

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Thursday, February 8, 2001

The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Jerry Sullivan, St. Mary of the Lake Church, Hamburg, New York, offered the following prayer:

Praise and glory to You, God of all nations.

Bless the Representatives of this Nation as they meet in session. May Your Will be the guiding force for their intentions, words, and actions. Forgive them the times when convenience and self-interest have substituted for courage, kindness, and justice. Grant them the grace to listen to one another with open minds and hearts. May the clarity and charity of their words reflect respect for their colleagues.

Give them an understanding of the needs of our sisters and brothers in this country who are often ignored, whose voices cry out to be heard. As You have blessed this land with abundance, help the Members of this House, and all of us who are citizens, to be generous to the neediest of persons beyond our borders, with a generosity that only You can make possible.

We ask this in Your holy Name. 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 New York (Mr. QUINN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. QUINN 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 248. An act to amend the Admiral James W. Nance and Meg Donovan Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001, to adjust a condition on the payment of arrearages to the United Nations that sets the maximum share of any United

Nations peacekeeping operation's budget that may be assessed of any country.

S. 279. An act affecting the representation of the majority and minority membership of the Senate Members of the Joint Economic Committee.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 106-553, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, announces the appointment of the following Senators to serve as members of the Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Awards Board—

the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN); and
the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT).

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 96-388, as amended by Public Law 97-84 and Public Law 106-292, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, appoints the following Senators to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council for the One Hundred Seventh Congress—

the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH);
the Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI); and
the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS).

WELCOME TO THE REVEREND JERRY SULLIVAN

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

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, it is indeed an honor for me to welcome Father Monsignor Jerome Sullivan, as the Speaker pointed out, but back home in Wanakah, Clover Bank, and Hamburg, New York, he prefers to be referred to as Father Jerry.

We are honored to have Father Jerry with us this morning to offer these opening remarks. I know that, as a parishioner of his now for over 20 years, when he suggests to the Members, when he suggests to the audience, and then to the country this morning, that we listen to each other and that we show respect for each other, it is the same exact thing that he suggests of his parishioners back at St. Mary of the Lake.

I know all of us who work here in Washington, D.C., on both sides of the aisle, in both Chambers, know that we should do a little bit more listening, and we should make certain that we respect each other.

Father Jerry, we appreciate your remarks this morning. We could use you here in Washington, D.C.; but we sure

are glad you are at St. Mary of the Lake.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO BOARD OF REGENTS OF SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to sections 5580 and 5581 of the revised statutes (20 U.S.C. 42-43), the Chair appoints the following Members of the House to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:

Mr. REGULA of Ohio;
Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas;
Mr. MATSUI of California.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CULTURE AND ARTS DEVELOPMENT

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 1505 of Public Law 99-498 (20 U.S.C. 4412), the Chair appoints the following Members of the House to the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development:

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska;
Mr. KILDEE of Michigan.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 103 of Public Law 99-371 (20 U.S.C. 4303), the Chair appoints the following Member of the House to the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University:

Mr. LAHOOD of Illinois.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF HOUSE PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin) laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 7, 2001.

Hon. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER HASTERT: Please accept my resignation from the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve my constituents through my membership on this committee.

Sincerely,

CHARLES F. BASS,
Member of Congress.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 7, 2001.

Hon. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER HASTERT: Please accept my resignation from the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve my constituents through my membership on this committee.

Sincerely,

CHARLES F. BASS,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Resources:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 7, 2001.

Hon. DENNIS HASTERT,
U.S. Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER HASTERT: Effective today, February 7, 2001, I resign my seat on the House Committee on Resources. I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

ROBIN HAYES,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Science:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,
Washington, DC, February 6, 2001.

Hon. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Effective today, I wish to resign from the Committee on Science. Your assistance in accommodating my request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, Jr.,
Chairman.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Government Reform:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 7, 2001.

Hon. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of The House,
Washington, DC.

SPEAKER HASTERT: Effective today, I resign my position on the House Committee on Government Reform. Thank you.

Sincerely,

JEFF FLAKE,
First District, Arizona.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 7, 2001.

Hon. Speaker HASTERT,
The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I resign from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure effective immediately. If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

ROBERT W. NEY,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Resources:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 7, 2001.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Office of the Speaker,
The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER HASTERT: Pursuant to my appointment to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, I hereby resign my assignments to the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Resources.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

CHRIS JOHN,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Science and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
February 7, 2001.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER HASTERT: I hereby resign my seat on the House Science Committee and the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

Sincerely,

MIKE DOYLE,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on International Relations and the Committee on the Judiciary:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 7, 2001.

Hon. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House,
Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I am writing to submit to you my resignation from the House Committee on International Relations and the House Committee on Judiciary in order to be appointed to the House Committee on Appropriations. It has been my honor and privilege to serve on the International Relations and Judiciary Committees during the past four years.

I respectfully request that you consider my resignation from these Committees effective February 7, 2001.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

STEVEN R. ROTHMAN,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE AND COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce and the Committee on Government Reform: