

Senior, volunteered for the Navy. Later, my father helped develop the method of dropping the atomic bomb from a fighter bomber that helped change the formula during the Cold War, and helped preserve the peace and preserved America's deterrence. Bob Smiley was instrumental in the Polaris Submarine program, which also deterred war with the Soviet Union. Their technological know-how helped deter war with the Soviet Union until communism collapsed under its own weight, under the weight of its own contradictions and evil.

America is losing one thousand of these veterans from World War II from the Saving Private Ryan generation every day. They escorted us to the doorway of a new millennium. As we enter this new era, which will have unimaginable opportunity and prosperity and peace and freedom, let us remember the Robert Smileys and the Don Rohrabachers and the men and women of their generation for the magnificent gift that they have left us.

Ours would be a far darker and more frightening world if it was not for them, if it was not for their service and their courage. In the history of America, few generations have carried such a heavy burden for as long as they did, or confronted more monumental challenges, or gave so much.

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Those truly were great Americans. So let us salute this generation as it marches on. Let us keep faith with them by insisting that America remain true to its ideals of liberty, justice, and democracy. Our greatest tribute to those who saved the world from the Nazis and from the Japanese militarists is to keep America the beacon of hope for the oppressed, to make sure that Old Glory keeps waving proud and strong over the land of the free and the home of the brave.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PETRI) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

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

With gratitude and praise, we are thankful that people of faith can more completely understand and respect each other. O gracious God, as You

have created us as one people and breathed into our hearts the very essence of life, we celebrate our common calling to be people of faith and hope and love and to express that faith in those good works that strengthen the weak, provide food for the hungry, clothing to the needy and shelter to the homeless. While we appreciate our own traditions and heritage, we pray, O God, that we would be better stewards of the great gifts that we share together. Unite us, strengthen us and keep us all in Your grace, now and evermore. 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 Guam (Mr. UNDERWOOD) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. UNDERWOOD 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:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 29, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on October 29, 1999 at 11:30 a.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he transmits to the Congress an attached notice on the continuation of the Sudanese emergency.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHLL,
Clerk.

CONTINUATION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO SUDAN—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 106-151)

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:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice, stating that the Sudanese emergency is to continue in effect beyond November 3, 1999, to the *Federal Register* for publication.

The crisis between the United States and Sudan that led to the declaration on November 3, 1997, of a national emergency has not been resolved. The Government of Sudan continues to support international terrorism and efforts to destabilize neighboring governments, and engage in human rights violations, including the denial of religious freedom. Such Sudanese actions pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to maintain in force the broad authorities necessary to apply economic pressure on the Government of Sudan.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, October 29, 1999.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from James M. Eagen III, Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 27, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC 20515.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House that I have received a subpoena for documents issued by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I will make the determinations required by Rule VIII.

Sincerely,

JAMES M. EAGEN III,
Chief Administrative Officer.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF MEMBER OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from John M. Allen, Director of the Office of Communications Media of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, October 26, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC 20515.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House that the Custodian of Records, House Recording Studio has received a subpoena for documents issued by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I will make the determinations required by Rule VIII.

Sincerely,

JOHN M. ALLEN,

Director, Office of Communications Media.

FIGHTING CRIME IN AMERICA

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday's edition of the Las Vegas Sun contained a story detailing disturbing increases in gang violence and gang membership in the Las Vegas metropolitan area. Although gang violence is not unique to Las Vegas, violent crime is a problem that plagues most communities across this Nation.

As we continue to debate the appropriations bill for the Commerce, State, and Justice Departments, my hope is that we can all unite together to pass legislation that will improve the Federal response to combating violence in America. It is obvious to most Americans that putting more police on the street is just a beginning. We must encourage all segments of society to work together in implementing effective crime fighting strategies.

Additionally, we need to remove the bureaucratic red tape which discourages local law enforcement agencies from seeking Federal funding for their crime fighting programs.

I look forward to supporting an appropriations plan which will give State and local governments more control over how to best combat crime in their individual communities. We can win the battle against crime but we need to provide our communities with the power to fight crime.

CHINESE RELATIONS

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, reports say the White House will support China over Taiwan, thus communism over democracy. Unbelievable. The reports say the White House will put tough conditions on it. Like what, Mr. Speaker? A waiting period on Chinese missile launches? A promise that China will not sell any of their stolen technology at missile shows? How about trigger locks on all those Chinese missiles?

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. These cerebral constipators have already given away the farm. Now they are starting to play with our freedom.

I yield back the fact that we built the Panama Canal and China now runs it.

REPUBLICAN CONGRESS WORKING TO PROTECT SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, for 30 years Washington big spenders have raided the Social Security trust fund. They have put big government programs ahead of retirement security for hardworking Americans.

The Republican Congress has changed that. We put the Social Security surplus in a lockbox and we are not spending a dime of it. But the Democrat leadership just does not think this is a good idea. They think we should wait and see if we can find any money in the budget before we meet our commitment to our Nation's workers and retirees.

That approach just does not cut it. The money is already there. So we Republicans are asking each Federal agency to trim waste, fraud and abuse. We will take one penny from each dollar in their budgets and let them decide how to get by without it. In other words, we will not cut a single program. Instead, we look to the bureaucracy to cut down on waste, fraud and abuse so we can strengthen retirement security for American workers.

LOCKBOX LEGISLATION HELD HOSTAGE

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

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday was Halloween, another landmark along the trail of days since the House passed my Social Security lockbox protection bill. Since we passed this important bill on May 26, we have celebrated Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day, Columbus Day and now Halloween. Veterans Day is only 10 days from now and Thanksgiving, Hanukkah and Christmas are just around the corner. And all this time what has happened to the Social Security lockbox in the other body? Absolutely nothing. On six separate occasions, Democrats in the other body have voted to keep this vital bill from coming to the Senate floor for a vote.

Despite the stall on the lockbox bill, we will be successful this year in protecting Social Security and Medicare funds from the congressional big spenders. Stopping the raid was not easy. It will be a tough fight for years into the future unless the fight is made easier with the passage of the Social Security lockbox bill.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for seniors to stop counting holidays and to start counting on the money that should be set aside for their retirement needs.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any recorded votes on postponed questions will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules, but not before 6 p.m. today.

FEMA AND CIVIL DEFENSE MONUMENT ACT

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 348) to authorize the construction of a monument to honor those who have served the Nation's civil defense and emergency management programs.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 348

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

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY.

(a) GRANT OF AUTHORITY.—The United States National Civil Defense Monument Commission (in this Act referred to as the "Commission"), a private nonprofit organization organized under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, is authorized to construct a Monument to honor those who have served the Nation's civil defense and emergency management programs.

(b) EXPIRATION.—The authority granted by this section shall expire 7 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, unless before the expiration of such 7-year period—

- (1) the approvals required by sections 2(a) and (b) have been obtained; and
- (2) the construction of the Monument has begun.

SEC. 2. SITE AND DESIGN.

(a) SITE.—Subject to the approval of the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Commission may select the site upon which the Monument will be constructed. Such site shall be on Federal land controlled by the Federal Emergency Management Agency at Emmitsburg, Maryland.

(b) DESIGN.—Subject to the approval of the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Commission may develop the design of the Monument.

SEC. 3. CONSTRUCTION COSTS.

The costs of constructing the Monument shall be paid out of contributions to the Commission.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) and the gentleman from Guam (Mr. UNDERWOOD) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN).

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in support of H.R. 348, introduced by the gentleman from Maryland