

President confronting another difficult time, offered the advice that the President should answer the questions fully and completely, because the American people are forgiving people. It is in that spirit that I offer the same advice today, not for purposes of partisan tomfoolery, but because these questions cut to the very core of our constitutional Republic. Indeed, Mr. Speaker, it is difficult to rule or exercise moral leadership when there appears to be little moral authority.

So I offer these observations not to stand and offer contentions for the rules of the House, not to be provocative, but because the questions need answers. Mr. Speaker, in that vein, for the public good, not for partisan political points, I would simply ask this President, Mr. Speaker, to follow the advice that Hubert Humphrey offered nearly a quarter century ago. Because these issues transcend partisan politics, these issues need to be answered.

Mr. Speaker, I gladly yield my remaining time to my colleague the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LATHAM).

#### TRIBUTE TO 185TH FIGHTER WING OF THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Arizona for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the men and women of the Air National Guard's 185th Fighter Wing based out of Sioux City, Iowa.

Last week, members of the 185th began a month-long deployment to Kuwait to assist in the enforcement of the no-fly zone over Iraq. Each member of the 185th that is participating in this mission has volunteered for this duty. This nationally recognized group of men and women are among the finest of America's defenders and Siouxlanders are very proud to be recognized as their home base.

The 185th exemplifies the importance of Guard and Reserve units throughout this country in ensuring the readiness of our Nation's national defense. They are men and women who unselfishly take time away from their families and their civilian roles in defense of freedom.

In addition to the members of the 185th, I would also like to recognize the family members of the men and women who serve in Guard and Reserve units. Many times, the difficulty of their sacrifices of time away from their loved ones is not properly acknowledged. I want those families to know that we are praying for a successful mission for the 185th and for the safe return home of their loved ones. Again, I want to say we are praying for their safe return from Kuwait.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 2 p.m.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

At a time when there are great opportunities to do the works of justice and to show deeds of kindness, we pray for the spiritual energy to do our work and to be of service to every person. We pray, O gracious God, for a strong faith and for the enthusiasm to translate that faith into action; we pray for wisdom so that we will have the discernment to make good decisions; we pray for a spirit of hope and for the everlasting yearnings we have for a better Nation and a world at peace. So on this new day, O God, we are grateful for your daily blessings and for your wondrous gifts of grace. 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. MARKEY. 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 Chair's approval of the Journal.

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

Mr. MARKEY. 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 5, rule I, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MARKEY 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.

#### ELECTION OF HON. RICHARD K. ARMEY AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE ON TODAY

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 386) electing the Honorable RICHARD K. ARMEY

of Texas to act as Speaker pro tempore, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 386

*Resolved*, that the Honorable Richard K. Armeay, a Representative from the State of Texas, be, and he is hereby, elected Speaker pro tempore on this day.

SEC. 2. The Clerk of the House shall notify the President and the Senate of the election of the Honorable Richard K. Armeay as Speaker pro tempore during the absence of the Speaker.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### SWEARING IN OF HON. RICHARD K. ARMEY AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE DURING ABSENCE OF THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY) come forward and take the oath of office.

Mr. ARMEY took the oath of office administered to him by the Speaker, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter. So help you God.

#### PALESTINIAN WARNS SETTLERS

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

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, in today's New York Times an article appeared entitled "Palestinian Warns Settlers," and it says that the Palestinian security chief in the West Bank warned Jewish settlers today that they would "not leave alive" if they tried to attack residents.

Mr. Speaker, we are in a very important time in the history of the State of Israel. Statements such as this certainly are not conducive to the peace process, and I certainly hope that in the future people in responsible positions such as this will not make these kinds of statements.

#### SLUSH FUND ACCOUNTABILITY

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, last year House Republicans created a \$7.9 million reserve fund for unanticipated committee expenses. They always anticipated, of course, spending the money. What they could not anticipate was which partisan witch-hunts they would use it for.