

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Wednesday, October 17, 2001

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 17, 2001.

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

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

PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. George Dillard, Peachtree City Christian Church, Peachtree City, Georgia, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, Creator, the One who with a Word spoke all things into existence and who even now holds all things together by the power of Your might, we come humbly in Your presence today seeking grace and mercy to help in time of need. As we acknowledge You as the sovereign Lord of this Nation, we seek Your will in all the decisions that will be made in this place by these men and women who have given themselves to service of the people. We ask that You give each Member of this House a heart of wisdom. Create, O God, in us a heart committed to You.

Father, we thank You for the blessings of freedom and liberty, for we acknowledge these as Your gifts. It is our prayer that we do not use our freedom and liberty as a covering for evil, but as an opportunity to proclaim Your truths.

Father, our prayer is that the eyes of our hearts might be open so that we can see the evil that seeks to destroy, that we might be prepared to stand against the schemes of the evil one.

We pray for revival in our land, for a return to the truth, morals, and values from Your word that once governed our lives. We ask for the wisdom to trust in You and Your son, Jesus, as the source of our courage, power, and strength to lead us through this present darkness. Father, we do not know what our tomorrows hold, but we do know that You hold our tomorrows.

So then we ask that You bless this House, our President, and the other leaders of this great Nation, cleanse our hearts from every sin, teach us to walk in Your paths and to live in Your righteousness and justice. Bind our

hearts together and our minds into one great Nation that honors and serves You. We give You all the glory, the honor, and the praise in the precious name of Your son and our saviour, Jesus Christ. 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.

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. KNOLLENBERG 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. GEORGE DILLARD

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, it is a great pleasure today to introduce my friend, Dr. George Dillard of the Peachtree City Christian Church in Peachtree City, Georgia.

George Dillard and his wife, Renee, and his children have been friends of mine for many years. We met in 1992 when I was running for office and George helped me a lot, not just in

terms of let us get out and get some votes, but as a candidate, you often go through peaks and valleys and many, many dark hours. And George helped me through those, gave me a lot of advice. He also was one of the first persons that I called when my Aunt Louie died because I wanted to ask him a few questions about her beliefs; and George was there to give me some very sage, Biblical advice.

George has been a friend through the period when the guards at the United States Capitol were shot and killed. He was a friend during the trials and tribulations regarding the impeachment debate. He has been a friend through Bosnia and Kosovo, and now Afghanistan. All the perils. He was among the first to call me after the tragedy of September 11 and said, what can I do to help? He has opened this House Chamber in the past with prayer before, and so it is good to have a familiar voice and a familiar face with us.

Now, George was pastor in Rincon, Georgia in the first district of Georgia when I was running in 1992, but having done great works there and converted so many souls, he realized he needed to go up to the third district of Georgia where the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS) was elected. I think he felt like there must be a need, and so he is now a constituent of my great friend, the gentleman from the third district of Georgia (Mr. COLLINS).

So I am going to yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS) and let him complete the introduction of Dr. George Dillard. To George, let me just say thank you.

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman. I appreciate the fact that Reverend George Dillard did move to the third district of Georgia. As we can tell by his opening prayer, he is a messenger of God's word; and he is also one who believes in returning the message to God based on the things that he sees and the things that are happening in this country and asking for the need and the help of God. I welcome him here today.

I think it is great that he opened the House this morning. His wife and children were here last year and as he was leaving home yesterday and he called in, his children answered and said, Where are you? He said, I am in Congressman COLLINS's office. They said, oh, that is Uncle Mac. Tell him we will be back to see him, and we want them to come. His family does great work in Peachtree City, Georgia. He will do

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