

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Tuesday, October 9, 2001

The House met at 12:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 9, 2001.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 3, 2001, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to not to exceed 30 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to not to exceed 5 minutes.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. There being no requests for morning hour debates, pursuant to clause 12, rule I, the House will stand in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.) the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PETRI) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. W. Wilson Goode, Sr., First Baptist Church of Paschall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, offered the following prayer:

God, we honor You today as both omnipotent and omnipresent. We now beseech You to bless these our halls in which the affairs of state are conducted.

We pray especially for every Member of this Congress. We seek for them wisdom that will help them at all times

discern right from wrong. We seek for them passion for this Nation and for all of its people. We seek for them, oh, Lord, judgment in the passage of the laws which will establish justice, freedom, and equality throughout the land.

We seek for Members of Congress special concern for our children, especially those who are hungry and homeless and living in poverty, and whose parents are incarcerated.

God we acknowledge Your mighty handiwork in the evolution of this Nation and pray now for Your continued protection. We pray today especially for the men and women of our Armed Forces. We pray for Your divine protection of them, and for the safety and comfort of their families.

Now, Lord, grant to this Congress at this extraordinary time in our history an extra measure of Your blessing, that they may guide this Nation with righteousness and justice. May Divine Providence always guide them as Your will be done on Earth as in heaven. In the name of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ we pray, and for His sake. 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. BRADY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania 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 DR. W. WILSON GOODE, SR., AS GUEST CHAPLAIN

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

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be here to welcome our guest chaplain, my good friend and former employer, the right Reverend W. Wilson Goode. Reverend Goode has always served God and the

public at the same time. He rose from deacon to associate pastor at the First Baptist Church of Paschall.

He rose from a Philadelphia neighborhood block captain to Philadelphia's Mayor, who, in his infinite wisdom, appointed me as his deputy.

He went from organizing his block to leading faith-based initiatives at the nonprofit Public/Private Ventures. He is Associate Professor of Political Science and Urban Policy at Eastern College, where he puts his experience as Chairman of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the U.S. Department of Education, Philadelphia's Managing Director and Mayor of Philadelphia, to work for his students.

Dr. Goode has been awarded 14 honorary doctorates and has published an autobiography, *In Good Faith*. He is a family man, who has seen his son elected to the city council.

More than anything else, Wilson Goode is a person who can bring people together. He did that as a mayor, he did that in his candidacy, and now does that as a reverend.

Mr. Speaker, in these troubled times it is important that we hear from people like W. Wilson Goode, so I welcome him with pride, and I thank him for being here.

Again, there are a whole lot of titles that he holds, a whole lot of positions that he held, but the one most endearing with me, the position and title that he holds with me, is dear friend. I thank him, and may God continue to bless him, and God bless our troops.

CALLING TERRORISTS "TERRORISTS"

(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, since September 11, journalists have been working overtime to report on the war on terrorism. They have done a good job. Terrorism, the Taliban, Afghanistan, are not well understood by the American people, and our newspapers and electronic media have been working hard to educate us.

I have one serious concern, though. Some of our news organizations have decided not to use the word "terrorist" to describe the suicidal maniacs who took so many lives 4 weeks ago.

Now, I understand that reporters want to be objective. I understand that if they are going to be trusted and

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taken seriously, the media does not want to take sides.

But reporters also have a duty to report the truth. There comes a point when this kind of even-handedness stands in the way of the truth. The truth here is that the killers were madmen and terrorists, willing to take the law into their own hands and kill thousands of innocent men, women, and children.

The lie is that they were victims of Western imperialism who died valiantly for their cause. This is not a debate even the media should be removed from, it is a debate between good and evil. If we refuse to tell the truth or call a spade a spade, we are making the killers just a little bit stronger.

We should call bin Laden's killers terrorists, because that is what they are.

INTRODUCTION OF THE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY ACT

(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, yesterday President Bush formally opened the Office of Homeland Security and appointed Governor Tom Ridge as its Director. I applaud the President's efforts, and I am pleased with his vision for the office.

Yet, concerns have arisen regarding how much control Governor Ridge will actually have. As Ash Carter of the Boston Globe noted, "White House czars have historically been toothless, unable to control activities of cabinet bureaucracies. To be effective as homeland security czar, Ridge will need influence over the budgets."

That is why I joined with the gentleman from California (Ms. HARMAN) in introducing the Office of Homeland Security Act. Our bill will make the office permanent under color of law and provide Governor Ridge the budget authority he will need to coordinate the Federal agencies and resources necessary to protect America from terrorism.

Mr. Speaker, passage of this legislation is critical to our efforts to combat terrorism here at home. I encourage all of my colleagues to support it.

SWIFT AND DELIBERATE ACTION

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the swift and deliberate manner with which the President of the United States launched a counterstrike this weekend against the al Qaeda and their government patrons.

By initiating military action in a timely and overwhelming manner, we

are sending a clear message about the price to be paid for attacking the people of the United States of America.

The heroes of this conflict will now be fashioned, Mr. Speaker, from among the brave young men and women in uniform who have been called upon to defend our freedom. We in this Congress have given those brave young men and women everything they need to succeed. Their duty now is to serve. Our duty is to pray.

Let us pray for victory, but let us also pray for the safe restoration of our soldiers, sailors, and airmen to their families and friends and communities. The Bible tells us that God has not given us the spirit of fear, but a spirit of power and love, and of a sound mind.

Those who think America trembles from the East to the West, from the North to the South, will be proven wrong, not just at the sound of our guns, but at the fortitude that will be demonstrated by the American people in the days and months and years ahead as we move toward victory in this worthy cause.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record votes on postponed questions will be taken after debate is concluded on all motions to suspend the rules, but not before 6 p.m. today.

AUTHORIZING PRINTING OF REVISED EDITION OF PUBLICATION ENTITLED "OUR FLAG"

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 244) authorizing the printing of a revised edition of the publication entitled "Our Flag."

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 244

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),

SECTION 1. PRINTING OF REVISED EDITION OF "OUR FLAG".

A revised edition of the publication entitled "Our Flag", revised under the direction of the Joint Committee on Printing, shall be printed as a House document.

SEC. 2. NUMBER OF COPIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), there shall be printed a number of copies of the publication described in section 1 as follows:

(1) 250,000 for the use of the House of Representatives, distributed in equal numbers to each Member of the House and each Delegate and Resident Commissioner to the Congress.

(2) 51,500 for the use of the Senate, distributed in equal numbers to each Senator.

(3) 2,000 for the use of the Joint Committee on Printing.

(4) 1,400 for distribution to the depository libraries.

(b) ALTERNATIVE NUMBER.—If the total printing and production costs of the number of copies provided under subsection (a) exceed \$150,000, there shall be printed the maximum number of copies of the publication described in section 1 for which such total costs do not exceed \$150,000, with distribution allocated in the same proportion as in subsection (a).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. SERRANO) each will control 20 minutes.

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

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, House Concurrent Resolution 244 is to authorize the printing of a revised and updated version of the House document entitled "Our Flag."

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I stand here today and speak on behalf of this resolution authorizing the reprinting of the publication "Our Flag." Probably at no other time in recent history has our flag had such significance in many Americans' hearts, due to the tragic situation that occurred on September 11, and also the fact that our men and women are, as we speak, answering the call of our country. So it is very close to our hearts.

But it always has been, Mr. Speaker. Traditionally, the American flag has been a symbol of liberty, and it has been carried as a message of freedom to all parts of the world.

This book documents the history of our flag as a symbol of liberty from the colonial period to Pearl Harbor to present day. It documents in detail our patriotic customs. It describes the position and manner of displaying the flag, as well as how to fold and care for it. These days, our flag and its proper care have acquired a special significance.

Mr. Speaker, this has been a regular publication, I would note. It has been printed over time here in the House. It just so happens that, also due to a great amount of requests of flags, we also need to again reprint "Our Flag" so people will have the document available.

In light of the special circumstances, though, I want to thank the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) and his staff, the ranking minority member, and also my colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. SERRANO), who is here on the floor today.

I want to thank the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) and his staff who have worked hard to bring this bill to the floor, working with us in a bipartisan manner.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution, and I reserve the balance of my time.