

Member of the House of Representatives, and has conducted himself on the floor in a manner which brings discredit to the House;

Whereas in the course of Representative Menendez of New Jersey representing his constituents, exercising his rights as an elected representative of the people and a Member of this House to debate on the House floor, and asking a valid parliamentary inquiry that did not name any individual by name, Robert Dornan, a former Member of this House, verbally assaulted Representative Menendez of New Jersey, using profane language, accused Representative Menendez of religious bigotry, called his integrity into question, and by the tone of voice and the context of his remarks clearly attempted to lure Representative Menendez off the floor into a physical altercation;

Whereas Representative Menendez' family did not face persecution and come to this land, the home and cradle of democracy, so that anyone could attempt to intimidate his constitutional exercise of the democratic process on behalf of the people of his district;

Whereas, clause 2 of rule I of the Rules of the House of Representatives calls upon the Speaker of the House to preserve order and decorum on the House floor. Therefore, be it

Resolved that, the Sergeant-at-Arms is instructed to remove former Representative Robert Dornan from the Hall of the House and rooms leading thereto, and to prevent him from returning to the Hall of the House and rooms leading thereto until the election contest concerning the 46th District of California is resolved.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD).

Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedent only at a time or place designated by the Chair in the legislative schedule within 2 legislative days of its being properly noticed.

The Chair will announce the Chair's designation at a later time. The Chair's determination as to whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege will be made at the time designated by the Chair for consideration of the resolution.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. MENENDEZ. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, in view that the House is in pro forma session Friday, presuming that the interpretation is that this is an appropriate privileged resolution, would that mean that the resolution would have to be considered within the next 2 days, meaning either today or tomorrow?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, within the next 2 legislative days.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Further parliamentary inquiry. A legislative day in which we are in pro forma session and on which there is no one here, is that considered to be a legislative day in the context of the ruling of the Chair?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Yes. The gentleman is correct.

PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS FIRST SPONSOR OF H.R. 1609 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING COSPONSORS AND REQUESTING REPRINTS

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may here-

after be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 1609, a bill originally introduced by Representative MOLINARI of New York, for the purposes of adding cosponsors and requesting reprints pursuant to clause 4 of rule XXII.

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

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING CONGRESS TO AWARD CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking and Financial Services be discharged from further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2248, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions toward religious understanding and peace, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

Mr. LAFALCE. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I do so for the purposes of an explanation.

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

Mr. LAFALCE. I yield to the gentleman from Iowa.

Mr. LEACH. Under the gentleman's reservation, Mr. Speaker, in response, let me state that H.R. 2248 was introduced by myself, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. GONZALEZ], the gentleman from New York [Mr. LAFALCE], the gentleman from Florida [Mr. BILIRAKIS], and the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. RUSH], and is cosponsored by 327 Members. It authorizes President Clinton to present Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew a gold medal on behalf of Congress in recognition of his enduring contributions towards religious understanding and peace.

Yesterday the House passed House Concurrent Resolution 134, introduced by the distinguished gentleman from Florida [Mr. BILIRAKIS], to authorize the use of the Capitol Rotunda for a congressional ceremony honoring the Patriarch Bartholomew later this month.

Patriarch Bartholomew is the spiritual leader of nearly 300 million Orthodox Christians around the world. Through his ministry he has devoted his life to world peace, religious understanding, and protecting the global environment. Patriarch Bartholomew's first visit to our country as Patriarch will provide an opportunity for him to meet with many Americans who comprise the more than 5 million Orthodox Christians in the United States, and to convey his message of reconciliation to citizens of all faiths. Patriarch Bartholomew has been formally recognized for his outstanding achievements by numerous governments and academic institutions around the world.

At this time I ask for the support of this House in awarding the Patriarch a gold medal on behalf of the U.S. Congress and the citizens of the United States. This will be a fitting symbol of our appreciation for his admirable work towards world peace, and I urge my colleagues on a bipartisan basis to support this legislation.

Mr. LAFALCE. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I want to point out that I am very, very proud to be a cosponsor of this bill, H.R. 2248, as I was of House Concurrent Resolution 134 yesterday, sponsored by the gentleman from Florida [Mr. BILIRAKIS].

The gentleman from Florida, myself, and a number of others, the gentleman from New Jersey, [Mr. MICHAEL PAPPAS], the gentleman from Pennsylvania, [Mr. RON KLINK], the gentleman from Colorado, [Mr. DAN SCHAEFER], and the gentleman from California, [Mr. DUKE CUNNINGHAM] recently went to Greece in the last week in August. We know how proud the people of Greece are of their Patriarch Bartholomew, but not just the people of Greece, the 300 million Orthodox Christians across the entire globe.

The people of Greece are also proud of so many other things going on in their country presently, and in the years to come. They rejoiced and sang and danced in the streets of Athens, Salonika when the decision was made to award Athens as the site for the Olympics in the year 2004.

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It is most fitting, most appropriate, that the Congress award a gold medal to Patriarch Bartholomew and President Clinton present that medal to him.

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 2248, to authorize President Clinton to present his all Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople with a congressional gold medal to honor his leadership in promoting world peace and interfaith understanding.

Patriarch Bartholomew has promoted peace in the war torn countries of the Balkans, helping to advance reconciliation among the Catholic, Muslim, and Orthodox communities. He has been a leader in defense of human rights worldwide, in promoting global environmental protection and in strengthening interfaith relations.

Patriarch Bartholomew has been a champion of religious unity and cooperation, encouraging interfaith dialogue between the Orthodox Church, the Roman Catholic Church, leading Protestant denominations and Muslim leaders. He has also sought to strengthen bonds between Judaism and Orthodox Christianity. In 1994 he worked with Rabbi David Schneier and the Appeal of Conscience Foundation to cosponsor the Peace and Tolerance Conference.

He has been a dynamic leader in efforts to ease Greek-Turkish tensions and to promote international cooperation and adherence to international law. He also cares deeply about

the environmental legacy we will leave our children, cosponsoring an annual conference devoted to the protection of the environment.

I am honored to be a co-sponsor of this bill. Patriarch Bartholomew is truly an outstanding world leader whose dedication to promoting religious tolerance and unity is an inspiration to all of us.

Mr. LAFALCE. Mr. Speaker, with those remarks, I join with the distinguished chairman of the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. LEACH] and I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore [Mr. LAHOOD]. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Iowa?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 2248

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

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds that—

(1) Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew—

(A) is the spiritual leader of nearly 300 million Orthodox Christians around the world and millions of Orthodox Christians in America; and

(B) is recognized in the United States and abroad as a leader in the quest for world peace, respect for the earth's environment, and greater religious understanding;

(2) the extraordinary efforts of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew continue to bring people of all faiths closer together in America and around the world;

(3) the courageous leadership of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew for peace in the Balkans, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, the Eastern Mediterranean, and elsewhere inspires and encourages people of all faiths toward his dream of world peace in the new millennium; and

(4) the outstanding accomplishments of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew have been formally recognized and honored by numerous governmental, academic, and other institutions around the world.

SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.

(a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, a gold medal of appropriate design to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions to religious understanding and peace.

(b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purpose of the presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary of the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the "Secretary") shall strike a gold medal with suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the Secretary.

SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.

The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 2 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, and at a price sufficient to cover the costs thereof, including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead expenses, and the cost of the gold medal.

SEC. 4. NATIONAL MEDALS.

The medals struck pursuant to this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United States Code.

SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; PROCEEDS OF SALE.

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is hereby authorized to be charged against the Numismatic Public Enterprise Fund an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to pay

for the cost of the medal authorized by this Act.

(b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the sales of duplicate bronze medals under section 3 shall be deposited in the Numismatic Public Enterprise Fund.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 2248, the bill just passed.

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

There was no objection.

PERMISSION TO FILE SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON H.R. 10, ENHANCEMENT OF COMPETITION IN THE FINANCIAL SERVICES INDUSTRY

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to file on behalf of the Committee on Banking and Financial Services a supplemental report to accompany the bill (H.R. 10) to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, and for other purposes.

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

There was no objection.

25TH ANNUAL REPORT ON FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES, FISCAL YEAR 1996—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: *To the Congress of the United States:*

As provided by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (Public Law 92-463; 5 U.S.C., App. 2, 6(c)), I am submitting the Twenty-Fifth Annual Report on Federal Advisory Committees, covering fiscal year 1996.

The executive branch continues to implement my policy of maintaining the number of advisory committees within the ceiling of 534 required by Executive Order 12838 of February 10, 1993. As a result, the number of discretionary advisory committees (established under general congressional authorizations) was held to 501, or 37 percent fewer than those 801 committees in existence at the beginning of my Administration. Savings achieved

through the elimination of discretionary committees during fiscal year 1996 totalled \$2.5 million.

Through the advisory committee planning process required by Executive Order 12838, departments and agencies have worked to minimize the total number of advisory committees specifically mandated by statute. The 407 such groups supported at the end of fiscal year 1996 represents a modest 7 percent decrease over the 439 in existence at the beginning of my Administration. However, more can be done to assure that the total costs to fund these groups in fiscal year 1997, or \$38.5 million, are dedicated to support high-priority public involvement efforts.

During fiscal year 1996, the General Services Administration (GSA) initiated a process for collaborating with executive departments and agencies to increase public participation opportunities at all levels of American society. Building upon my Administration's commitment to expand access to Federal decisionmakers, managers at all levels will be provided with more timely guidance that includes enhanced options for achieving objectives, better training, and exposure to a variety of tools and techniques, which when used in conjunction with advisory committees, offer additional flexibility to address a wide variety of public participation needs.

Actions to broaden the scope and effectiveness of public participation within the Federal sector will continue during fiscal year 1997. During the year, GSA will develop newly updated guidance implementing FACA. At the same time, GSA will continue to support and work closely with such agencies as the Council on Environmental Quality and the Departments of Agriculture and the Interior to align its efforts with key Administration policies relating to ecosystem and land management priorities.

My Administration will continue to work with the Congress to assure that all advisory committees that are required by statute are regularly reviewed through the congressional reauthorization process and that remaining committees are instrumental in achieving national interests.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 17, 1997.

REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING CONTINUING NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO IRAN—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

To the Congress of the United States:

I hereby report to the Congress on developments concerning the national