

will be many paths of difficulty requiring courage and grit and sacrifice, we will travel through the century in the constant company of a true and great friend.

May God bless the peoples of America and Australia.

[Applause, Members rising.]

At 11:00 o'clock and 30 minutes a.m., the Prime Minister of Australia, accompanied by the committee of escort, retired from the Hall of the House of Representatives.

The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms escorted the invited guests from the Chamber in the following order:

The Members of the President's Cabinet.

The Acting Dean of the Diplomatic Corps.

#### JOINT MEETING DISSOLVED

The SPEAKER. The purpose of the joint meeting having been completed, the Chair declares the joint meeting of the two Houses now dissolved.

Accordingly, at 11 o'clock and 31 minutes a.m., the joint meeting of the two Houses was dissolved.

The Members of the Senate retired to their Chamber.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The House will continue in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON) at 2 o'clock and 56 minutes p.m.

#### PRINTING OF PROCEEDINGS HAD DURING THE RECESS

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

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

There was no objection.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 10 one-minutes per side.

#### MARRIAGE PENALTY

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

Mr. REHBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to stand in strong support of the American family by once and for all permanently

eliminating the multibillion-dollar tax on the sanctity of marriage. If we fail to act, married couples in my home State of Montana will be hit with more than \$150 million in increased taxes every year.

Mr. Speaker, the words "I do" that are exchanged between married couples should be a pledge to build a strong family and achieve their own slice of the American pie. It should not be a forced commitment to paying higher taxes to the Federal Government.

I urge my colleagues to send a clear message that this Congress stands with the American family by voting for the permanent repeal of the marriage penalty.

#### PLAN TO PRIVATIZE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL

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

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, on June 4 of this year, the administration amended executive order 13180 dated 12/7/2000 by amending the language that deemed air traffic control as an inherently governmental function. This is the first step toward privatization of air traffic control, and it is a slap in the face to our Nation's wonderful air traffic controllers.

On 9/11 our air traffic controllers safely landed 5,000 planes in 2 hours without an error. They did an incredible job. What else must be done to prove that the current system that we have that is in place works well?

Mr. Speaker, I do not want my family or other Americans to board commercial airliners that the traffic in the sky is controlled by the lowest bidder. I think we have tried that with airline security and have clearly demonstrated without a shadow of a doubt that it does not work.

I rise today in opposition to this plan to privatize air traffic control.

#### ELIMINATION OF MARRIAGE PENALTY TAX

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, this week we are going to bring up the elimination of the sunset clause for the marriage penalty tax.

Mr. Speaker, 120,000 individuals in my State, 60,000 married couples, are affected by this tax. If we allow this tax to come back, to rise from the dead one more time in the year 2010, we are going to do severe injustice to those 60,000 couples. Couples are going to end up paying \$1,300, \$1,400 more in tax simply because they are married. This is an unjust and unfair clause, and we must eliminate the sunset clause so that this tax remains buried once and for all. We cannot afford to have our married couples deciding whether or

not they should remain married over paying a tax.

#### TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE

(Ms. ESHOO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Trade Adjustment Assistant Compromise based on legislation that the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BENTSEN) and I introduced in the House and which passed the Senate last month. This compromise represents the first major overhaul of this 40-year-old program. For the first time in our history, a health care benefit is provided for unemployed workers as a result of trade. It increases eligibility, it doubles funding for worker training, it harmonizes the NAFTA TAA, it expands income support from 52 weeks to 78 weeks, and it allows for shifts in production to any country, not just Canada or Mexico.

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I want to tell a quick story that underscores this point. Last month 3,300 electronic workers who were laid off from JDS Uniphase in my region were denied TAA benefits because their factory moved to China. At the same time workers in Connecticut were eligible for TAA because their plant moved to Canada, and that is because workers only receive TAA benefits if their plant moves to Canada or Mexico.

Another problem with the program is that it covers workers who make cars but not those who make the parts that go into them. We need a 21st century policy on the duality of trade. We should have fair trade, and fair treatment should be the partners.

I urge all House Members to support this in the conference.

#### RESTRUCTURE AND EXPAND TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3670, the bill introduced by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. ESHOO) and myself to restructure and expand the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program. The other body has already adopted this legislation as part of the Trade Promotion Authority, and the House will soon vote to go to conference with the other body to work out a trade promotion authority bill. As one who supported TPA, who supported Fast Track, I believe it is imperative on the part of the House that we adopt the Senate's version of Trade Adjustment Assistance. If we are going to have a real trade package for this country, it has to benefit not just those who win from trade but those who lose from