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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. WALKER].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC.
September 30, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable ROBERT S. WALKER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Let us pray using the words of the beloved hymn by Isaac Watts:

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,

Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

We pray, gracious God, that Your blessing will be with those who seek to do their daily work in ways that help other people. As the words of the hymn remind, we know that we can place our trust in Your grace and in Your goodness for Your mercy gives us hope and our eternal home. So bless each one and strengthen us with your abiding hand.

The Lord bless us and keep us,
The Lord make His face shine upon us and be gracious unto us,
The Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace. 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. Will the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HASTERT] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HASTERT 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 Ms. McDevitt, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment bills, a joint resolution, and concurrent resolutions of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 543. An act to reauthorize the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, and for other purposes;

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WILLIAM M. THOMAS, *Chairman.*

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H.R. 1031. An act for the relief of Oscar Salas-Velazquez;

H.R. 1734. An act to reauthorize the National Film Preservation Board, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2297. An act to codify without substantive change laws related to transportation and to improve the United States Code;

H.R. 2579. An act to establish the National Tourism Board and the National Tourism Organization to promote international travel and tourism to the United States;

H.R. 3916. An act to make available certain Voice of America and Radio Marti multilingual computer readable text and voice recordings.

H.J. Res. 197. Joint resolution waiving certain enrollment requirements with respect to any bill or joint resolution of the One Hundred Fourth Congress making general or continuing appropriations for fiscal year 1997;

H. Con. Res. 221. Concurrent resolution correcting the enrollment of H.R. 3159; and

H. Con. Res. 229. Concurrent resolution directing the Secretary of the Senate to make corrections in the enrollment of S. 1004.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3668. An act to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through September 30, 1996.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2158. An act to set the time for counting electoral votes; and

S. 2159. An act to set the time for the convening of the One Hundred Fifth Congress.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 1004), "An Act to authorize appropriations for the United States Coast Guard, and for other purposes," and that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 1467), "An Act to authorize the construction of the Fort Peck Rural County Water Supply System, to authorize assistance to the Fort Peck Rural County Water District, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, for the planning, design, and construction of the water supply system, and for other purposes."

ELECTION OF THE HONORABLE ROBERT S. WALKER AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE THROUGH LEGISLATIVE DAY OF TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1996

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 553) electing the Honorable ROBERT S. WALKER of Pennsylvania to act as Speaker pro tempore, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 553

Resolved, that the Honorable Robert S. Walker, a Representative from the Common-

wealth of Pennsylvania, be, and he is hereby, elected Speaker pro tempore through the legislative day of Tuesday, October 1, 1996.

Sec. 2. The Clerk of the House shall notify the President and the Senate of the election of the Honorable Robert S. Walker as Speaker pro tempore during the absence of the Speaker.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE ROBERT S. WALKER AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE DURING ABSENCE OF THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New York [Mr. SOLOMON] please come to the well of the House and administer the oath of office.

Mr. WALKER took the oath of office administered to him by the gentleman from New York [Mr. SOLOMON], as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter. So help you God.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ASTRONAUT SHANNON LUCID

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

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I am absolutely delighted with Newsweek because you know what it says? Here we have this wonderful picture of Shannon Lucid and it said: Forget the fighter jocks. At 53 years of age, Shannon Lucid has the new right stuff. To be in space 188 days is almost as long as this Congress has been in session and I must say I am very proud of the fact I held the first hearing here when we asked NASA why there were no women and they tried to explain to us, because you had to be tough and strong and it was back when the jock-ocracy was ruling that. Well, I pointed out I was a pilot and I understood it really was more like milking a mouse. They kind of swallowed hard and we finally moved on with moving women into that era. And now we have her defining the norm for the future. I think that is very exciting.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Shannon and NASA for having the vision to move there and I think all of us as Americans are terribly proud of her accomplishment and very few of us would want to have changed places with her during those 188 days.

TRIBUTE TO HON. ROBERT WALKER ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM CONGRESS

(Mr. SOLOMON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, a few minutes ago I had the privilege to swear you in as Speaker pro tempore for the next 2 days. I just want to say to the body when I came here 18 years ago, BOB WALKER had been here for a while, and over the years there is no one who has mastered the parliamentary procedures of this floor more than BOB WALKER, but even beyond that, this man has been a watchdog of this body. He is a man of the highest integrity, and we are so sorely going to miss him. Today will probably be the last day and tomorrow, that he will be a Member of this body but we wish him well and we hope he still remains available to give us his old sage advice as the years go on.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman from New York very much.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TEXAS RANGERS, CHAMPIONS OF AMERICAN LEAGUE WESTERN DIVISION

(Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Texas Rangers are the champions of the American League West. I know I speak for all of Texas when I say congratulations to the Ranger players, coaches and management.

I particularly want to make mention of my friend Tom Schieffer, the managing partner of the Rangers. Under his leadership, the team has given us the magnificent ballpark at Arlington and now has filled the park with a champion. We wish you the best as the playoffs begin.

Texas Rangers, you are champions. Thank you for a great year.

TRIBUTE TO HON. ROBERT WALKER

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

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, I also want to come to the well this afternoon and commend the Speaker for the next 2 days, the Honorable ROBERT WALKER of the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He came to this Congress in our bicentennial year as I did, an unusual class, Vice President AL GORE was in that class, Democrat leader DICK GEPHARDT was in that class, former Vice President Dan Quayle was in that class. Mr. Speaker, NEWT did not come until 2 years later. BOB WALKER set the ground for NEWT over those 2 years and he has been what Mr. SOLOMON said, a master of parliamentary procedure. Through tough times and smooth times, he has been the conscience of the House at least on our side of the aisle. He is going to be sorely missed.