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The House met at 9 a.m.

The Reverend Rees F. Warring, senior pastor, Elm Park United Methodist Church, Scranton, PA, offered the following prayer:

God of all people and nations, You who created and are still creating, may we be willing partners of Your creation. Help us to be merciful and just, compassionate and caring, that this will be a more merciful and just, compassionate and caring world. We pray that the quality of all life will be better because of the way we live and work. Enable each of us to be an instrument of Your peace, working to eliminate all that separates peoples and nations from You and from each other. Free us from all bigotry and prejudice, from pride of place and status, from the lack of vision and the loss of faith. Inspire us, this and every day, to be so concerned about Your way and truth, that Your will may eventually be done on Earth as it is in heaven. 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 Pennsylvania [Mr. MCDADE] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MCDADE 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.

WELCOMING THE REVEREND REES F. WARRING

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

Mr. MCDADE. Mr. Speaker, let me begin by saying how nice it is to see so many familiar faces in the Chamber this morning. We are delighted that so many of our colleagues are here, and of course we all welcome you back to this magnificent House.

Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to welcome to this Chamber the Reverend Rees F. Warring, and I want to thank him for his beautiful opening prayer. Reverend Warring is the pastor of the Elm Park Methodist Church in the city of Scranton and has served several churches in northeastern Pennsylvania for over 30 years.

In every congressional district of this Nation—and no one knows this better than the people assembled here today—there are extraordinary people who exemplify the positive forces for good and selflessly serve their fellow man. Reverend Warring and his wife, Jean, who is with us today, are such individuals. They have tirelessly devoted their time and energy helping the less fortunate people in their community and providing spiritual solace to their congregation. Because of their good works, northeastern Pennsylvania and the Nation is a better place in which to live.

They have also raised four wonderful children, one of whom, also with us today, is their son, John, who serves as an important member of my Washington staff.

In addition to his spiritual efforts at Elm Park, Reverend Warring has been active in leading the restoration effort in Scranton to preserve the area's many historic church buildings. Elm Park serves as both an architectural landmark in downtown Scranton and as a community center for religious

and civic activity. I am grateful that Reverend Warring could lead us in prayer today. He is a man who has enriched countless lives through his spiritual and community leadership.

And, my friends, on a personal note, I would like to extend on behalf of all of us a most happy 58th birthday today to Reverend Warring.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the House will stand in recess, subject to the call of the Chair, to receive the former Members of Congress.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 8 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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RECEPTION OF FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER of the House presided. The SPEAKER. On behalf of the Chair and this Chamber, I consider it a high honor and a distinct personal privilege to have the opportunity of welcoming so many of our former Members and colleagues as may be present here for this occasion. I think all of us want to pause and welcome each of them.

Let me also say, if I might, that if the House will indulge me to speak from the chair for a minute, that I am particularly delighted today to be here to recognize the distinguished gentleman from Illinois, Mr. Michel, for the amount that this House owes the gentleman from Illinois for his years of service, for his sense of commitment to the representative process, to his passion for freedom, and his willingness to serve his country under a wide range of circumstances. I would say that I believe all Members of the Chamber would join me in recognizing that the gentleman from Illinois always placed

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the House and the country above both his own personal interest and his partisan interest.

I must say, at a personal level, that without his having been my mentor and without his having literally at times helped train me, usually with the best of cheer, but on a rare occasion with a direct and firm manner, I would not today be Speaker. While the Democrats in the Chamber may regret that part of his career, I can say, at least on behalf of the Republicans, that we are all in Mr. Michel's debt for having taught many of us a great deal about the art of leading in a free society. So it is a great honor to me to have this opportunity to be here and to state my feelings about the gentleman from Illinois.

Let me at this time yield to the gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. MONTGOMERY] on behalf of the minority.

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the minority leader, the gentleman from Missouri, DICK GEPHARDT, on the Democratic side, I would like to also welcome former Members to this great assembly Hall and also offer my congratulations to Bob Michel, who you will give this award to this morning. Bob Michel was minority leader for a number of years and also a war hero. As you know, you have the privileges of the floor for the rest of the day.

We will be taking up the defense authorization bill, Mr. Speaker, and now we do not go as long as we used to on the defense authorization bill. Then after that we will take up a budget resolution. I would like to point out that I and 32 other Members of the House of Representatives will be former Members about January 3 of next year, and 13 Senators, so we have some folks that add to the ranks.

Welcome to Lindy Boggs, the President of your Association. She has been honored greatly this last week, not only in Missouri but also in Mississippi. Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

The SPEAKER. If I may recognize the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. MYERS] on behalf of the majority.

Mr. MYERS of Indiana. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good morning to each of you. On behalf of the majority leader, who unavoidably is detained, who planned to be here, but since I am going to join your ranks this year, he said why do you not do it for me. So we are pleased to have y'all back again here in this Chamber.

I know many of you spent a good many years here, fond memories. It has not changed a whole lot that much. But we do welcome you back, and it is good to see so many look so young. You, too, Don. You know, it seemed like when we were younger that everyone aged more rapidly. But now that I am more mature, I realize that that is not true. But we do welcome you back and see so many that are still able to come back and say hello to us.

Again, there will be several of us joining you. Mr. MONTGOMERY and I

will be joining you next year, and a number of us will be joining your ranks. I do not know if that will be improving your ranks, but it will improve the ranks here. A lot of Members will be pleased to have us go. Thanks for joining us again.

The years do go by fast. Welcome back to the Chamber.

The SPEAKER. Before the chair recognizes the distinguished gentleman from Florida, let me just say again as a history teacher, I particularly appreciate all of you coming back because the process of freedom is an organic process. The degree to which Members and former Members are able to educate the community, the degree to which each of you in your working life and in your chances as a citizen once you leave this place are able to reach out and help others understand this complex process that we call representative self-government is a very, very important part of the way in which we educate ourselves each generation.

So I think the fact that you have remained active and that you are back here today is a very important part of that historic chain that takes us all the way back to the very first Congress and that will carry us forward to future Congresses beyond our own service. So I appreciate very much your being here today.

The Chair now recognizes the Honorable Louis Frey, Vice President of the Association, to take the chair.

Mr. FREY (presiding). Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Congressman MONTGOMERY, and Congressman MYERS, for allowing us to be here.

There is always one thing I have wanted to say when I got up here. Everybody in favor of the balanced budget please say aye. Sorry, I waited 30 years for that.

The Clerk will now call the roll of former Members of Congress.

The Clerk called the roll of former Members of the Congress, and the following former Members answered to their name:

ROLLCALL OF FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ATTENDING THE 26TH ANNUAL SPRING MEETING, MAY 15, 1996

Lindy Boggs of Louisiana;
Daniel Brewster of Maryland;
William E. Brock III of Tennessee;
Donald G. Brotzman of Colorado;
James T. Broyhill of North Carolina;
Elford A. Cederberg of Michigan;
Charles F. Chamberlain of Michigan;
Rod Chandler of Washington;
James K. Coyne of Pennsylvania;
Robert B. Duncan of Oregon;
John Erlenborn of Illinois;
Marvin Esch of Michigan;
Louis Frey, Jr., of Florida;
Robert A. Grant of Indiana;
James M. Hanley of New York;
Robert P. Hanrahan of Illinois;
Harry Haskell, Jr., of Delaware;
William D. Hathaway of Maine;
Jeffrey Hillelson of Missouri;
George W. Hochbrueckner of New York;
William L. Hungate of Missouri;

John Jenrette, Jr., of South Carolina;

Hastings Keith of Massachusetts;
David King of Utah;
Ernest Konnyu of California;
Peter N. Kyros of Maine;
Mel David of Wisconsin;
Norman F. Lent of New York;
Wiley Mayne of Iowa;
Romano L. Mazzoli of Kentucky;
Paul N. (Pete) McCloskey of California;

Bob McEwen of Ohio;
Matthew McHugh of New York;
Lloyd Meeds of Washington;
Robert H. Michel of Illinois;
Abner J. Mikva of Illinois;
Wilmer D. Mizell of North Carolina;
John S. Monagan of Connecticut;
Frank E. Moss of Utah;
Charles H. Percy of Illinois;
Shirley N. Pettis of California;
Howard W. Pollock of Alaska;
Joel Pritchard of Washington;
Thomas F. Railsback of Illinois;
John Rhodes of Arizona;
John J. Rhodes III of Arizona;
Don Ritter of Pennsylvania;
Paul G. Rogers of Florida;
John Roussetot of California;
Donald Rumsfeld of Illinois;
George F. Sangmeister of Illinois;
Ronald A. Saracen of Connecticut;
Harold S. Sawyer of Michigan;
Richard T. Schulze of Pennsylvania;
Carlton R. Sickles of Maryland;
J. William Stanton of Ohio;
James C. Wright of Texas;
Leo C. Zeferetti of New York.

Mr. FREY (presiding). It is now my personal privilege to introduce to this group the president of the former Members, the gentlewoman from Louisiana, the Honorable Lindy Boggs. The association has just been fortunate to have as its leader such an extraordinary, wonderful person. Her energy, her drive, her vision, trying to catch up with Lindy is just about impossible. I do not know how she does it. She puts us all to shame. She can bring us all together. If we have any problems at all, we just listen to her and we just fall in place because she is such a wonderful person and a great leader.

If I had to use one word and I was forced to use one word to describe our president, I guess I would have to pick the word class. Everything that the gentlewoman has done personally, politically, in the business world, has been that that is the best in this country. We are just proud of the fact that we have been able to work with you. We thank you for everything you have done, and we turn the floor over to you.

(Mrs. BOGGS asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BOGGS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you so much. Mr. Speaker, I thank you so very much for those beautiful remarks. And I was sitting there hoping the real Lindy Boggs would stand up. It is such a pleasure to be here.

Mr. Speaker, my colleagues and I are pleased and honored to have this opportunity to once again be on the House

floor and to present our 25th, 26th annual report to the Congress. We thank you for your warm welcome, and certainly we thank the gentleman from Mississippi and the gentleman from Indiana for their beautiful welcome to us.

I have to say that the gentleman from Indiana developed that southern accent when he was the president of the Lower Mississippi Valley Flood Association. Mr. Speaker, we have without exception a warm attachment to this body, its traditions and its role in a democratic society. We welcome the opportunity to speak out on behalf of all its members. The association, over the 26 years since its inception, has grown to a membership of some 600 and an annual budget in excess of \$650,000. Following the mandate of its charter, the association has developed a number of programs, both domestic and international, to promote the improved public understanding of the Congress as an institution and representative democracy as a system of government.

One of our earliest initiatives was our highly successful Congressional-Campus Fellows Program. Under this program, which was launched in 1976, former Members of Congress visit colleges, universities, and high school campuses for 2 to 5 days to have formal and informal meetings with students, faculty, and community representatives to share with them firsthand knowledge about the operations of the U.S. Congress, the executive branch, and of course the judiciary. Seventy-three (73) former Members of Congress have reached more than 100,000 students through 232 programs on 164 campuses in 49 States. The most recent visit made in this program was by Romano Mazzoli of Kentucky, who visited Denison University in Ohio last month. In this time of increasing criticism of Congress, the members of the association feel particularly strongly that this program is vital to renew the faith of the American people in its system of representative government and to instill in them the importance of their active participation in the democratic process. We have been seeking funding to reinvigorate this program so our members may reach more students and faculty, and we will continue to do so in the coming year.

The association also provides opportunities for our members to share their congressional experiences overseas. Fifteen (15) study tours have been carried out for members of the association, who, entirely at their own expenses, have participated in educational and cultural visits to China, the former Soviet Union, Western and Eastern Europe, the Middle East, South America, New Zealand, and Australia. Most recently, a group of our members visited Canada, where former Congressman Jim Blanchard of Michigan has been our distinguished Ambassador. In the coming year, we are planning to have a delegation visit Ukraine, where we support a program to assist the Ukrainian Parliament and

we have a congressional fellow—a former congressional staffer—in residence. We also have been invited by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Chinese National People's Congress to send a delegation to China.

The association cooperates with the U.S. Government and a number of non-profit organizations which make available for educational projects the experience and perspectives of persons who have served in Congress. It has provided former Members of Congress for participation in programs sponsored by USIA's AMPARTS [American Participants] Program in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Europe, and Australia. USIA staff members hope to involve more former Members of Congress in these programs and have asked us to notify them when any of our Members who may be interested in participating in these programs are traveling abroad. So, please let us know of your travel plans.

The association currently is working with the United States Embassy in Mexico, where former Congressman Jim Jones is serving as Ambassador, to initiate an exchange program with the Parliament of Mexico. A bipartisan team of two former Members of Congress is scheduled to make a visit, under funding from the United States Information Agency, to Mexico in June to conduct a pilot project in this effort. With funding received from the Ford Foundation, a study mission to Cuba will be undertaken to assess the current situation there, as soon as conditions are more favorable. We also have been working closely with the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Garmisch, Germany, which aids defense and foreign ministries in Europe's aspiring democracies to develop national security organizations and systems that reflect democratic principles. Former Congressman Martin Lancaster of North Carolina has spoken at several of the Center's programs for parliamentarians from Central and Eastern Europe, and additional former Members will be participating in these programs in the coming year.

The association also provides opportunities for current Members of Congress to share their expertise with legislators of other countries and to learn firsthand the operations of those governments. It has continued serving as the secretariat for the Congressional Study Group of Germany, which is the largest and most active exchange program between the United States Congress and the Parliament of another country. The study group is an unofficial, informal, and bipartisan organization open to all Members of Congress. Currently, it involves approximately 120 Representatives and Senators, and provides opportunities for Members of Congress to meet with their counterparts in the German Bundestag and to facilitate better understanding and greater cooperation.

In addition to hosting a number of Members of the Bundestag and other

German Government leaders at the Capitol this past year, the study group hosted its 13th Annual Congress-Bundestag Seminar in April in Cape Girardeau, MO, located in the district of Congressman BILL EMERSON. The location was chosen because the Members of the Bundestag who participated in last year's seminar in Dresden, Germany requested that this year's seminar be held in middle-America, an area of the country many of them had never visited. Accordingly, Congressman EMERSON, the 1995 chairman of the study group in the House, very kindly invited us to hold the seminar in his district. The meeting, in which Louis Frey of Florida, Martin Lancaster of North Carolina, and I were privileged to participate along with current Members of Congress and current and former Members of the Bundestag, was a resounding success. As well as having in-depth discussions about many facets of United States-German relations, we took an afternoon cruise on the Mississippi River on the motor vessel Mississippi, the flagship of the Corps of Engineers, during which we learned about the effective efforts of the corps in flood control, and we had the opportunity to tour neighboring counties and to meet with a number of Americans of German descent, whose ancestors came from Germany to settle the area.

The study group program is funded principally by the German Marshall Fund of the United States. Its activities have included joint meetings of the agriculture committees of Congress and the Bundestag and visits by Members of the Bundestag to observe the Illinois presidential primary and the Iowa caucus, as well as to congressional districts throughout the country with Members of Congress to learn about the U.S. political process at the grassroots level.

The association also serves as the secretariat for the Congressional Study Group on Japan, which seeks to develop a congressional forum for the sustained study and analysis of policy options on major issues in United States-Japan relations, and to increase opportunities for Members of Congress to meet with their counterparts in the Japanese diet for frank discussions of those key issues. This unofficial, informal, and bipartisan group, which is open to all Members of Congress, has 77 members, and an additional 49 Members of Congress have asked to be kept informed of its activities. An ongoing activity of the study group is to host breakfast and/or luncheon discussion meetings with Americans and Japanese who are experts on various facets of the United States-Japan relationship. For example, in March, George Fisher, chairman, president and CEO, and chief operating Officer of Eastman Kodak Co., met with study group members for a lively discussion about the current film industry debates. The month prior to that, the study group had the opportunity to hear from the new Japanese Ambassador to the United States, His

Excellency Kunihiro Saito. Major funding for this study group is provided by the Japan-United States Friendship Commission. The Ford Foundation also provided funding which assisted with the start-up operations of this group.

The association's program to assist the new democratic nations in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, which was begun in 1989, has continued to expand. Under funding from the United States Information Agency, the association has: Hosted delegations of Members of Parliaments of Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia in the United States; sent bipartisan teams of former Members of Congress, accompanied by either a congressional or country expert, to Hungary, Poland, and Czechoslovakia; and placed a congressional fellow in Budapest for 2 years to provide technical assistance to the Members and staff of the Hungarian Parliament.

Under a grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts, in March 1994, the association placed one congressional fellow in Slovakia—Jon Holstine—and another congressional fellow in Ukraine—Cliff Downen—for 2-year stints. Jon Holstine's tour ended last month, but Cliff Downen is remaining in Ukraine for an additional year to continue the highly successful fellowship program he began in August 1995, which brings young Ukrainians to Kiev to work with the Members and staff of the Rada Parliament for a 1-year period. The initial funding for this fellowship project was obtained from the Rule of Law Grant Program, which is funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development. The second year of the program is being funded by a grant from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation and a new grant from AID. Former Members of Congress, Louis Frey of Florida, Lucien Nedzi of Michigan, and Don Johnson of Georgia, former House Parliamentarian William Brown and current and former congressional staff members and Congressional Research Service personnel have visited these fellows to assist them by conducting workshops and participating in seminars with Members of Parliament.

Back on the home front, the association has continued its program of hospitality for distinguished international visitors, parliamentarians, cabinet ministers, judges, academicians, and journalists here at the Capitol. This program, originally funded by the Ford Foundation, has been continued under grants from the German Marshall Fund of the United States. These grants have enabled us to host 336 events—breakfasts, luncheons, dinners, and receptions—for visitors from 85 countries and the European Parliament, and has proved to be an effective avenue for improving communication and understanding between Members of Congress and leaders of other nations.

In addition to our work with current parliamentarians, we maintain close relations with associations of former Members of the Parliaments of other

countries. In this connection, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize and welcome three representatives of those associations who are with us today: Barry Turner and Hal Herbert of the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians and Georg Ehrnrooth of the Association of Former Members of the Parliament of Finland. These relationships have been extremely cordial. Lasting friendships have developed and, as one may expect, a better understanding and appreciation of our common democratic institutions has emerged.

I would be remiss, Mr. Speaker, if I did not salute the work of the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress Auxiliary and express our gratitude to its membership so ably headed by Annie Rhodes and Debi Alexander, and to mention the untiring and successful efforts of Linda Reed, our executive director, and Walt Raymond, who has been responsible for most of these overseas programs, and of course of our distinguished board members and our very kind and excellent Academic Advisory Committee.

Mr. Speaker, it is now my sad duty to inform the House of those persons who have served in the Congress and who have passed away since our report last year. Those deceased Members of the Congress are:

John Joseph Allen, Jr., California;
 Les Aspin, Wisconsin;
 Bert A. Bandstra, Iowa;
 Joseph W. Barr, Indiana;
 James C. Cleveland, New Hampshire;
 Williard S. Curtin, Pennsylvania;
 Leonard Farbestein, New York;
 Ovie Clark Fisher, Texas;
 Dean A. Gallo, New Jersey;
 Porter Hardy, Virginia;
 John E. Henderson, Ohio;
 Albert Sydney Herlong, Jr., Florida;
 John C. Hinson, Mississippi;
 Chet E. Holifield, California;
 A. Oakley Hunter, California;
 Walter B. Jones, North Carolina;
 Barbara Jordan, Texas;
 Edward R. Madigan, Illinois;
 Thomas E. Morgan, Pennsylvania;
 Edmund S. Muskie, Maine;
 Joseph Mruk, New York;
 Richard G. Shoup, Montana;
 B.F. "Bernie" Sisk, California;
 Henry P. Smith III, New York;
 Margaret Chase Smith, Maine;
 John C. Stennis, Mississippi;
 Jesse Sumner, Illinois;
 Mike Synar, Oklahoma;
 Boyd Tackett, Arkansas;
 Lera Thomas, Texas;
 William Homer Thornberry, Texas;
 Andrew Jackson Transue, Michigan;
 Jamie L. Whitten, Mississippi;
 William A. Winstead, Mississippi; and
 Ralph W. Yarborough, Texas.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask all of you for a moment of silence in their memory.

May then rest in peace. Amen.

It is now my happy duty to report that nominated to be our association's new president is our colleague who is presiding today, and of all of the nice

things that he said about me, I can just reverse to say about him, Louis Frey of Florida; and, as vice president, Matthew McHugh of New York. With them at the helm, the leadership of the association will be in capable and very experienced hands.

Each year the association presents a Distinguished Service Award to an outstanding public servant. This award rotates between political parties, as do our officers also. Last year's recipient on the Democratic side was Vice President ALBERT GORE, Jr., former Representative and Senator from Tennessee. This year, the recipient on the Republican side is the distinguished former minority leader and Representative from Illinois, Robert H. Michel.

It is a special personal pleasure for me to present this award to Bob on behalf of the association as I greatly enjoyed the years that both my husband, Hale Boggs, and I were privileged to serve with him in the House and to enjoy and admire his wonderful wife, Corinne. He has certainly been an outstanding Member of Congress. He has served with his leadership, not only his constituents in Illinois, but also the U.S. public in general with great distinction through many years. I must say that we are presenting this privilege to him, we are just falling in line with a large number of other distinguished Americans. In 1994, President Clinton awarded Bob Michel our Nation's highest civilian honor, the Medal of Freedom, and he was presented at one time the Citizen's Medal, our Nation's second highest Presidential award, in 1989 by President Ronald Reagan. He has also received the VFW Congressional Award, in recognition of his outstanding service to the Nation, and, in the same year, the American Institute for Public Service presented him with the Jefferson Award for Public Service.

He has also been recognized for just a range of activities that are really remarkable, and he has received the National Security Leadership Award by the leaders of the Reserve Officers Association, the American Security Council, and a bipartisan National Security Caucus on behalf of over 100 national organizations. He has also been the recipient of the Golden Bulldog Award, presented by the Watchdogs of the Treasury, for 18 consecutive terms.

So it is a tremendous pleasure for us, of course, to be able to present this award to our colleague, and I am certain he will continue to be the very special person that he has been for so many years, for many years to come.

I know all of you share my feelings and respect and admiration in being able to present this award to Bob, and I hope that he will come forward to receive it.

The award reads: "Presented to the Honorable Robert H. Michel of the United States Association of Former Members of Congress in recognition of his exemplary service to the Republic as a decorated war hero and as the

long-term Republican leader of the United States House of Representatives. In Washington, D.C., May 15, 1996."

Bob, it is so wonderful to be able to present this to you. I am also pleased to present you with this scrapbook of letters from your colleagues offering their congratulations, along with mine, for this well-deserved symbol of our love and appreciation. We will be happy to receive some remarks from you, sir.

Mr. MICHEL. Madam President and former Speaker Jim Wright and my former leader, John Rhodes, and what is it, Speaker pro tem or what up there?

Mr. FREY (presiding). Your short-stop.

Mr. MICHEL. My distinguished colleagues, I am overwhelmed to again receive such a nice honor from my colleagues. I do not know what the criteria are for the former Members choosing one for this kind of award, but as I look around this room, I would say there are many more who would be justified in receiving it than this Member. After all, I have only been out there in the afterworld of Congress, you know, for less than 2 years. I have not had a chance yet to make my mark in that world, like so many of you out there. But I will tell you, I would not change it for anything. I am happy to be out there where you all are and be a Member of the Former Members Society.

And, Lindy, may I congratulate you and the organization for all those myriad of things that the former Members are doing and participating as they are to help publicize what this institution is all about and what representative government is all about. I am very happy that all my papers are going to the Everett Dirksen, have gone to the Everett Dirksen Center for Leadership in Pekin, IL.

One of the things we are attempting to do is each year to honor one person or several persons, whomever from the press who will write something positive about the Congress. And then, too, one of our emerging programs, because our endowment now is building up that we can afford to do it, is selecting high school teachers for one week of concentrated study on what the Congress is all about, so they can go back in civics classes and teach their high school students what this institution is all about.

So I guess none of you needs any long speeches on this particular occasion, but I just have to make mention of the fact that I have always been so proud to have been a Member of this House and to serve in it, the honor that was accorded to me to be elected, reelected so many times. And then the wonderful things that have happened to me, particularly since announcing my retirement.

I would hope that each and every one of you who still have that vim and vigor and have the respect for this in-

stitution, or you would not be here today as a former Member, would just accelerate those efforts at a time when the institution, all institutions of government, it seems to me, are under attack, and we need to be more positive in telling our young people what it really means to this country.

I remember a time when I was a little apprehensive about electrifying the House of Representatives by electronically covering the proceedings of this body. You know, will there be showboating? Will it be good? Will it be bad? Well, I think in retrospect, as I look over it all, it has been a good thing for the country that C-SPAN gives it, you know, gavel-to-gavel coverage, to really educate the American people on what this institution and the other body then who followed suit, what it is really like.

Maybe just one word of caution to our sitting Members, because when you are on the outside and you are observing the proceedings of this House, yes, sometimes when I was still the leader, they were very much in evidence, we have always got to be mindful of the fact that what is said, how it is said, the deportment of the Member, is the projection to the American public of what it is all about. We have the clash of ideas and the vigorous arguments that take place on the floor of this House, and that is what it is all about. But there is a point at which you draw the line, and that is not to besmirch the character of a fellow colleague, engage in personal attacks that might diminish what you have said, because the general public gets its feeling about this institution much at a higher level when it is really considered to be the highest point at which these public issues are debated and yes, with men and women of good civil attitude and respect, not only for the institution, but for their fellow colleagues.

So I guess that would be the message I would leave with whoever might be in the listening audience here about how great this institution is and how it ought to be preserved. And those of us who have had the privilege of serving in it, I think we all feel just a little bit better when we come together on an occasion like this, share some of our experiences and views, and renew ourselves in the commitment to make absolutely sure the rest of this country understands perfectly what representative government is all about. It is the best on earth. We all ought to love it dearly for the rest of our lives. Thank you so much.

Mr. MAZZOLI. Madam President, would the gentlewoman yield for just a brief moment?

Mrs. BOGGS. I am happy to yield to the gentleman from Kentucky.

Mr. MAZZOLI. I realize we have to clear the Chamber, but I would just address two or three things. One is to add my salute to Bob Michel on a life well lived and a career well handled, and to salute the gentlewoman for her leadership, but to also mention two things:

She was kind enough to mention my name in the course of her remarks and it was a great pleasure for me to go to Denison, Senator LUGAR's alma mater, to take part in that program. And I would only indicate to my colleagues, any one of you who would have an opportunity, whether by invitation or just inviting yourself, to go to one of the schools. And it was a wonderful experience, I think for the students, certainly for me. And I believe it is one wonderful opportunity we have to continue to share this information with the future generation.

Then I want to particularly thank my good friends, Abner Mikva, who helped me this past semester when I taught full time at the University of Louisville's Law School. Abner came down to visit me. It was not an easy trip for him to make, a trip to Louisville. It was wonderful for my school's students. And I would tell my friends from Illinois, he really was a trifecta, because he served here, he served in the Federal judiciary, and served in the administration, so he really kind of went to the triple play. But he was able to address all those issues and, so once again, I want to thank Abner. But I also want to indicate that that is a way we leave something behind us.

I thank the gentlewoman.

Mrs. BOGGS. Thank you very much, and thank you so much for your participation.

Well, Mr. Speaker, this concludes the 26th Annual Report to the Congress by the U.S. Association of the Former Members of Congress. We are honored, Mr. Speaker, by your warm welcome and your generous comments. We also want to thank all of the Members of the House here today for their very personal greetings. I know that for everyone in our group, being a Member of Congress was the most exciting, the most exhilarating, the most challenging period of our lives. So this is a rare and thoroughly enjoyable opportunity to greet old friends, feel for a moment the majesty of this Chamber and share with you the activities of its former Members. Finally, we want you to know this association will continue its efforts to promote greater public understanding of and appreciation for this very uniquely American legislative body, this greatest deliberative body in the modern world, the U.S. Congress. Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. FREY (presiding). Thank you, Madam President, for the great job and those remarks. In concluding, I just want to say I think all of us here are lucky, lucky to have been born in this country, lucky to have been a Member of this great body. And you know, what we probably have is a chance to do a lot more for this country now than maybe sometimes we had before, because it is needed out there. In some ways, we maybe have more credibility than when we were here. And I think what Bob Michel said is that we really have an obligation, and I am glad we

are fulfilling it and I am sure that we will continue to fulfill it.

The House will continue in recess for 15 minutes.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 55 minutes a.m.), the House continued in recess for 15 minutes.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. KOLBE) at 10 o'clock and 10 minutes a.m.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF CLASSIFIED MATERIALS ACCOMPANYING H.R. 3259, FISCAL YEAR 1997 INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION BILL

(Mr. COMBEST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, I wish to announce to all Members of the House that the classified schedule of authorizations and the classified annex to the committee report accompanying the Intelligence authorization bill for fiscal year 1997, H.R. 3259, are available for review by Members at the offices of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence in Room H-405 of the Capitol. Staff will be available through Friday and again beginning Monday for any Members who wish to review this material. I am informed by the leadership that H.R. 3259 may be considered on the floor early next week.

It is important that Members keep in mind that clause 13 of rule XVIII of the House, adopted at the beginning of the 104th Congress, requires that before Members of the House may have access to classified information, they must sign the oath set out in that clause. The classified schedule of authorizations and the classified annex to the committee report contain the Intelligence Committee's recommendations on the intelligence budget for fiscal year 1997 and related classified information which may not be disclosed publicly. After consultation with the General Counsel to the Clerk of the House, I would advise Members wishing to have access to the classified schedule of authorizations and the classified annex that they must bring with them to the committee office a copy of the rule XLIII oath signed by them or be prepared to sign a copy of that oath when they come to see these classified materials.

I would also recommend that Members wishing to read the classified schedule of authorizations and the classified annex to the committee report first call the committee office to indicate when you plan to review the classified annex to the report. This will help assure that a member of the committee staff is available to help Members, if they wish, with their review of these classified materials. I urge Mem-

bers to take some time to review these classified documents to help them better understand the actions the Intelligence Committee has recommended before the intelligence authorization is considered on the House floor next week.

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PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1745, UTAH PUBLIC LANDS MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1995

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 303 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 303

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1745) to designate certain public lands in the State of Utah as wilderness, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. Points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(1)(6) of rule XI or section 302(f) or 311(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Resources now printed in the bill. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. Points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute for failure to comply with clause 7 of rule XVI or section 302(f) or 311(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 are waived. Before consideration of any other amendment, it shall be in order to consider the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. That amendment may be offered only by the chairman of the Committee on Resources or his designee, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for ten minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. If that amendment is adopted, the bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment. During further consideration of the bill for amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 6 of rule XXIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the amendment in the

nature of a substitute made in order as original text. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KOLBE). The gentleman from Georgia [Mr. LINDER] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, for the purposes of relevant debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. MOAKLEY], pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume.

During consideration of the resolution, all time yielded is for relevant debate purposes only.

(Mr. LINDER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks and insert extraneous material.)

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 303 is a completely open rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 1745, the Utah Public Lands Management Act of 1995.

The rule provides for 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Resources Committee. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute is made in order as base text for purposes of amendment under the 5-minute rule.

The rule makes in order a manager's amendment by Chairman YOUNG printed in the report on this rule, debatable for 10 minutes. If adopted, the manager's amendment becomes part of the base text for amendment purposes.

As I mentioned earlier, this is a completely open rule permitting any Member to offer any germane amendment. Members who have preprinted their amendments in the RECORD may be given priority in recognition. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instruction.

Mr. Speaker, we have called up this rule today, even though it was not scheduled for consideration this week, because the minority gave notice yesterday that it would otherwise call up this rule pursuant to clause 4(c) of rule 11 which permits any Rules Committee member to call up a rule after it has been pending on the calendar for more than 7 days.

I don't think anyone seriously believes the minority is simply interested in considering the Utah wilderness bill. This is just one more attempt to circumvent, indeed violate two House rules for ulterior motives—and that is to defeat the previous question to offer a completely unrelated and nongermane amendment to this rule that would be ruled out of order on a point of order.

Despite repeated warnings, the minority has persisted in violating House Rule 14 which requires Members to confine themselves to the question under consideration. And they have attempted to defeat the previous question on other rules to offer an amendment that would be in violation of clause 7 of rule 16, the germaneness