

no peace with oppression. And, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the fostering of reconciliation, liberation, and justice.

Grant us sincerity, with golden morals and values, that we may persistently seek the things that endure, refusing those which perish, and grow ever richer in that love which is the life of all people. Bless this House of Representatives and all the leaders of this Nation; as we continue to be good and faithful stewards of the resources of this world which You created and called good. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. BALLENGER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. BALLENGER. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5, rule I, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TRAFICANT 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain ten 1-minutes on each side of the aisle.

RELEASE FREEH'S MEMO REGARDING THE WAR ON DRUGS

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Madam Speaker, last month, Newsweek magazine ran a story on the politics of the war on drugs. Here is a quote from the article: "Although cocaine is still a major problem and heroin is getting worse, it

is simply beyond argument that Bill Clinton has failed to use the powers of his office to lead the war on drugs."

The articles goes on to report that 18 months ago, FBI Director Louis Freeh wrote a "scathing" memo detailing how illegal drugs were flowing into America like an all-conquering army. Freeh reportedly said there was no true leadership in the war on drugs.

Madam Speaker, what else was in that memo? What could have motivated Bill Clinton's hand-picked FBI director to make these revelations? And why hasn't this memo been released?

The Clinton administration should release the Freeh memo, and while they are at it, they can explain to the American people why they have done so very little to stop the flow of these drugs when they knew about it over 18 months ago.

CALLING FOR REPORT ON SPEAKER GINGRICH TO BE MADE PUBLIC

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

Mr. VOLKMER. Madam Speaker, here we continue on; it has been over a month. Mr. Cole has filed his report with the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct on Speaker GINGRICH. This is a huge dark cloud that hangs over the House.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. LINDER. Madam Speaker, I have a point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Georgia will state his point of order.

Mr. LINDER. The gentleman in the well is referring to matters before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, which is explicitly against the rules of the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair sustains the point of order and directs the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER] to proceed in order.

Mr. VOLKMER. The public media has now taken up the call, along with myself and other Members of this House who are asking that that report be made public. It cost the taxpayers—

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. LINDER. Point of order, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. LINDER. Madam Speaker, it may be that the gentleman does not understand the English language, but I thought the Chair just sustained a point of order and instructed him not to refer to matters before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct but to continue in order, and for him to continue referring to these matters is out of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair once again sustains the point of order of the gentleman from Georgia

[Mr. LINDER]. The gentleman from Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER] is not speaking in order, and the Chair again directs the gentleman from Missouri to proceed in order in accordance with the rules of the House.

Mr. VOLKMER. Madam Speaker, it is time and the time is now that the chairperson of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, NANCY "Stonewall" JOHNSON, release that report on Speaker GINGRICH so that we can all know what is in it. I do not know what is in it, whether it is good or bad, but we are entitled to know. Every Member of this House, the public, the press is entitled to know what is in that report.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. LINDER. Point of order, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. LINDER. Madam Speaker, it does not seem like anyone should have to remind someone three times in a 1-minute speech that he is abusing the rules of the House, but that is the point I am raising.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will inform the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER] that the Chair sustains the point of order of the gentleman from Georgia. The gentleman from Missouri is not, under the rules of the House, to make references to matters currently under review before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct or to members of that committee, as the gentleman from Missouri well knows.

The gentleman from Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER] has 20 seconds remaining.

Mr. VOLKMER. Madam Speaker, it is very apparent, I think, to everybody out there that is seeing what is happening here, that Members of the House who are calling for this report to be made public are attempted to be gagged.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman from Missouri has expired.

SUPPORT NATIONAL POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK

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

Mrs. MORELLA. Madam Speaker, my topic is quite different. I am pleased to lend my support to National Pollution Prevention Week, recognized across the country to promote the most environmentally responsible management approach of pollution prevention, reducing pollution at the source before it starts. Pollution prevention can increase industrial efficiency and commercial competitiveness, improve the health and safety of workers in the workplace, while simultaneously preserving valuable resources and protecting the environment.

In my State of Maryland we have a very active State pollution prevention

program that is helping to protect the Chesapeake Bay, the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers, and many other natural resource treasures. This is the key to the environmental health of my district. Maryland's Department of the Environment, numerous private sector programs, along with other Federal and local programs in the State, are working actively with the National Pollution Prevention Round Table, the largest association of State and local pollution prevention programs in the United States, to produce and promote a source reduction approach to environmental protection.

I ask all of us to recognize the importance of meeting those challenges for a healthy community.

THE LEGACY OF TOM BEVILL

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

Mr. POSHARD. Madam Speaker, regrettably I missed the special order on the gentleman from Alabama, TOM BEVILL, one of our dear colleagues in this House, last week, and I wanted to make sure that I took this 1 minute to congratulate Mr. BEVILL on his years of work in this House.

When I came here as a freshman nearly 8 years ago, I had a terrific problem in the rural district which I represented. We had a levee along the Mississippi River that had been greatly compromised. It was well over 60 years old. The local folks in the poor part of the district had no funds to really repair that levee. As a young freshman legislator I went to Mr. BEVILL and I said: "TOM, here is the problem."

He helped me, as chairman of his committee. We went in, repaired that levee with the Corps of Engineers, and less than 2 years later a gigantic flood along the river broke through levees all up and down the Mississippi, threatened lives, threatened property, but that levee stayed, and it protected thousands of acres of farmland and thousands of homes for people who would have had no protection otherwise.

That is the legacy of TOM BEVILL to this institution. He has helped us all. Regrettably he is going to be leaving here. I wish him well in his retirement because he has made a great, great difference in the quality of life of many people across this country that have needed his help.

SHAME ON THE WASHINGTON REDSKINS

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Madam Speaker, the Washington Redskins, one of the most storied teams in American history: Sammy Baugh, Jurgensen, Huff, Taylor, Theismann, Riggins, Monk,

Jacoby, on and on. The NFL franchise that represents the Nation's Capital, the NFL franchise that represents the great courage, tenacity of our great Native Americans, now is known as the team that has made Nissan their official vehicle. Beam me up. The Washington Redskins now ride a war horse made in Japan.

Unbelievable.

Now tell me what is wrong with Ford; how about Chevy, Jeep, Chrysler? Do they not matter to America anymore?

I think the Washington Redskins will realize one thing: No wonder the American people consider the Dallas Cowboys America's team.

Shame, Washington Redskins, shame. My colleagues, this is not meant to be a joke. I yield back the balance of all the profits going to Japan from products being bought by American people and advertised by American celebrities.

MOURNING THE TRAGIC PASSING OF JOHN DURICKA

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

Mr. DREIER. Madam Speaker, it saddens me to inform the House of the passing of a great American and someone who worked long and hard in this Capitol. His name will not be known to everyone, but when my colleagues see John Duricka they automatically recognize him, and yesterday morning he tragically passed away.

He had a 30-year career with the Associated Press. He had lived in southern California for a number of years and worked for the San Gabriel Valley Tribune, and that was up until 1966 when he joined the Associated Press.

Madam Speaker, today's Washington Post in the obituary section describes him as a keen-eyed photographer who played a great role in getting still photographers into all kinds of meetings, in fact into this Chamber the day that Jim Wright announced his resignation from right here in this well.

He was a great friend to me. His brother was a photographer at the San Gabriel Valley Tribune in California, and tragically I had the opportunity to deliver the eulogy at his funeral when he was killed in a tragic plane crash a few years back.

But John Duricka was a great man, and he took wonderful photographs, and he is one of those institutions in this Capitol who will be sorely missed.

CALLING FOR ISTEVA'S REAUTHORIZATION

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, as we in Congress prepare to adjourn the 104th session, and we turn our attention to the next session and its

business, we need to focus on the reauthorization of ISTEVA. Citizens and local governments around the country are calling for the ISTEVA reauthorization with enhancements programs and flexibility intact. Representatives from 118 cities asked me earlier this month to deliver to my colleagues a message that is signed, an open letter to this Congress.

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We need ISTEVA and the money that it brings. But more important, to deal with the problems of our increasingly mobile populations, is the flexibility that that legislation entails. More important than money is the local planning framework that is involved. And most important of all is the public involvement that is entailed.

Our citizens, our constituents, know what they need. If we engage them in the process of planning for our future, they will respond with innovation and nontraditional solutions. We in Congress talk a lot about empowerment and doing more with less. ISTEVA is a chance to deliver on that promise.

RELEASE OF WHATEVER IT IS PRODUCED BY OUTSIDE COUNSEL

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

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Madam Speaker, editorials all over America are joining those of us who keep calling for the release of whatever it is that was produced by the outside counsel for over a half a million dollars of tax money on Speaker GINGRICH's violations of the ethics rules.

Let me read to the Members what the Albuquerque Journal said, because this is one of the papers in my Rocky Mountain region. They said, what is good for the goose is good for the Gingrich. The Republicans cannot have it both ways. They have to play this game by the rules they established in the Wright case, and they should release the report.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. LINDER. Point of order, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. GREENE of Utah). the gentleman from Georgia will state his point of order.

Mr. LINDER. Madam Speaker, it is my understanding last week that the Chair ruled that even if newspapers make references to matters before the Committee on Standards, it is inappropriate under House rules to bring those matters to the floor of the House. It is entirely acceptable for the gentlewoman from Colorado to speak on this issue as much as she wants outside the House of this Congress. But on this floor, it is against the rules.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair sustains the point of order of the gentleman from Georgia, and directs the gentlewoman from Colorado [Mrs. SCHROEDER] to proceed in order in accordance with the rules of the House.