



United States
of America

Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 115th CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

Vol. 164

WASHINGTON, MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2018

No. 190

House of Representatives

Pursuant to clause 12(e) of rule I, the House met at 3:45 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

NOTICE OF REASSEMBLY

The SPEAKER laid before the House the text of the formal notification sent to Members on Saturday, December 1, 2018, of the reassembly of the House:

DEAR COLLEAGUE: Pursuant to clause 12(e) of rule I and after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House, I have determined that the public interest requires that the House reassemble at 3:45 PM on Monday, December 3, 2018. Further announcements will be provided by the Majority Leader's office. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker of the House.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:
Loving God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

The House comes together for the special purpose of welcoming President George H. W. Bush to the Capitol to lie in state. May we all be grateful for his life of service, and emulate that life in the service we offer to our Nation.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.
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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. ARRINGTON 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 PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Brian Pate, one of his secretaries.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER 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 30, 2018.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
The 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 30, 2018, at 12:56 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 3628.
That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 54.
With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, December 3, 2018.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
The 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 December 3, 2018, at 3:34 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 55.
That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 56.
With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

INFORMING CONGRESS OF THE DEATH OF GEORGE HERBERT WALKER BUSH, THE 41ST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read:

To the Congress of the United States:

By this Message, I officially inform you of the death of George Herbert Walker Bush, the forty-first President of the United States.

President George H.W. Bush led a life that exemplified what is truly great about America. As with so many of his generation, the Greatest Generation, President Bush worked selflessly throughout his long life to bring about a world of justice and lasting peace. With his passing, we mark one of the last pages of a defining chapter in American history.

Much of George H.W. Bush's life was shaped by global conflict. He began his adult life by volunteering for combat in the Pacific Theater of World War Two. Through his heroic efforts as an aviator in the United States Navy, the youngest in United States history at the time, President Bush flew 58 combat missions, helping to win a hard-fought but fragile peace. Shortly after the war, the Nation found itself confronted with new challenges, including a protracted Cold War and the threat of nuclear annihilation by the Soviet Union. Propelled by his sense of duty to his Nation, George H.W. Bush re-entered public service, first as a Member

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

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



Printed on recycled paper.

H9759

of Congress, and then as Ambassador to the United Nations, Chief of the United States Liaison Office in China, Director of Central Intelligence, Vice President, and President of the United States.

Resolute through war, President Bush was magnanimous in peace. As the Communist threat subsided, he stood down America's nuclear bombers from the alert posture they had maintained for so long and gently encouraged the development of democracy and free markets in the crumbling Soviet Union. Through these and other gestures of goodwill, President Bush helped to bring the Cold War to a victorious end and to transition the country into a period of sustained peace and prosperity.

During one of his many combat missions as a young man, then-Lieutenant Bush was forced to parachute from his airplane into the ocean below. Many years later, in celebration of a life of accomplishments in both war and peace, President Bush jumped from another aircraft—this time a helicopter—and parachuted safely onto the grounds of his home in Maine. Fearless, courageous, adventurous, and unyielding, through the highs and lows of the twentieth century and into the next millennium, President Bush served his Nation, creating an example that will inspire generations for decades to come.

DONALD J. TRUMP.
THE WHITE HOUSE, December 3, 2018.

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND REGRET AND SORROW OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEATH OF GEORGE HERBERT WALKER BUSH, FORTY-FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1167

Resolved, That the House of Representatives has learned with profound regret and sorrow of the death of George Herbert Walker Bush, forty-first President of the United States of America.

Resolved, That the House tenders its deep sympathy to the members of the family of the former President in their bereavement.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy of the same to the family of the former President.

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the former President.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL FOR THE LYING IN STATE OF THE REMAINS OF THE LATE GEORGE HERBERT WALKER BUSH, 41ST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 55) authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the lying in state of the remains of the late George Herbert Walker Bush, 41st President of the United States, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

S. CON. RES. 55

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That in recognition of the long and distinguished service rendered to the Nation and to the world, by the late George Herbert Walker Bush, the 41st President of the United States, his remains be permitted to lie in state in the rotunda of the Capitol from December 3, 2018 until December 5, 2018, and the Architect of the Capitol, under the direction of the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, shall take all necessary steps for the accomplishment of that purpose.

The concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF THE CATAFALQUE SITUATED IN THE EXHIBITION HALL OF THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER IN CONNECTION WITH MEMORIAL SERVICES TO BE CONDUCTED IN THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL FOR THE LATE GEORGE HERBERT WALKER BUSH, 41ST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 56) providing for the use of the catafalque situated in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center in connection with memorial services to be conducted in the rotunda of the Capitol for the late George Herbert Walker Bush, 41st President of the United States, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

S. CON. RES. 56

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Architect of the Capitol is authorized and directed to transfer the catafalque which is situated in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center to the rotunda of the Capitol so that such catafalque may be used in connection with services to be conducted there for the late George Herbert Walker Bush, 41st President of the United States.

The concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ADJOURNMENT FROM MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2018, TO THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Thursday, December 6, 2018.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on November 30, 2018, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 7187. To extend the National Flood Insurance Program until December 7, 2018.

H.R. 6651. To extend certain authorities relating to United States efforts to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria globally, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 53 minutes p.m.), pursuant to House Resolution 1167, and under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, December 6, 2018, at noon as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable George Herbert Walker Bush, forty-first President of the United States.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the third quarter of 2018, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, are as follows: