

PRAYER

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

Give us, O gracious God, the full measure of Your blessings and on this day we pray for the gift of patience. We are busy with our lives and our work and we move quickly to seize the opportunity and run toward the mark. Yet we know too, O God, that some parts of life take time and need nurture and growth and cannot be hurried. We are grateful for those occasions when time is our friend and allows us the opportunity to experience wisdom and healing and growth. May our rush to accomplish never blind us from the fact that the gift of patience can be our strength and our friend, and a gift for all time. This is our earnest prayer. 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 North Carolina (Mr. BALLENGER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BALLENGER 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.

WITHOUT A REPUBLICAN MAJORITY IN CONGRESS, THE DEMOCRATS WOULD SPEND THE BUDGET SURPLUS

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker the President proposed a budget with \$200 billion deficits as far as the eye could see only a few short years ago. Republicans refused to accept his budget and insisted instead on a balanced budget, and the liberals called us the extremists. They called us mean-spirited. They accused us of being right wing. It is all so familiar.

But now the President takes credit for what the Republicans worked for since 1995, just like welfare reform. No matter, Republicans have put America on the road to fiscal responsibility by balancing our books and starting to pay down the \$5 trillion debt. Now it is time for some tax relief, too. Debt reduction and tax relief, that is what the budget surplus should go towards.

Democrats have other ideas: No tax cuts. Those who believe the rhetoric about debt reduction are being naive

and historically mistaken. They will spend the surplus. It will not stay in Washington, especially if Republicans are no longer in the majority.

ANNOUNCING THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE LYNN STALBAUM, FORMER MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM WISCONSIN

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

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, it is my duty as Dean of the Wisconsin delegation to announce the death of a former Member, the Honorable Lynn Stalbaum, who served Wisconsin's first District in 1965 and 1966. During his service in Congress he served with distinction on the Committee on Agriculture.

Before his service in Congress he served on a destroyer for 2 years during World War II. He was the assistant minority Leader in the Wisconsin State Senate, where he served for 10 years. He was once described by Aldric Revell, the dean of State Capitol correspondents, as being a legislator who had the maddening tendency to expect reason to dominate legislative debate.

After he left Congress he worked for dairy farmers for a number of years trying to help increase milk prices. He served as the President of Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Bethesda. He also ran a tax filing business, and he taught on a number of occasions, he taught H&R Block people how to do tax returns, so he knew his way around the Tax Code.

He was always an individual of immense good cheer. He was also a person who never forgot that our job here is to work for the common man, and he did that every day of his career, both in the State legislature and in the Congress. Services will be held at Joseph Gawler's & Sons, 5130 Wisconsin Avenue, Wednesday night at 7:30. Visitation will be tonight between 7 and 9 o'clock.

We all, I am sure, send our sympathies to his family.

A SALUTE TO THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

(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, as a life member of Post 3819 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Reno, Nevada, I rise today to express my strongest support of House Joint Resolution 34 commending the 100 anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Honoring the dead by helping the living has been the VFW motto, and a lasting call to the 2 million members who help and honor those deserving veterans because of the service and commitment they gave to this country.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States traces its roots back to

Columbus, Ohio, on September 29, 1899, nearly 100 years ago. And because of this, House Joint Resolution 34 calls upon the President to issue a proclamation recognizing the 100th anniversary of the VFW, and would call upon the people of the United States to also observe the anniversary with appropriate ceremonies and celebrations.

Recognition of military service and remembrance of the sacrifices made in the Nation's defense are among the major purposes of the VFW. Therefore, it is only fitting that this Congress, the very body that makes the decisions of war, should honor the veterans of foreign wars.

To the VFW, I salute them for their honor, their valor, and their continued achievements. God bless them.

ANNOUNCING FIELD HEARING OF HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD, YOUTH AND FAMILIES IN ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA

(Ms. SANCHEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to report that next week the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families will be holding a congressional hearing in my district in Anaheim, California, and will talk about parenting and community involvement in education.

Kids today bring so many needs to the classroom, and we are all responsible for what happens, and to make sure that those needs are met, parents and teachers and educators, Federal, State, and local government, the corporate and the nonprofit sectors, our institutions of higher education and our law enforcement agencies.

Teachers cannot meet the needs alone. Parents cannot do it alone. It is too late when our kids get to the universities. Recent events all over our Nation have proven that our young people certainly cannot make it on their own.

Schools need adequate resources, especially those with the children and the families who need it the most, so our schools can focus on education instead of fundraising. That falls to all of us. So we are going to be discussing how our communities can and should be working together. We will hear from parents and teachers and students and members of the community on how to do that.

Our children will take our Nation to wonderful new heights in the 21st century.

THE RIGHTS OF PARENTS UNDER ATTACK AT UNITED NATIONS' CAIRO PLUS 5 PREP CONFERENCE

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, today as the United Nations Cairo Plus 5 Prep Conference on Population and Development is going on in New York, our young women around the world are under attack. At Cairo Plus 5, it is the U.S. delegation which is suggesting that any future document should delete virtually all references to parental rights when it comes to a girl's adolescent sexuality; that is right, the U.S. delegation.

It is interesting that this is the same week during which we in Congress will address parental rights domestically as we consider the important Child Custody Protection Act.

As we speak, young women and their parents around the world face the threat of yet another another government-knows-best strategy that has more potential to destroy families.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that the countries of the world who still hold to the importance of parents in critical decisions will reject this propaganda and exploitation of paternity from the U.S. representatives by ensuring and protecting their care-giving parents with the rights inherent in that role.

AMERICA HAS ANOTHER RECORD TRADE DEFICIT

(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, for the third straight month America has another record trade deficit. China and Japan are now taking \$130 billion a year out of our economy. China and Japan are taking \$130 billion a year out of our economy, and no one in Washington is even paying any attention.

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. While Congress worries about the Balkans, Asia, Africa, and the Mideast, Congress is ignoring the good old U.S.A. I believe that is a recipe for disaster. I yield back what jobs we have left.

LAWMAKERS SHOULD BE GUIDED BY THE WORDS OF THE FOUNDERS OF OUR NATION

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

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, no matter the issue, no matter the arguments, there is one principle which undergirds the proceedings in this House Chamber and one principle which we should rise to uphold. It is enshrined forever in the three opening words of the living document that we swear allegiance to, our Constitution, as our Founders had the great and good sense to use the words, "We, the people."

President Lincoln offered validation of that perspective over 100 years later when he spoke in Gettysburg of a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

Mr. Speaker, today, shortly, as we take up legislation on this floor, we will consider measures to help provide for those who have provided for our common defense. Whether the issue is veterans' health care, health care for all Americans, or our fiscal responsibility, we would do well to be guided by the words of our Founders.

AMERICA AND ITS ALLIES SHOULD DO MORE TO PROTECT THE SERBIAN POPULATION IN KOSOVO

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

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I am disappointed at the failure of the United States and our allies to do a better job of protecting the Serbian population of Kosovo. I think we had a strong moral right to go to the aid of the Albanian population of that place. We did it because we wanted to protect innocent people from being persecuted based on their ethnicity.

No doubt there are Serbs who deserve to be prosecuted because of their actions, but no people deserves to be mistreated because of their ethnicity. We took over the province militarily. We did so for good reasons. But along with taking it over comes an obligation to protect innocent people.

I understand it is difficult. I understand this is not the primary task which military people have been trained for. We will not fully do it until we get a police force in there. I understand things happened very rapidly before there could be complete preparation.

The fact is, we have a strong moral obligation. As strong as our moral obligation was to protect the Albanian Kosovars, so do we have a moral obligation to protect the great mass of Serbian people. We are not doing nearly as good a job about that as we should.

FROM SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, AN INCREDIBLE STORY OF NICE GUYS FINISHING FIRST

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

Mr. BONILLA. Mr. Speaker, from San Antonio, we have an incredible story of nice guys finishing first. This past weekend the torch of basketball greatness was passed from the Chicago Bulls to the San Antonio Spurs.

The Spurs are now the NBA champions. They are an unusual bunch for our time: selfless, no hot dogs, no hams on the team, just hard-working men who demonstrated the highest form of character. They are gentlemen who set good examples for our young people. They showed that you can play great offense, great defense, and also be a great person.

To owners Julianna and Peter Holt, to Coach Gregg Popovich, to the starting lineup of Sean Elliott, Mario Elie, Tim Duncan, David Robinson, and the little general who made the big shot, Avery Johnson, congratulations on blowing away the New York Knicks to become the new World Champions.

You've given us, the long-time fans of South Texas, an experience we will cherish forever.

THE SOCIAL SECURITY "LOCKBOX"

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, we passed in the House a very, very significant bill. It had to do with the lockbox. What it did is it put the social security money basically off-budget so that we would not continue to do as we have done in the past, which is combine social security money with general purpose spending.

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We passed that out of the House. We had a good debate on it. There was disagreement here and there, but we passed it. The will of the House was to move it forward. But now the Senate, which we appropriately address as "the other body," but it is the other body, they will not move on that.

It is very important to my grandmother, to your grandmother, to your parents, that we quit mixing Social Security proceeds with general operating revenues. There is not a business in America that is allowed to mix its pension plan with its operating expenses. It is now time for the other body to vote on this bill, which the President supports, and let us protect the retirement of our grandparents and parents.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Members are reminded not to refer in debate to action or inaction by the other body.

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, June 25, 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 June 25, 1999 at 1:34 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he submits a copy of an Executive Order entitled, Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention and the Chemical Weapons Convention Implementation Act.