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 this evil.

I am proud because our community at times during the last election was disparted for not getting their votes right. Today we prove not only did we send the right person to Washington to lead this world and 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 a defining moment in our country.

Mr. Speaker, those were the words of Mr. Pitts as he urged the House to support the bill.

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 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 pursuant to 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 further for consideration for not more than five minutes. 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. Prior and 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. 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 provides that the committee amendment be treated 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 provides that the committee amendment be treated 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 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 chairman shall rise and report the bill, as amended and agreed to by the House, to the Senate 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.

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 my time as I may consume.

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.

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

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