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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 14, 2000, at 10 a.m.

House of Representatives

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2000

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PEASE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 13, 2000.

I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD A. PEASE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Emmett J. Gavin, O. Carm, Whitefriars Hall, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Gracious and loving God, as we enter the closing days of this year and this Congress, we ask for an abundance of Your grace and guidance. Give the men and women of this Chamber the gifts of wisdom, prudence and unity of purpose that will enable them to govern the people of this land with justice and good judgment.

We are a people in need of healing, unity and peace. Help the work of this august body further those national goals. May the decisions and policies that emerge from these hallowed Halls enhance unity and understanding, not only among the people of this country, but throughout the world.

Even as the Members of this House mourn the loss of their esteemed col-

league, Julian Dixon, who is being laid to rest today, give them the hope and confidence of a brighter future for all the people of this land who are entrusted to their care.

May renewed commitment to the goals of our Democratic way of life energize the efforts of our elected representatives and give them new purpose as they pursue the best interests of this great Nation.

Your peace, gracious God, that passes all understanding, be with all Your people, this day and every day.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. REYNOLDS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. REYNOLDS 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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following commu-

nication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 12, 2000.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 12, 2000 at 9:44 a.m.

That the Senate Agreed to House amendment S. 1508

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHLL,
Clerk of the House.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 671, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the committee to attend the funeral of the late Julian C. Dixon:

Mr. STARK, California; Mr. GEPHARDT, Missouri; Mr. BONIOR, Michigan; Mr. GEORGE MILLER, California; Mr. WAXMAN, California; Mr. LEWIS, California; Mr. MATSUI, California; Mr. THOMAS, California; Mr. DREIER, California; Mr. HUNTER, California; Mr. LANTOS, California; Mr. MARTINEZ, California; Mr. BERMAN, California; Mr. PACKARD, California; Mr. GALLEGLY, California; Mr. HERGER, California; Ms. PELOSI, California; Mr. COX, California; Mr. ROHRBACHER, California; Mr.

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

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CONDIT, California; Mr. CUNNINGHAM, California; Mr. DOOLEY, California; Mr. DOOLITTLE, California; Ms. WATERS, California; Mr. BECERRA, California; Mr. CALVERT, California; Ms. ESHOO, California; Mr. FILNER, California; Mr. HORN, California; Mr. MCKEON, California; Mr. POMBO, California; Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, California; Mr. ROYCE, California; Ms. WOOLSEY, California; Mr. FARR, California; Mr. BILBRAY, California; Ms. LOFGREN, California; Mr. RADANOVICH, California; Mr. CAMPBELL, California; Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, California; Mr. ROGAN, California; Mr. SHERMAN, California; Ms. SANCHEZ, California; Mrs. TAUSCHER, California; Mrs. CAPPAS, California; Mrs. BONO, California; Ms. LEE, California; Mr. KUYKENDALL, California; Mr. GARY MILLER, California; Mrs. NAPOLITANO, California; Mr. OSE, California; Mr. THOMPSON, California; Mr. BACA, California; Mr. CONYERS, Michigan; Mr. CLAY, Missouri; Mr. OBEY, Wisconsin; Mr. FROST, Texas; Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Wisconsin; Mr. PETRI, Wisconsin; Mr. LEWIS, Georgia; Mr. SAWYER, Ohio; Mr. GOSS, Florida; Mr. MCDERMOTT, Washington; Mr. JEFFERSON, Louisiana; Ms. NORTON, District of Columbia; Mr. BISHOP, Georgia; Mr. CLYBURN, South Carolina; Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, Texas; Mr. RUSH, Illinois; Mr. SCOTT, Virginia; Mr. FORBES, New York; Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Texas; Mr. LAHOOD, Illinois; Mr. CUMMINGS, Maryland; Ms. KILPATRICK, Michigan; Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Virgin Islands; Mr. MEEKS, New York; and Mrs. JONES, Ohio.

MAKING IN ORDER MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2000

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order at any time in the legislative day of Friday, December 15, 2000, for the Speaker to entertain a motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3594, Installment Tax Correction Act of 2000.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

HOUR OF MEETING ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2000

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 4 p.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

HOUR OF MEETING ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2000

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Thursday, December 14, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, December 15.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

CRASH OF MV-22 OSPREY IN JACKSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

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

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, an MV-22 Osprey crashed during a training mission in Jacksonville, North Carolina. The crash took the lives of all four Marines on board: Lieutenant Colonel Keith Sweaney of Richmond, Virginia; Major Michael Murphy of Blauvelt, New York; Staff Sergeant Avelly Runnels of Morven, Georgia; and Sergeant Jason Buyck of Sodus, New York.

My thoughts and prayers go out to the families of these brave men who gave the last full measure of their devotion and service to our Nation. I know that all Americans join in mourning the loss of these brave Marines.

While it is difficult to find the words that express the depth of our sadness and sense of loss, I am reminded of a 1864 letter from President Abraham Lincoln to Mrs. Bixby of Boston, which became widely known after its use in the film *Saving Private Ryan*.

President Lincoln's simple eloquence is timeless and poignant:

"I feel how weak and fruitless must be any words of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming." Lincoln wrote. "But I cannot refrain from tendering to you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save.

"I pray that our Heavenly Father may ease the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom."

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Hawaii (Mrs. MINK) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mrs. MINK from Hawaii addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

LET US MAKE CERTAIN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS GOVERNED TOGETHER BY ONE PRESIDENT, ONE CONGRESS, ONE SENATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from Florida (Mr. FOLEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, first, as we are about to end the 106th Congress, let me commend the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PEASE) for his great job of conducting the chair in so many situations. And I see we are joined on the floor today by BRIAN KERNS, his successor-elect, who will be sworn into this fine body in just a few weeks.

I come from West Palm Beach, Florida; and I am proud of the fact that I am a Floridian. I am proud of the fact that Palm Beach County is my hometown.

The last 5 weeks have been a difficult time for our community, for our State, and our Nation. There have been a lot of negative characteristics put upon my county by some suggesting we are a backwater community where we disrespect the rights of individuals, where we denied people the right to vote, where we denied people going to the polls. I take strong exception to some of those comments.

Tonight we will hear from our two contestants in the Presidential election of 2000. I pray that both rise to the occasion that is necessary for the job that they sought, and that is to begin the healing of this Nation.

Those that question the legitimacy of this election are only fanning the flames of discontent and will create a divide amongst us.

We are all concerned and confused about the allegations being charged in Florida. But, in my heart, I know the truth and I feel compelled on this floor to at least suggest to America, it is time to rise above both the partisan bickering, the acrimony, and the endless character assassinations that have taken place, whether it be the United States Supreme Court, whether it be directed toward the Florida Supreme Court, whether it be directed to Katherine Harris, the Secretary of State, or Mr. Butterworth or any of the other individuals that were part of this historic and very unique election.

The one thing I have heard consistently from my colleagues and from my constituents is that during the election contest there were things that they clearly wanted to establish: prescription drug coverage; improving Medicare; strengthening Social Security; eliminating the marriage penalty, the tax on marriages; doing away potentially with estate taxes, which we consider a punitive tax against the estates and the wealth created by the hard work of Americans.

These were issues that resonated with each and every American; and they said, regardless of your party affiliation, I would expect, in fact I demand you to act on these pressing matters of national importance.

So 5 weeks later we will hear a speech tonight; and, hopefully tomorrow, Congress, those still in the 106th, those preparing to join the 107th, can recognize that America is watching very carefully what we do here in this process.