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The House met at 2 p.m.

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

We and all the generations before us have found assurance and strength in the Book of Psalms and so we are bold to pray: We give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever. We give thanks to the God of gods, for His steadfast love endures forever. O let us give thanks to the Lord of lords, for His steadfast love endures forever.

We pray, gracious God, that You would lift our eyes and hearts and minds so that we would see Your steadfast love in all we do. And help us to translate that abiding grace so that we relate to other people with deeds of justice and with hearts of mercy. This is our earnest Prayer. 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 Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GIBBONS 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.

### SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS-ELECT

The SPEAKER. Will the Members who were not sworn in on opening day kindly come to the well of the House and take the oath of office at this time.

Messrs. MOLLOHAN, HOYER, STARK and GALLEGLY appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, 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 in which you are about to enter. So help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now Members of the 106th Congress.

### SWEARING IN OF SERGEANT AT ARMS

The SPEAKER. Will the Sergeant at Arms come to the well of the House and take the oath of office at this time.

The Sergeant at Arms, Wilson Livingood, appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, 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 of which you are about to enter. So help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE ELLEN SICKLES JAMES

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable Ellen Sickles James:

Martinez, CA, January 7, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, The Capitol, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: On January 6, 1999 you designated me to administer the oath of office to Representative-elect George Miller of the Seventh District of the State of California under House Resolution 12, One Hundred Sixth Congress.

Under such designation, I have the honor to report that on January 7, 1999 at Martinez I administered the oath of office to Mr. Miller. Mr. Miller took the oath prescribed by 5 U.S.C. 3331. I have sent two copies of the oath, signed by Mr. Miller, to the Clerk of the House.

Sincerely,  
Judge ELLEN SICKLES JAMES, Ret.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE MARC B. POCHÉ

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable Marc B. Poché:

COURT OF APPEAL,

San Francisco, CA, January 8, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, The Capitol, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: On January 6, 1999, you designated me to administer the oath of office to Representative-elect Sam Farr of the Seventeenth District of the State of California under House Resolution 13, One Hundred Sixth Congress.

Under such designation, I have the honor to report that on January 8, 1999, at Carmel, California, I administered the oath of office to Mr. Farr. Mr. Farr took the oath prescribed by 5 U.S.C. section 3331. I have sent two copies of the oath, signed by Mr. Farr, to the Clerk of the House.

Sincerely,  
MARC B. POCHÉ.

### PERMISSION FOR MORNING HOUR DEBATES

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that on legislative days of Monday and Tuesday during the first session of the 106th Congress,

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the House shall convene 90 minutes earlier than the time otherwise established by order of the House solely for the purpose of conducting "morning-hour debate" (except that on Tuesdays after May 4, 1999, the House shall convene for that purpose one hour earlier than the time otherwise established by order of the House);

the time for morning-hour debate shall be limited to 30 minutes allocated to each party (except that on Tuesdays after May 4, 1999, the time shall be limited to 25 minutes allocated to each party and may not continue beyond 10 minutes before the hour appointed for the resumption of the session of the House); and,

the form of proceeding to morning-hour debate shall be as follows:

the prayer by the Chaplain, the approval of the Journal, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag shall be postponed until resumption of the session of the House;

initial and subsequent recognitions for debate shall alternate between the parties;

recognition shall be conferred by the Speaker only pursuant to lists submitted by the majority leader and the minority leader;

no Member may address the House for longer than 5 minutes (except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip); and

following morning-hour debate, the Chair shall declare a recess pursuant to clause 12 of rule I until the time appointed for the resumption of the session of the House.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

#### ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE UNTIL TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1999

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 11) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the concurrent resolution, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 11

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring).* That when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Tuesday, January 19, 1999, it stand adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 2, 1999.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid upon the table.

#### PERMISSION FOR SPEAKER TO ENTERTAIN MOTIONS TO SUSPEND RULES ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1999

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order at any time on Wednesday, February 3, 1999, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules, provided that the Speaker or his designee consult with the minority leader

or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this request.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

#### REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY AND MILITARY/COMMERCIAL CONCERNS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of section 2(f) of House Resolution 5, 106th Congress, the Chair reappoints the following Members of the House to the Select Committee on U.S. National Security, Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China:

Mr. COX of California, Chairman;

Mr. GOSS of Florida,

Mr. BEREUTER of Nebraska,

Mr. HANSEN of Utah,

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania,

Mr. DICKS of Washington,

Mr. SPRATT of South Carolina,

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD of California, and

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia.

#### CORRECTION OF NAMES OF COMMITTEES IN HOUSE RESOLUTION 7 AND VACATION OF ELECTION OF MEMBER TO PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that any references to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight and the Committee on National Security in House Resolution 7 adopted on January 6, 1999, be changed to the Committee on Government Reform and the Committee on Armed Services, respectively, and that the election of Mr. Dixon of California to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence by the adoption of House Resolution 7 be vacated.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO BOARD OF REGENTS OF SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of sections 5580 and 5581 of the revised statutes (20 U.S.C. 42-43), the Chair appoints the following Members of the House to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:

Mr. REGULA of Ohio,

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas.

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS DURING FIRST SESSION OF 106TH CONGRESS AS OFFICIAL ADVISERS TO THE UNITED STATES DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, MEETINGS, AND NEGOTIATION SESSIONS RELATING TO TRADE AGREEMENTS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of section 161(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2211), the Chair appoints the following Members of the House to be accredited by the President as official advisers to the United States delegations to international conferences, meetings and negotiation sessions relating to trade agreements during the first session of the 106th Congress:

Mr. ARCHER of Texas,

Mr. CRANE of Illinois,

Mr. THOMAS of California,

Mr. RANGEL of New York, and

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan.

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 11 of rule X and clause 11 of rule I, the Chair appoints the following Members of the House to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:

Mr. LEWIS of California,

Mr. MCCOLLUM of Florida,

Mr. CASTLE of Delaware,

Mr. BOEHLERT of New York,

Mr. BASS of New Hampshire,

Mr. GIBBONS of Nevada,

Mr. LAHOOD of Illinois, and

Ms. WILSON of New Mexico.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK,

Washington, DC, January 19, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,

The Speaker,

U.S. House of Representatives,

Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Under Clause 2(g) of Rule II of the Rules of the House of Representatives, I herewith designate Mr. Daniel F.C. Crowley, Deputy Clerk, to sign any and all papers and do all other acts for me under the name of the Clerk of the House which he would be authorized to do by virtue of this designation, except such as are provided by statute, in case of my temporary absence or disability.

This designation shall remain in effect for the 106th Congress or until modified by me. With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL, Clerk.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives: