

Let them approach . . . Let them speak.

Let us together draw near to the Sacred."

Lord, out of silence comes the deepest words. The human heart overwhelmed with love or sorrow rests. It is there in the prayer of silence that cultures and religious practices meet.

So bless America, all the Members of Congress and our military in Iraq this weekend with that silent moment when the wonder of Your sacred presence is noticed and the gift of peace is ushered into the world from the depths of our being.

For we are called to worship You and You alone, now and forever. 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. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested.

S. 1685. An act to extend and expand the basic pilot program for employment eligibility verification, and for other purposes.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 12, 2003.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in 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 November 12, 2003 at 5:04 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to conference report H.R. 1588.

That the Senate agreed to conference report H.R. 2559.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the Speaker signed the following enrolled bills on Wednesday, November 12, 2003:

H.R. 274, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the property in Cecil County, Maryland, known as Garrett Island for inclusion in the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge;

H.R. 3232, to reauthorize certain school lunch and child nutrition programs through March 31, 2004;

S. 313, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish a program of fees relating to animal drugs;

and the following enrolled bills on Thursday, November 13, 2003:

H.R. 2559, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3054, to amend the Policemen and Firemen's Retirement and Disability Act to permit military service previously performed by members and former members of the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia, the Fire Department of the District of Columbia, the United States Park Police, and the United States Secret Service to count as creditable service for purposes of calculating retirement annuities payable to such members upon payment of a contribution by such members, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

January 10, 2003:

H.J. Res. 1. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

January 13, 2003:

H.R. 11. An Act to extend the national flood insurance program.

January 31, 2003:

H.R. Res. 13. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

February 7, 2003:

H.J. Res. 18. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

February 13, 2003:

H.R. 16. An Act to authorize salary adjustments for Justices and judges of the United States for fiscal year 2003.

February 20, 2003:

H.J. Res. 2. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

March 6, 2003:

H.J. Res. 19. Joint resolution recognizing the 92d birthday of Ronald Reagan.

March 11, 2003:

H.R. 395. An Act to authorize the Federal Trade Commission to collect fees for the implementation and enforcement of a "do-not-call" registry, and for other purposes.

April 16, 2003:

H.R. 1559. An Act making emergency wartime supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

April 22, 2003:

H.R. 397. An Act to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Illinois.

H.R. 672. An Act to rename the Guam South Elementary/Middle School of the Department of Defense Domestic Dependents Elementary and Secondary Schools System in honor of Navy Commander William "Willie" McCool, who was the pilot of the Space Shuttle Columbia when it was tragically lost on February 1, 2003.

April 23, 2003:

H.R. 145. An Act to designate the Federal building located at 290 Broadway in New York, New York, as the "Ted Weiss Federal Building".

H.R. 258. An Act to ensure continuity for the design of the 5-cent coin, establish the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee, and for other purposes.

H.R. 273. An Act to provide for the eradication and control of nutria in Maryland and Louisiana.

H.R. 1505. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2127 Beatties Ford Road in Charlotte, North Carolina, as the "Jim Richardson Post Office".

April 25, 2003:

H.R. 1584. An Act to implement effective measures to stop trade in conflict diamonds, and for other purposes.

April 30, 2003:

H.R. 1770. An Act to provide benefits and other compensation for certain individuals with injuries resulting from administration of smallpox countermeasures, and for other purposes.

May 19, 2003:

H.R. 289. An Act to expand the boundaries of the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Complex and the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge.

May 27, 2003:

H.R. 1298. An Act to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 51. Joint resolution increasing the statutory limit on the public debt.

May 28, 2003:

H.R. 2. An Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2004.

H.R. 2185. An Act to extend the Temporary Extend Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002.

June 17, 2003:

H.R. 192. An Act to amend the Microenterprise for Self-Reliance Act of 2000 and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to increase assistance for the poorest people in developing countries under microenterprise assistance programs under those Acts, and for other purposes.

June 23, 2003:

H.R. 1625. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1114 Main Avenue in Clifton, New Jersey, as the "Robert P. Hammer Post Office Building".

June 30, 2003:

H.R. 2312. An Act to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to provide for the orderly dilution of the ownership interest in Inmarsat by former signatories to the Inmarsat Operating Agreement.

H.R. 2350. An Act to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

July 1, 2003:

H.R. 389. An Act to authorize the use of certain grant funds to establish an information clearinghouse that provides information to increase public access to defibrillation in schools.

H.R. 519. An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the San Gabriel River Watershed, and for other purposes.

H.R. 788. An Act to revise the boundary of the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in the States of Utah and Arizona.

July 3, 2003:

H.R. 658. An Act to provide for the protection of investors, increase confidence in the capital markets system, and fully implement the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 by streamlining the hiring process for certain employment positions in the Securities and Exchange Commission.

July 14, 2003:

H.R. 825. An Act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7401 West 100th Place in Bridgeview, Illinois, as the "Michael J. Healy Post Office Building".

H.R. 917. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1830 South Lake Drive in Lexington, South Carolina, as the "Floyd Spence Post Office Building".

H.R. 925. An Act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1859 South Ashland Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Cesar Chavez Post Office".

H.R. 981. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 141 Erie Street in Linesville, Pennsylvania, as the "James R. Merry Post Office".

H.R. 985. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 111 West Washington Street in Bowling Green, Ohio, as the "Delbert L. Latta Post Office Building".

H.R. 1055. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1901 West Evans Street in Florence, South Carolina, as the "Dr. Roswell N. Beck Post Office Building".

H.R. 1368. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7554 Pacific Avenue in Stockton, California, as the "Norman D. Shumway Post Office Building".

H.R. 1465. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4832 East Highway 27 in Iron Station, North Carolina, as the "General Charles Gabriel Post Office".

H.R. 1596. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2318 Woodson Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Timothy Michael Gaffney Post Office Building".

H.R. 1609. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 West Boston Street in Brookfield, Missouri, as the "Admiral Donald Davis Post Office Building".

H.R. 1740. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located in Dallas, Texas, as the "Dr. Caesar A.W. Clark, Sr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 2030. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 Baldwin Avenue in Pala, Maui, Hawaii, as the "Patsy Takemoto Mink Post Office Building".

H.R. 2474. An Act to authorize the Congressional Hunger Center to award Bill Emerson and Mickey Leland Hunger Fellowships for fiscal years 2003 and 2004.

July 29, 2003:

H.R. 2330. An Act to sanction the ruling Burmese military junta, to strengthen Burma's democratic forces and support and recognize the National League of Democracy as

the Legitimate representative of the Burmese people, and for other purposes.

July 29, 2003:

H.R. 255. An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant an easement to facilitate access to the Lewis and Clark Interpretative Center in Nebraska City, Nebraska.

H.R. 733. An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the McLoughlin House in Oregon City, Oregon, for inclusion in Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1577. An Act to designate the visitor center in Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument in Arizona as the "Kris Eggle Visitor Center", and for other purposes.

August 1, 2003:

H.R. 74. An Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Nevada, to the Secretary of the Interior, in trust for the Washoe Indian Tribe of Nevada and California.

August 8, 2003:

H.R. 2859. An Act making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003.

August 14, 2003:

H.R. 1018. An Act to designate the building located at 1 Federal Plaza in New York, New York, as the "James L. Watson United States Court of International Trade Building".

H.R. 1761. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9350 East Corporate Hill Drive in Wichita, Kansas, as the "Garner E. Shriver Post Office Building".

August 15, 2003:

H.R. 2195. An Act to provide for additional space and resources for national collections held by the Smithsonian Institution, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2465. An Act to extend for six months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted.

H.R. 2854. An Act to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend the availability of allotments for fiscal years 1998 through 2001 under the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

August 18, 2003:

H.R. 1412. An Act to provide the Secretary of Education with specific waiver authority to respond to a war or other military operation or national emergency.

September 3, 2003:

H.R. 2738. An Act to implement the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement.

H.R. 2739. An Act to implement the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement.

September 17, 2003:

H.R. 1668. An Act to designate the United States courthouse located at 202 North Fifth Street in Muckogee, Oklahoma, as the "Ed Edmondson United States Courthouse".

September 25, 2003:

H.R. 13. An Act to reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act, and for other purposes.

September 29, 2003:

H.R. 3161. An Act to ratify the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to establish a do-not-call registry.

September 30, 2003:

H.R. 2657. An Act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2658. An Act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3087. An Act to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending en-

actment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

H.J. Res. 69. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes.

October 1, 2003:

H.R. 2555. An Act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3146. An Act to extend the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program, and certain tax and trade programs, and for other purposes.

October 3, 2003:

H.R. 659. An Act to amend section 242 of the National Housing Act regarding the requirements for mortgage insurance under such Act for hospitals.

H.R. 978. An Act to amend chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that certain Federal annuity computations are adjusted by 1 percentage point relating to periods of receiving disability payments, and for other purposes.

October 10, 2003:

H.R. 1925. An Act to reauthorize programs under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act and the Missing Children's Assistance Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2826. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1000 Avenida Sanchez Osorio in Carolina, Puerto Rico, as the "Roberto Clemente Walker Post Office Building".

October 15, 2003:

H.R. 2152. An Act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend for an additional 5 years the special immigrant religious worker program.

SENATE BILLS AND A JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and a joint resolution of the Senate of the following titles:

January 8, 2003:

S. 23. An Act to provide for a 5-month extension of the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002 and for a transition period for individuals receiving compensation when the program under such Act ends.

February 25, 2003:

S. 141. An Act to improve the calculation of the Federal subsidy rate with respect to certain small business loans, and for other purposes.

April 23, 2003:

S. 380. An Act to amend chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, to reform the funding of benefits under the Civil Service Retirement System for employees of the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes.

April 30, 2003:

S. 151. An Act to prevent child abduction and the sexual exploitation of children, and for other purposes.

May 14, 2003:

S. 162. An Act to provide for the use and distribution of certain funds awarded to the Gila River Prima-Maricopa Indian Community, and for other purposes.

May 29, 2003:

S. 243. An Act concerning participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization.

S. 330. An Act to further the protection and recognition of veterans' memorials, and for other purposes.

S. 870. An Act to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to extend