid the world of tyranny.

Osama bin Laden and the world's terrorists are at war with all civilized people. They are trained, barbaric terrorists who will stop at nothing, even the killing of thousands of innocent people, to accomplish their evil goals.

Last week, the President rallied the civilized nations of the world against the world's terrorists and those who harbor them. All nations, Muslim, Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhists, will unite to accomplish this noble goal. There is no fence-sitting this time.

Mr. Speaker, great words have been spoken in this Chamber. Example, "Our Nation, this generation, will lift the dark threat of violence from our people and our future. We will rally the world to this cause by our efforts, by our courage. We will not tire, we will not falter, and we will not fail."

Mr. Speaker, those were the words of George W. Bush, the 43rd President of the United States. Those are some of the words we heard last week, a rallying cry to freedom-loving people around the world.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2944, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 245 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 245

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2944) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for the other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one 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 five-minute rule. The amendments printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. Points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI are waived. The amendment printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules may be offered only by a Member designated in the report and only at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendment printed in part B of the report are waived. During consideration of the bill for further amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering and amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for the purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. At the conclusion of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill, as amended, to the House with such further 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.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SWEENEY). The gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LINDER) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, H. Res. 245 is an open rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 2944, the Fiscal Year 2002 District of Columbia Appropriations Act. Overall, this bill provides a total of \$7.1 billion in local funding and a \$398 million Federal payment to the District of Columbia. By way of comparison, the final fiscal year 2001 D.C. appropriations bill provided a total of \$6.8 billion in local funds and \$464 million in Federal payment. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill.

Mr. Speaker, H. Res. 245 provides for 1 hour of general debate, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations, and it waives clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provision in a general appropriations bill) against provisions within H.R. 2944. The rule also provides that the bill be considered for amendment by paragraph.

The rule provides that amendments in part A of the Committee on Rules report accompanying H. Res. 245 shall be considered as adopted.

It also waives points of order against the amendment printed in part B of the Committee on Rules report, which may be offered only by a Member designated in the report and only at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

The rule also allows the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority and recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

I urge my colleagues to support this rule on H.R. 2944, which will allow the House to work its will on the various funding and policy matters contained in this bill. I should note that the bill is the 11th of 13 regular appropriations bills that the House will need to consider and enact in order to complete the fiscal year 2002 discretionary budget.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LINDER) for yielding me the customary one-half hour, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, this is an open rule. The gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH), the ranking minority member, was consulted throughout the process of developing this legislation, along with the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KNOLLENBERG), who is a fine chairman and a