

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Thursday, November 1, 2001

The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, from the beginning, You know how we are made and how fragile our life. Bring an end to the anthrax threat upon America.

Today we pray for all those who are diagnosed with this biological invasion; and we commend to You all those who are taking medication because they have been exposed to this dreadful disease. Renew them in spirit as You strengthen and restore them in body. Remove anxiety that surrounds their family and friends as powerful medicine now wars within them.

Divine Physician, we praise You and bless You for the doctors, nurses and scientists who assist those now doing battle with anthrax. You have called these professionals to care for their brothers and sisters in a holistic way that reveals Your own holiness and love. Guide and protect them as they serve on the homefront or on the battle lines across land or sea in the war against terrorism.

May medical victory on this frontline of an unseen war not only dissipate exterior anger and blame, but galvanize our determination and patience, as we as Americans battle on to defend life, liberty and the pursuit of daily happiness.

We know You are with us now and forever. 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.

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

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

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

Mr. GRAVES. 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. 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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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. Will the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. MALONEY of New York 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. There will be 10 one-minutes on each side.

FINDING A CURE FOR AUTISM

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, the pictures that you see here, Mr. Speaker, are of Bonnie and Willis Flick, who were able to go trick-or-treating last night, but only as a result of hard work. Bonnie and Willis dressed up as wizards; but it was really their mother, Patience, who was the true Wizard of Oz in making this night special for them.

You see, Bonnie and Willis have autism, a neurological disorder that affects the development of the brain, especially in the areas of social interaction and communications skills. Autism impacts half a million people in our Nation; and in my home State, 50 percent of autistic children reside within our community.

Autism manifests itself in different ways. Bonnie can read, but Willis is mostly non-verbal and is only able to tell his mother, with whom he has a strong bond, when he is hungry or sleepy or sick. Others would not understand Willis.

Life through the eyes of an autistic child may be a puzzle; but autistic children, as this T-shirt says, are part of our world, not a world apart.

I congratulate the National Alliance for Autism Research for hosting Walk FAR for NAAR this Saturday in Key Biscayne. With continued support, we will soon find a cure for autism and the much-needed help for Bonnie and Willis Flick.

MAY GOD BLESS JERRY SOLOMON

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

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, yesterday you led a delegation to upstate New York to attend the funeral services of Congressman Jerry Solomon; and today our hearts go out to his wonderful wife, Freda, and their children and grandchildren on this tremendous loss for their family and for our country.

Jerry Solomon was a friend of mine for 30 years, and I served with him in this House for the past 10 years. He will be most remembered as a friend to veterans everywhere, and I am so happy that he lived to see the day when the United States won the Cold War, to be around to witness the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe, the tearing down of the Berlin Wall and the breakup of the Soviet Union into individual democratic republics.

He is someone who always remembered that freedom is not free, we paid a tremendous price for it; and he tried to always express his gratitude to all of the men and woman who wore the uniform of the United States military, because he understood had it not been for them, their efforts and their sacrifice, we would not have the privilege of going around bragging about how we live in the freest and most open democracy on the face of the Earth.

It is so fitting that he was buried in Saratoga National Cemetery, which he worked 15 years to produce for the people of upstate New York.

Mr. Speaker, Jerry Solomon was famous for constantly saying "God bless America"; and today, I say may God bless Jerry Solomon.

SUPPORT YOUNG-MICA AIRPORT SECURITY BILL

(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, today we are dealing with airport security, an issue vitally important to the travel and tourism industry and to every American. I want to take a moment to reflect on this chart of the House aviation security plan, backed by the Secretary of Transportation, the former chairman of the Committee on Transportation for the Democratic Party, on this floor, a plan that he supports, President Bush supports, and I think every traveler will find comfort in.

My colleague, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE), in a moment will talk a little bit about another bill that exists on the other side of the aisle, or

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