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

PRAYER

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

Let us pray using the words of the 100th Psalm:

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness and come before His presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord Himself is God; He Himself has made us, and we are His; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving; go into His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and call upon His name.

For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His faithfulness endures from age to age. 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 Mississippi [Mr. MONTGOMERY] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MONTGOMERY 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.

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:

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 1, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following messages from the Secretary of the Senate on Monday, September 30, 1996 at 7:10 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to conference report H.R. 3610.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk, House of Representatives.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair desires to announce that pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the Speaker signed the following enrolled bill on Monday, September 30, 1996: H.R. 3610, making omnibus consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending

NOTICE

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WILLIAM M. THOMAS, *Chairman.*

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September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the subject of the special order of the gentleman from Wisconsin, [Mr. SENSENBRENNER].

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

There was no objection.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. tomorrow.

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

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALL OF PRIVATE CALENDAR

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the call of the Private Calendar be dispensed with today.

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

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York [Mr. LAFALCE] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. LAFALCE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

FAREWELL TO CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. CLINGER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. CLINGER. Mr. Speaker, as the 104th Congress winds to a close, and along with it my tenure in this body, I am delighted to have this opportunity, this unexpected opportunity, to take a moment to say thank you, thank you to all of the dedicated men and women who have served me and the constituents of my district in Pennsylvania so well, and members of my personal staff, both current and former staff members, but most especially to those who have been with me from the beginning; that is, from January 3, 1979.

They include Nancy Scott. They say there is no such thing as an indispensable person. Nancy Scott was indis-

pensable to me throughout my entire tenure. She was the absolute office manager par excellence in my Washington office, along with Becky Mills in my district office in State College, as well as Rosemarie Massa in my Warren office. My gratitude also to Susan Gurekovich in the State College office, who has run my military academy selection board for 18 years.

They are the 18-year veterans, but there are others. My AA, Ed Feddeman; LA's Allison Beltz and Jill Hershey; press secretary Chris Krese; and so many others who have made my life so much easier and the lives of so many of my constituents so much better.

It has also been a great honor and extraordinary experience, I must say mostly pleasurable experience, to serve as chairman of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee, and I also want to salute the superb cadre of professionals I have had the honor of being associated with on that committee.

First and foremost, my long time friend, Jim Clarke, who came to Washington with me in 1979 and has served in almost every capacity on the personal staff, from go-fer, to administrative assistant, and now as the highly respected Chief of Staff of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee. He has performed in every one of those capacities with consummate skill and ability.

But so many others deserve commendation. Eddie Amorosi, who is an alumni of my personal office as well, who became a first class media expert on the committee; Monty Tripp, our line item veto guru; Kristine Simmons, our unfunded mandates expert; Ellen BROWN, without whom procurement reform, dramatic procurement reform, would never have happened; Jane Cobb and Diann Howland, who helped produce significant reports on such things as the looming decennial census and a critique of this administration's management reform.

My thanks also to Kevin Sabo for his wise and helpful advice as Chief Counsel, and to Barbara Olson and Barbara Comstock and the entire investigative team for their very careful, tenacious, very tenacious work, in conducting the numerous investigations that we have undertaken as a committee. And to all of the unnamed others who helped make our committee among the most productive, if not the most productive of the entire Congress, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Finally, my greatest thanks to my wife Judy, who has put up with the unpredictability and the general chaos of life in Congress with few complaints and enormous good humor for the past 18 years. I have had a great ride, and I have enjoyed almost all of it.

As I have said, as someone said, I am humble enough to know I have made mistakes, but vain enough to have forgotten what they are. I also know whatever success I have had, I owe to all of the people, named and unnamed, past and present, who I have thanked today.

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

Mr. CLINGER. I am delighted to yield to my classmate and good friend, the chairman of the Committee on Rules, JERRY SOLOMON.

Mr. SOLOMON. I just want to say to the gentleman from Pennsylvania that we certainly are going to miss you, BILL. You and I came here together 18 years ago, 2 years after the speaker pro tem in the Chair there, BOB WALKER, and the two of you coming from Pennsylvania have been great Members of this body.

But I just wanted to say a few words about you, because you and I, I think we started out, I was a member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure back 18 years ago, went on that committee with you, and did not last long. They pulled me off and put me on some other committees. But you did such a magnificent job on the Transportation Committee.

But more than that, in the last 2 years, you certainly have established just an impeccable record as chairman of the Government Oversight Committee. That is not an easy committee. You had many difficult subjects to deal with.

There are those of us that have admired you for a long time, but in the last 2 years, that admiration has just escalated. Your demeanor and the way you handle yourself is so appreciated by all of us.

I just wanted to take this opportunity to wish you the best, you and your wife and your family when you leave us. I hope you do not go too far away, because we want to lean on you for your old sage advice, even though you might not be here in the Chamber with us.

Mr. CLINGER. I thank you very, very much, JERRY.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. SENSENBRENNER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. SENSENBRENNER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

[The following bill (H.R. 4236) was omitted from the RECORD of Saturday, September 28, 1996, at page H12023—Part II.]

H.R. 4236

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.

This Act may be cited as the "Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996".

Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents.

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