

Arms; James T. Molloy, Doorkeeper; and the Reverend James David Ford, Chaplain; presented themselves at the bar of the House and took the oath of office prescribed by law.

1.12 NOTIFICATION OF THE SENATE OF ORGANIZATION OF THE HOUSE

Mr. GEPHARDT submitted the following privileged resolution, which was considered and agreed to (H. Res. 2):

Resolved, That the Senate be informed that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled; that Thomas S. Foley, a Representative from the State of Washington, has been elected Speaker; and Donald K. Anderson, a citizen of the State of California, has been elected Clerk of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Third Congress.

1.13 COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CONGRESS

Mr. GEPHARDT submitted the following privileged resolution, which was considered and agreed to (H. Res. 3):

Resolved, That a committee of two Members be appointed by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives to join with a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

The SPEAKER, pursuant to the foregoing resolution, announced the appointment of Messrs. GEPHARDT and MICHEL as members of the committee on the part of the House to join a like committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has been assembled and that the Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

1.14 NOTIFICATION TO THE PRESIDENT OF ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS

Mr. WHITTEN submitted the following resolution, which was considered and agreed to (H. Res. 4):

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to inform the President of the United States that the House of Representatives has elected Thomas S. Foley, a Representative from the State of Washington, Speaker; and Donald K. Anderson, a citizen of the State of California, Clerk of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Third Congress.

1.15 RULES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. GEPHARDT submitted the following privileged resolution (H. Res. 5):

Resolved, That the Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Second Congress, including applicable provisions of law or concurrent resolution that constituted rules of the House at the end of the One Hundred Second Congress, are adopted as the Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Third Congress, with the following amendments to the standing rules, to wit:

(1) In clause 5(a) of rule I, strike "negative, if he still doubts, or a count is required by at least one-fifth of a quorum, he shall name one or more from each side of the question to tell the Members in the affirmative and negative; which being reported, he shall rise and

state the decision. However, if" and insert in lieu thereof "negative. If".

(2) At the end of rule I add the following new clauses:

"11. There is established in the House of Representatives an office to be known as the Office of General Counsel for the purpose of providing legal assistance and representation to the House. Legal assistance and representation shall be provided without regard to political affiliation. The Office of General Counsel shall function pursuant to the direction of the Speaker, who shall consult with a Bipartisan Legal Advisory Group, which shall include the majority and minority leaderships. The Speaker shall appoint and set the annual rate of pay for employees of the Office of General Counsel.

"12. To suspend the business of the House for a short time when no question is pending before the House, the Speaker may declare a recess subject to the call of the Chair."

(3) After rule V, insert the following new rule VI:

"RULE VI.

"ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS.

"director of non-legislative and financial services

"1. (a) The Director of Non-legislative and Financial Services shall be appointed for a Congress by the Speaker, the majority leader, and the minority leader, acting jointly. The Director may be removed by the House or by the Speaker. The Director shall be paid at the same rate of basic pay as the elected officers of the House.

"(b) The Director of Non-legislative and Financial Services shall have extensive managerial and financial experience.

"(c) Subject to the policy direction and oversight of the Committee on House Administration, the Director shall have operational and financial responsibility for functions assigned by resolution of the House.

"(d) Subject to the policy direction and oversight of the Committee on House Administration, the Director shall develop employment standards that provide that all employment decisions for functions under the Director's supervision be made in accordance with the non-discrimination provisions of clause 9 of rule XLIII and of rule LI, without regard to political affiliation, and solely on the basis of fitness to perform the duties involved. No adverse personnel action may be taken by the Director without cause.

"(e) All positions under the Director shall be subject to the provisions of the House Employees Position Classification Act.

"office of inspector general

"2. (a) There is established an Office of Inspector General.

"(b) The Inspector General shall be appointed for a Congress by the Speaker, the majority leader, and the minority leader, acting jointly.

"(c) Subject to the policy direction and oversight of the Committee on House Administration, the Inspector General shall be responsible only for—

"(1) conducting periodic audits of the financial functions under the Director of Non-legislative and Financial Services, Clerk, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Doorkeeper;

"(2) informing the Director or other officer who is the subject of an audit of the results of that audit and suggesting appropriate curative actions;

"(3) notifying the Speaker, the majority leader, the minority leader, and the chairman and ranking minority party member of the Committee on House Administration in the case of any financial irregularity discovered in the course of carrying out responsibilities under this rule; and

"(4) submitting to the Speaker, the majority leader, the minority leader, and the

chairman and ranking minority party member of the Committee on House Administration and to the Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight of the Committee on House Administration a report of each audit conducted under this rule.

"(d) The position of Inspector General, and all positions under the Inspector General, shall be subject to the provisions of the House Employees Position Classification Act."

(4) Amend rule IX to read as follows:

"QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE.

"1. Questions of privilege shall be, first, those affecting the rights of the House collectively, its safety, dignity, and the integrity of its proceedings; and second, those affecting the rights, reputation, and conduct of Members, individually, in their representative capacity only.

"2. (a)(1) A resolution reported as a question of the privileges of the House, or offered from the floor by the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House, or offered as privileged under clause 1, section 7, article I of the Constitution, shall have precedence of all other questions except motions to adjourn. A resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House shall have precedence of all other questions except motions to adjourn only at a time or place, designated by the Speaker, in the legislative schedule within two legislative days after the day on which the proponent announces to the House his intention to offer the resolution and the form of the resolution.

"(2) The time allotted for debate on a resolution offered from the floor as a question of the privileges of the House shall be equally divided between (A) the proponent of the resolution, and (B) the majority leader or the minority leader or a designee, as determined by the Speaker.

"(b) A question of personal privilege shall have precedence of all other questions except motions to adjourn."

(5) In clause 1 of rule X—

(a) in paragraph (e)(1), strike the antepenultimate sentence;

(b) in paragraph (l), strike "Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs" and insert in lieu thereof "Committee on Natural Resources";

(c) in paragraph (q), strike "(3)";

(d) in paragraph (r)(2) strike "Bureau of Standards" and insert in lieu thereof "National Institute of Standards and Technology";

(e) in paragraph (r)(4) strike "Aeronautics and"; and

(f) redesignate paragraphs (l), (m), and (n) as (n), (l), and (m), respectively.

(6) In clause 3 of rule X—

(a) in paragraph (e), strike "Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs" and insert in lieu thereof "Committee on Natural Resources"; and

(b) in paragraph (j), amend subparagraph (3) to read as follows:

"(3) The Speaker, the majority leader, the minority leader, and the chairman and ranking minority party member of the Committee on House Administration shall be informed by the chairman of the subcommittee of any matter that, by reason of a tie vote, cannot be resolved by the subcommittee."

(7) In clause 6 of rule X—

(a) in paragraph (f), insert after the first sentence the following: "At any time after an original appointment, the Speaker may remove Members or appoint additional Members to select and conference committees;

(b) in paragraph (h), strike "that is considering legislation reported from a committee on which they serve"; and