

in the portion of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read.

At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

And, Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that House Resolution 334 be laid on the table.

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

There was no objection.

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DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2003

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, September 3, 2003.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT TO
TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2003

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 29, 2003, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in House Concurrent Resolution 259, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

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

There was no objection.

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO
EVE BUTLER-GEE ON THE OCCA-
SION OF HER RETIREMENT
FROM THE HOUSE OF REP-
RESENTATIVES

(Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say good-bye to Eve Butler-Gee, the Chief Journal Clerk in the House, who will retire at the end of August after 20 years of service to the House of Representatives.

Eve began her professional career in the House. After an interlude working for a charitable foundation, she returned to the House in 1987 as the Minority Enrolling Clerk of the House.

She served in that capacity for 8 years before her appointment as Chief Journal Clerk in 1995. With this appointment, Eve became the first woman in the history of the House of Representatives to serve as Chief Journal Clerk.

Eve and three assistant journal clerks are responsible for keeping the journal of the House proceedings in that big journal minute book which we see her with here every day at the rostrum and which we vote on half the time. According to House rules, the first order of business each day is the vote on the Chair's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings. The Journal Clerk's office also publishes the journal of each session of Congress for use as a reference by the House Parliamentarians, Members of Congress, regional libraries and State governments. Under Eve's direction the publication of the House Journal has been brought up to date and publication procedures modernized and refined.

Much has transpired during her service on the House rostrum staff. The House has voted on the Gulf War resolution, grieved a gunman's killing of two U.S. Capitol policemen, evacuated the House during the attacks of September 11, enacted counterterrorism measures, dealt with anthrax attacks and voted to authorize the use of force in Iraq. Eve has often said that she has been privileged to witness history every day in this Chamber.

Those who know Eve Butler-Gee know her faith life and her service in the Episcopal Church is also an important part of who she is. She serves as head verger at the Church of the Holy Comforter in Vienna, Virginia, where her husband, Tom Gee, also serves as director of lay liturgists. After her retirement, she plans to serve as a volunteer verger at the Washington National Cathedral. She and Tom plan to spend their time traveling and enjoying the comfort of friends and family, including Eve's daughter and son-in-law, Lora and John Williams, her grandson Evan, and Tom's son Sean Gee. Tom and Eve also eagerly await the birth of a new grandchild in December. Following a trip to Ireland in September, Eve hopes finally to have the free time to resume her lifelong interest in writing and community theater.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank her for her faithful service to this body and wish her health and happiness in the years to come.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. DREIER. I thank my friend for yielding. I just would like to say that it was exactly 15 hours and 47 minutes ago that I was standing at this exact spot, that means 3 a.m. this morning.

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. That is midnight California time.

Mr. DREIER. Exactly, I would say to my friend; it was exactly midnight in Los Angeles. At that point, we began

our tribute to Eve and we are continuing it, 15 hours and 45 minutes later. I thank my friend for actually getting into greater detail than I did, but I want to join again. I am sandwiched between two Virginians and a Marylander here, so I am bringing some bicoastal balance to this effort to say how much we appreciate again your wonderful service to this institution.

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. I thank my friend for being part of this 15-hour celebration.

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. I yield to the gentleman from Virginia.

(Mr. WOLF asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WOLF. I certainly share the sentiments of my colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, if I can just read a brief thing. The gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. MOLLOHAN) wanted me to submit this and read this to you briefly. He had to run and catch a plane. I will not read the whole thing, but I want to read the beginning and the end.

"This House will suffer a true loss next month. Eve Butler-Gee, our Chief Journal Clerk, will be retiring at the end of August after 20 dedicated years. I want to join my colleagues today in recognizing her contributions to this Chamber.

"As we thank Eve for her dedication, we also wish her the very best for a happy retirement, with much time spent with her husband Tom; her daughter Lora and Lora's husband John Williams and their son Evan; and Tom's son Sean.

"I am proud to also note that Eve has a number of family connections to West Virginia, Mr. Chairman, and it is my hope that her travels will bring her to our State often."

God bless. We wish you the best.

Mr. MOLLOHAN. Mr. Speaker, This House will suffer a true loss next month. Eve Butler-Gee, our Chief Journal Clerk, will be retiring at the end of August after 20 years of dedicated service. I want to join my colleagues today in recognizing her contributions to this chamber.

Eve began her career here in the House. She then went to work in the private sector. Fortunately for us she returned, and in 1987 was named as minority enrolling clerk of the House.

Eve served as an Assistant Enrolling Clerk for 8 years. Then, in 1995, she was appointed as Chief Journal Clerk. This institution has benefited greatly from her knowledge, her talent and her commitment to the people's business.

Eve and her hard-working staff are responsible for memorializing the proceedings of this House; ensuring the accuracy and timeliness of the official record of each legislative day. It is a serious responsibility, and it is carried out with true professionalism by Eve and her team. We will miss her, and we will miss her outstanding work.

Mr. Speaker, as we thank Eve for her dedication, we also wish her the very best for a

happy retirement—with much time spent with her husband, Tom; her daughter Lora and Lora's husband John Williams and their son Evan; and Tom's son Sean.

I am proud to also note that Eve has a number of family connections to West Virginia, Mr. Speaker and it is my hope that her travels will bring her to our state often.

It is a pleasure to help recognize the career of one who has served this House so very well. Thank you, Eve, and all the best in the days to come.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. I yield to the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Eve, I want to rise with my colleagues. I was here at 3 o'clock when DAVID DREIER gave that short, but very heartfelt thanks to you. I did not join him at that point in time; I thought that at 3 a.m. you might want to go home. But I do want to rise at this point in time.

Mr. Speaker, the Members of the House, the House as an institution, and this country are all blessed by having some extraordinarily dedicated, extraordinarily able people serving this body. Other than our terrific reading clerks, few of them get on camera, at least in terms of being identified. But without them, this House would not run nearly as well as it does. And to the extent that it does not run well, it is not for any lack of ability or dedication on their part but because the Members sometimes get out of hand.

But the staff that serves this House of Representatives, the people's House, is an extraordinary one. Each time we lose one of them by retirement or for any other reason, we are a lesser place. We will be a lesser place for some period of time because one cannot replace the 20 years of experience that Eve takes with her. But she takes with her the thanks and gratitude of all of us who are Members of this body. Whether brought in by the majority or the minority, Democrats or Republicans, matters not to any of our desk personnel or our Parliamentarian or our timekeepers or whatever their particular designation. They serve us well and they serve this country well.

Eve, I wish you and Tom the very best. You are still a very young person and you will have many years to enjoy service to church, service to God, but I know that you will continue in many ways to serve your country. I know you will take with you the deep affection and respect for this institution that you have served so well. Godspeed.

FAREWELL TO KIRK BOYLE

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

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and privilege to be here today to salute an individual who has served this House for many years, who is also leaving us today. Kirk Boyle first

started his career with this House with the former majority leader, Dick Armeey. He served as Dick Armeey's page in the House and later returned after schooling to be a floor assistant for Dick Armeey. In the last year he has become part of the majority whip's team and has been on the floor with leadership, with the majority whip ROY BLUNT.

Anybody who knows Kirk knows he is a source of accurate information. He always knows what is going on. He has been a tremendous asset to all of us.

Lastly, I would just like to note that I think he will be best remembered as the cofounder and creator of the Boyle-Turton precedent which, as you know, contributes to the expeditious proceedings of this House.

Again, I salute Kirk Boyle and wish him well as he continues his life journey and development as an individual as he goes and moves on to Chicago to perform some mission work and to do good for the people of this great land.

Congratulations. We will miss you, Kirk.

APPOINTMENT OF HON. TOM DAVIS OF VIRGINIA TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3, 2003

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 25, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM DAVIS or, if not available to perform this duty, the Honorable FRANK R. WOLF or, if not available to perform this duty, the Honorable ROSCOE G. BARTLETT to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through September 3, 2003.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR 108TH CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule II, and the order of the House of January 8, 2003, the Chair announces the joint appointment by the Speaker, majority leader and minority leader of Mr. Steven A. McNamara of Sterling, Virginia, to the position of Inspector General for the United States House of Representatives for the 108th Congress effective January 3, 2003.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(a) of the National Cul-

tural Center Act (20 U.S.C. 76h(a)), amended by Public Law 107-117, and order of the House of January 8, 2003, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts:

Mr. KENNEDY, Rhode Island.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COUNCIL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 2301, and the order of the House of January 8, 2003, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council:

Mr. LANTOS, California;
Mr. FROST, Texas.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO BOARD OF VISITORS TO UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ACADEMY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194(a), and the order of the House of January 8, 2003, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy:

Mr. FILNER, California.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

THE HORROR STORIES OF CASTRO'S JAILS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to draw attention to the continued plight of political prisoners locked away in Cuban jails. In March of this year, Fidel Castro began a campaign against political opposition. Over the course of a few weeks, Castro's regime arrested an array of political opposition leaders, including signers and supporters of a joint statement from the Cuban dissident community to the European Union, promoters of the Varela Project, members of the independent press, owners of independent libraries and members of Cuba's independent civil society.

Inside of a month, the dissidents were arrested, arraigned, tried and sentenced, some receiving prison terms as long as 27 years. The prisoners were refused access to their wives and family, allowed little or no legal defense and were denied the ability to read the state's case against them. The Cuban Government provided no information