

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Alabama [Mr. SELDEN] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. SELDEN. Mr. Speaker, April 14 marks the 76th anniversary of the establishment of the first concrete step in the formation of an inter-American system of solidarity and cooperation, now known as the Organization of American States.

It has become customary for the House of Representatives to commemorate the anniversary of that most enduring of international organizations. I have always believed that this annual tribute should be more than mere ritual. Rather, it should be a time for stocktaking.⁽³⁾ . . .

§ 8. —Flag Day; Pause for Pledge Commemoration

The 14th day of June of each year is designated by statute as

3. *Parliamentarian's Note:* In this case the resolution regarding the commemoration of Pan American Day was introduced in advance of the designated date and referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. When the committee met to consider the resolution, it approved the preamble and text by voice vote. The committee did not, however, order the resolution reported to the House; thus, when Rep. Selden, chairman of the Subcommittee on Inter-American Affairs called up the resolution by unanimous consent, he discharged the committee from further consideration. See Ch. 17 § 37.9.

“Flag Day.”⁽¹⁾ On June 2, 1949, the House agreed to House Joint Resolution 170⁽²⁾ which designated each June 14 as Flag Day.

Pause for the Pledge Commemoration

§ 8.1 Although clause 1, paragraph 3 of Rule XXIV⁽¹⁾ requires the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag to be led immediately after the Speaker's approval of the Journal each day, the House may, by unanimous consent, permit a second Pledge of Allegiance at a subsequent time.

On June 14, 1995,⁽²⁾ the following proceedings took place:

PAUSE FOR THE PLEDGE

(Mr. CARDIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. [Benjamin L.] CARDIN [of Maryland].⁽³⁾ Mr. Speaker, I take this

1. 36 USC § 110.
2. See 95 CONG. REC. 7166, 81st Cong. 1st Sess.
1. Now Rule XIV clause 1, *House Rules and Manual* § 869 (2007).
2. 141 CONG. REC. 15964, 104th Cong. 1st Sess.
3. *Parliamentarian's Note:* This recognition was granted to Rep. Cardin, in whose district the National Anthem originated, despite the fact that it was nearly 7:20 p.m.

time, and at the permission of the Speaker, to lead the House in the pledge of allegiance at this time of the day, and let me explain why, if I might.

Mr. Speaker, as you are well aware, today is Flag Day and this week is National Flag Week. Each year the National Flag Day Foundation, located in my district, participates in the Pause for the Pledge at Fort McHenry, the birthplace of the Star Spangled Banner at 7 o'clock in the evening on June 14th.

The National Flag Day Foundation encourages all Americans to join in the 7 o'clock Pause for the Pledge and this grassroots concept of national unity started in Baltimore in 1980. And I might point out that Presidents have joined in this pause.

Due to the voting of the House today, I am unable to be at Fort McHenry to participate in the ceremony. Therefore, I would request that the Members of the House join me and their fellow citizens in a Pause for the Pledge. If I could ask everyone to please rise and to face the flag.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The CHAIRMAN.⁽⁴⁾ Without objection, the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag on this very special occasion.

There was no objection.

Mr. CARDIN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the

4. Bill Emerson (MO).

Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Recess to Observe Flag Day

§ 8.2 The Speaker was authorized to declare a recess for Flag Day so that the House might observe Flag Day with appropriate ceremonies.

On May 25, 1967,⁽¹⁾ the Speaker appointed an informal committee to make arrangements for an appropriate Flag Day program. The proceedings occurred as follows:

FLAG DAY—AUTHORITY FOR SPEAKER TO DECLARE A RECESS ON JUNE 14, 1967

Mr. [Carl] ALBERT [of Oklahoma]. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend my remarks.

The SPEAKER.⁽²⁾ Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, June 14 will mark the 190th anniversary of Flag Day. On Saturday, June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress adopted a resolution providing:

That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white: That the Union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.⁽³⁾

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1. 113 CONG. REC. 14058, 90th Cong. 1st Sess.
 2. John W. McCormack (MA).
 3. See *Journals of the Continental Congress*, Vol. VIII, p. 464.

During the ensuing 189 years, that blue field has been buttressed by 37 additional stars and the American flag has truly become the symbol of liberty.

During the war-torn year of 1917, President Wilson issued the first Presidential proclamation calling upon the entire Nation to hold appropriate ceremonies on June 14 to honor our flag. For many years our now deceased colleague, Louis C. Rabaut, provided the inspiration and impetus for Flag Day ceremonies in this Chamber.

In these troubled days, I believe it important that this House, on June 14, should again give honor to our stars and stripes and to the principles our flag represents.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Wednesday, June 14, 1967, for the Speaker to declare a recess for the purpose of observing and commemorating Flag Day in such manner as the Speaker may deem appropriate and proper.

Mr. [M. G. (Gene)] SNYDER [of Kentucky]. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield to me?

Mr. ALBERT. I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. SNYDER. I appreciate the comments of the distinguished gentleman, and I hope the gentleman will not think it is presumptuous on my part to suggest to the leadership that a very appropriate action on the part of the House on that day might be the passage of one of the antiflag-desecration bills now pending before Congress.

Mr. ALBERT. I thank the gentleman for his suggestion, and I suggest that he take it up with the appropriate committee.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. ALBERT]?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. The Chair may state for the information of the Members of the House that after consultation with the distinguished minority leader the Chair has informally designated the following Members to constitute a committee to make the necessary arrangements for appropriate exercises in accordance with the unanimous consent agreement just adopted:

The gentleman from Texas [Mr. BROOKS], the gentleman from Alabama [Mr. NICHOLS], the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. ROUDEBUSH], and the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. HALL].

On June 12, 1967,⁽⁴⁾ a display of historical American flags in Statuary Hall, arranged in connection with the observance of Flag Day by the House, was brought to the attention of the House by the chairman of the informal committee to plan ceremonies appropriate to the occasion. The proceedings were as follows:

DISPLAY IN STATUARY HALL OF HISTORICAL AMERICAN FLAGS

Mr. [Jack] BROOKS [of Texas]. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend my remarks.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

4. See 113 CONG. REC. 15484, 90th Cong. 1st Sess.

Mr. Speaker, in conjunction with the celebration of Flag Week, we have on display in Statuary Hall a grouping of historical American flags. The 46 flags which are now on display have been brought here through the courtesy of our colleague, George A. Goodling, of Pennsylvania.

These flags trace the history of our Nation from 1600 to the present. They include all of our official flags, numerous flags of liberty which appeared in our country before the Revolution, and also some original Army and Navy standards. The Hanover, Pa., Historical Society Patriotic Order of the Sons of America prepared and planned the exhibit. Mr. Wilford C. Clausen, of Hanover, established the grouping.

I urge all my colleagues to take the opportunity to visit this interesting exhibit which is part of our effort to honor our flag.

Flag Day on Saturday; Mid-week Observance

§ 8.3 Where Flag Day fell on a Saturday, the House designated the preceding Thursday as the date for its observance.

On May 28, 1969,⁽¹⁾ the Speaker⁽²⁾ was authorized to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of com-

1. 115 CONG. REC. 14161, 91st Cong. 1st Sess. See § 8.4, *infra*, for the ceremonies.

2. John W. McCormack (MA).

memorating Flag Day in the House Chamber:

FLAG DAY CEREMONIES

(Mr. ALBERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. [Carl] ALBERT [of Oklahoma]. Mr. Speaker, the 192d anniversary of Flag Day will be celebrated on Saturday, June 14, 1969. . . .

Mr. Speaker, because I believe it important that the House of Representatives continue this tradition, to again give honor to our Stars and Stripes and to the principles which our flag symbolizes, I ask unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Thursday, June 12, 1969, for the Speaker to declare a recess for the purpose of observing and commemorating Flag Day in such manner as the Speaker may deem appropriate.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. The Chair may state for the information of the Members of the House that after consultation with the distinguished minority leader the Chair has informally designated the following Members to constitute a committee to make the necessary arrangements for appropriate ceremonies in accordance with the unanimous-consent agreement just adopted: The gentleman from Texas, Mr. BROOKS; the gentleman from Alabama, Mr. NICHOLS; the gentleman from Indiana, Mr. ROUDEBUSH; and the gentleman from Missouri, Mr. HALL.

Flag Day Ceremonies

§ 8.4 The House stood in recess to commemorate Flag Day.

On June 12, 1969,⁽¹⁾ the House conducted ceremonies to honor the flag. Following the ceremonies on the floor of the House, the Speaker expressed thanks, on behalf of all Members of the House, to the ad hoc committee which made the arrangements for the celebration. The Majority Leader obtained permission for the printing in the *Record* of ceremonies held during the recess and for all Members to revise and extend remarks on Flag Day.

FLAG DAY

During the recess the following proceedings took place in honor of the United States Flag, the Speaker of the House of Representatives presiding:

FLAG DAY OF U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JUNE 12, 1969

The United States Marine Band, directed by First Lieutenant Jack T. Kline, and the United States Air Force "Singing Sergeants," entered the door to the left of the Speaker and took the positions assigned to them.

The honored guests, officers, and men of the First Cavalry Division (Airmobile), entered the door to the right of the Speaker and took the positions assigned to them.

The Air Force "Singing Sergeants," directed by Capt. Robert B. Kuzminski, presented *Prayer for our Country*.

The Doorkeeper (Honorable William M. Miller) announced *The Flag of the United States*.

1. 115 CONG. REC. 15745-51, 91st Cong. 1st Sess.

[Applause, the Members rising.]

The Marine Band played *The Stars and Stripes Forever*.

The Flag was carried into the Chamber by Colorbearer and a guard from each of the branches of the Armed Forces[.] . . .

The Color Guard saluted the Speaker, faced about, and saluted the House.

The Flag was posted and the Members were seated.

Mr. [Jack] BROOKS of Texas, accompanied by the Honorable W. Pat Jennings, Clerk of the House of Representatives, took his place at the Speaker's rostrum.

The SPEAKER.⁽²⁾ The Chair recognizes the distinguished gentleman from Texas, Mr. BROOKS.

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, the distinguished gentleman from Missouri, Mr. HALL, will now lead the Members and our guests in the *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag*.

The Honorable DURWARD HALL led the Members and guests in the *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag*.

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, at this time I would like to express my appreciation to the other members of your Flag Day Committee, the Honorable BILL NICHOLS of Alabama, the Honorable DURWARD HALL of Missouri, and the Honorable RICHARD ROUDEBUSH of Indiana, for their hard work and dedicated efforts. . . .

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, Flag Day, 1969, is a day for all Americans to reaffirm their commitment to the principles of democracy, liberty, and human dignity. . . .

May our Flag continue to strike a responsive chord in the hearts of free

2. John W. McCormack (MA).

men everywhere and offer hope, opportunity and promise to those who strive for the highest goals.

[Applause.]

Mr. BROOKS. The Members and guests will please rise to join with the "Singing Sergeants," accompanied by the Marine Band, in singing *the National Anthem*. Will everyone please remain standing while the Color are retired from the Chamber?

The Members rose and sang *The National Anthem*, accompanied by the Marine Band and the Air Force "Singing Sergeants."

The Colors were retired from the Chamber, the Marine Band playing *The National Emblem March*.

The Air Force "Singing Sergeants" retired from the Chamber, the Marine Band playing the Armed Forces Medley.

The Marine Band retired from the Chamber. . . .

At 12 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m., the proceedings in honor of the United States Flag were concluded.

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 12 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.

The SPEAKER. The Chair, on behalf of the House, desires to express our thanks to the chairman and the members of the committee for arranging, preparing and conducting the splendid exercises today, and also to express the thanks of the House to all who participated in the exercises. . . .

PERMISSION TO PRINT PROCEEDINGS HAD DURING THE RECESS

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the proceedings had during the recess be printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

§ 9. —Presidential

The following represent a sampling of commemorative occasions for an anniversary of a Presidential birth,⁽¹⁾ death,⁽²⁾ inauguration,⁽³⁾ or memorial dedication.⁽⁴⁾

§ 9.1 By unanimous consent, the Speaker was authorized to declare recesses for the purpose of a joint meeting to commemorate the 100th anniversary of President Eisenhower's birth.

On Mar. 22, 1990,⁽¹⁾ the following proceedings occurred in the House:

1. See §§ 9.1, 9.3, 9.4, 9.8, *infra*.
 2. See § 9.2, *infra*. For observances related to the death of Presidents in office, see also 5 Hinds' Precedents §§ 7176–7180, 8 Cannon's Precedents § 3575. See also Ch. 38, *infra*.
 3. See §§ 9.5–9.7, *infra*.
 4. See § 9.9, *infra*.
1. 136 CONG. REC. 5019, 101st Cong. 2d Sess.