

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Wednesday, October 31, 2001

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 31, 2001.

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

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

PRAYER

The Reverend Kathleene Card, Associate Pastor, Trinity United Methodist Church, McLean, Virginia, offered the following prayer:

Dear God, You are the Sovereign Lord of our Nation, and we thank You for Your eternal blessings. We are confident that nothing can separate us from You. That even in the face of recent challenges, You are always with us.

So, in humble surrender to Your direction, we come to You from many faith traditions, yet we come united as one truly ecumenical body, aware that we are vulnerable alone.

We need You, God; we need each other. We seek Your direction for the Members of this House of Representatives and those who work with them as they seek to represent all the people of the United States of America. We know that You care personally for each of us.

And so we pause at the beginning of this session to ask You to open our hearts and our minds so we can discern Your will for our Nation in this time of tremendous national grief and loss. Please deepen our ability to love and understand each other. Let us see this remarkable world of Yours without fear.

We come also seeking Your sacred intercession for all the men and women who have been placed in harm's way while serving to defend and protect our Nation.

For those who serve You here in this House, let them be wise leaders, Lord. Let them be led by You.

And may all honor and glory be Yours, our God. 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. SCHAFFER. 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. SCHAFFER. 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 Kansas (Mr. RYUN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. RYUN of Kansas 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 KATHLEENE CARD, TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, McLEAN, VIRGINIA

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

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased today to rise and recognize today's guest chaplain, the Reverend Kathleene Card of Trinity United Methodist Church of McLean, Virginia. Kathy and her family have been longtime friends with my family, and she has distinguished herself as a true community leader with whom I am proud to serve in Northern Virginia.

Kathy and her husband, Andrew Card, the current Chief of Staff of the White House, have a common passion for public service. Kathy's career has spanned the teaching profession, senior government assignments, to now her service as a minister, all while dedi-

cated to her three wonderful children and devoted husband of 33 years.

I have had the pleasure of working with one of Kathy's daughters, Tabatha, as she worked in my various offices as Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors in Fairfax and a Member of Congress, and her other daughter, Rachel, previously served in the Office of Chief Administrative Officer in the House of Representatives.

We are all pleased that Kathy was able to join us, and we want to express our thanks and best wishes to her and her family.

SUPPORT PRESIDENT ON AIRLINE SECURITY MEASURE

(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, the President of the United States has asked us to pass an airline security measure tomorrow on this House floor. What our Commander in Chief and President has asked for is flexibility to hire people at airports to ensure the security of the traveling public.

Plain and simple: President Bush is not going to risk the lives of Americans by buying on the cheap, so let us not get tied up in how or where they are employed or if they are called Federal employees. That seems to be the call from the other side of the aisle, that unless they are given a Federal ID Card, they will not adequately protect the traveling public.

I suggest that we follow the guidelines laid out by President Bush. I must say, he has done a phenomenal job with our Nation in Afghanistan. He went to the Yankees game last night and stood on the mound and pitched the ball, showing he is not frightened to show up in a major stadium, and now he is asking for a tool to protect the American public as they travel.

I urge this body not to get tied up in partisan politics of who hires and where they are hired and what union they belong to, but instead ensure that when you get on an aircraft you have been properly and thoroughly searched, that you are safely going to arrive at your destination.

Support the President on this issue. It is important for travel and tourism in this country.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MONTH

(Ms. SANCHEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1