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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Right Reverend Jane Holmes Dixon, Bishop of Washington, pro tempore, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Most gracious God, Creator and Ruler of the Universe, the one to whom there are many paths and to whom we call many days, we give You thanks this day for the men and women who serve our Nation in the House of Representatives.

We pray that as they make decisions for our welfare and enact laws for our country, You will guide them to perceive what is right and grant them both the courage to pursue it and the will to accomplish it.

In this time of great national tragedy, profound sadness, and indeed a fear among our people, touch us with Your compassion even as we contend against evil. Help us to know with certainty that love is stronger than hate, and as we make no peace with oppression, give us a devotion to justice and freedom here and throughout the world.

We pray also this day for George, our President, and for all our allies that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. Be especially with all who serve in the armed forces, defend them by day and night, strengthen them in their trials, and give them solace and courage as they offer their lives for freedom.

And we pray for our enemies. Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; and deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty and revenge.

Finally, I ask Your blessing on each and every one gathered here today. Comfort and keep them and make them ever mindful that You, O God, require us to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. In Your most holy name we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GREEN of Texas 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 RIGHT REVEREND JANE HOLMES DIXON

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

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, the House is pleased to welcome the Right Reverend Jane Holmes Dixon who delivered the prayer this morning.

Bishop Dixon was named Bishop of Washington pro tempore, and will be the ecclesiastic authority during the search and transition for the eighth bishop of Washington. She has been suffragan bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington. She is a native of Winona, Mississippi, and only the second woman to hold the Office of Bishop in the Episcopal Church.

All were moved after hearing Bishop Dixon at the service at Washington National Cathedral a few days after the September 11 attack on our country. This wife, this mother, this grandmother, presides over the diocese of the District of Columbia and four Maryland counties. She became a priest in 1982 and has served in churches in Maryland and Virginia. She got her doctorate of divinity in 1993 from the Virginia Theological Seminary.

Bishop Dixon not only serves her church, she serves her community, she serves on the theology and urban affairs committees of the House of Bishops, she is president of the Board of the Interfaith Alliance. She is a

member of a board of the Fair Housing Council of Greater Washington and a member of the Women's Forum of Washington, D.C. Bishop Dixon has been selected by the Washingtonian Magazine as one of the 100 most influential women in the Washington, D.C. area. Bishop Jane Holmes Dixon, churchwoman, citizen.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2217, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

Mr. REGULA submitted the following conference report and statement on the bill (H.R. 2217) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes:

CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. 107-234)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2217) "making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes", having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken and inserted by said amendment, insert:

That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT MANAGEMENT OF LANDS AND RESOURCES

For expenses necessary for protection, use, improvement, development, disposal, cadastral surveying, classification, acquisition of easements and other interests in lands, and performance of other functions, including maintenance of facilities, as authorized by law, in the management of lands and their resources under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, including the general administration of the Bureau, and assessment of mineral potential of

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