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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2000, at 12 noon.

## House of Representatives

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2000

The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

As winter times descend upon this Nation, we gather today to seek the warmth of Your guidance and the strength to face cold, realistic winds, O Lord.

Though the days grow shorter our minds and hearts are in need of Your Spirit to broaden our vision and unite a nation.

Grant Your people patience. Teach us wisdom in our waiting.

As color fades from the earth help us to break deep down into new depths of understanding and once again be rooted in the principles of our constitution.

May the Members of this House and all public servants of the court and government be agents of stability and Your instruments of peace now and forever. 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 Indiana (Mr. PEASE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PEASE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 3205. An act to enhance the capability of the United States to deter, prevent, thwart, and respond to international acts of terrorism against United States nationals and interests.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, November 15, 2000.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted by Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on November 14, 2000 at 7:14 p.m.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5633.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH,  
*Clerk of the House.*

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair announces that pursuant to clause 4 of rule 1, the

Speaker signed the following enrolled bill on Wednesday, November 15, 2000:

H.R. 5633, making appropriations for the Government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE BILL ARCHER, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable BILL ARCHER, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, November 14, 2000.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a civil subpoena for documents issued by the United States District for the Southern District of Texas.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that it is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House to comply with the subpoena.

Sincerely,

BILL ARCHER,  
*Member of Congress.*

### COMMUNICATION FROM FINANCIAL COUNSELING DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF FINANCE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



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Jacqueline Aamot, Financial Counseling Director, Office of Finance, House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

*Washington, DC, November 15, 2000.*

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

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

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

Sincerely,

JACQUELINE AAMOT,  
*Financial Counseling Director,*  
*Office of Finance.*

#### COMMUNICATION FROM ACTING ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR, OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from J. Michael Dorsey, Acting Associate Administrator, Office of Human Resources, House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

*Washington, DC, November 15, 2000.*

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

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

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

Sincerely,

J. MICHAEL DORSEY,  
*Acting Associate Administrator,*  
*Office of Human Resources.*

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE TODD TIAHRT, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable TODD TIAHRT, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
*Washington, DC, November 17, 2000.*

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena for testimony issued by the Municipal Court for the City of Wichita, Kansas.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is inconsistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

TODD TIAHRT,  
*Member of Congress.*

#### COMMUNICATION FROM DISTRICT DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF THE HONORABLE TODD TIAHRT, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from Robert Noland, District Director, Office of the Honorable TODD TIAHRT, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
*Washington, DC, November 17, 2000.*

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena for testimony issued by the Municipal Court for the City of Wichita, Kansas.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is inconsistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

ROBERT NOLAND,  
*District Director.*

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE SHERWOOD L. BOEHLERT, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable SHERWOOD L. BOEHLERT, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
*Washington, DC, November 29, 2000.*

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a civil subpoena for documents issued by the Supreme Court of New York, County of Onondaga.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that it is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House to comply with the subpoena.

Sincerely,

SHERWOOD L. BOEHLERT,  
*Member of Congress.*

#### SWEETHEART NUCLEAR WASTE DEALS

(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, today I rise dismayed and appalled by the illegal sweetheart deals being made by the Department of Energy and the nuclear power industry.

These backroom agreements between the Clinton-Gore administration and the nuclear industry ignore the public safety and health of millions of Americans, and run completely contrary to the laws passed by Congress.

This Congress has always maintained that any nuclear waste repository project must be based on sound science and safety. However, documents recently released by the DOE show that the Department is not concerned at all with safety or science. Their prime concern is "selling" Nevada's Yucca

Mountain project as a permanent nuclear waste dump, even though the final suitability studies have not been completed.

The DOE has chosen to risk the health and safety of millions of Americans and expose them to a devastating environmental disaster because it is an expedient answer to a problem faced by the nuclear industry.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, this administration has misled Congress, ignored the law, and jeopardized the safety of America.

#### TIME TO CERTIFY GEORGE W. BUSH AS THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

(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, Josef Stalin once said: Those who cast the ballots decide nothing; those who count the ballots decide everything.

How true it is. The wrinkled, dimpled, even pregnant chads have been counted several times. The Florida Supreme Court went beyond its bounds in changing the intent of Florida law.

It is time for the courts and the lawyers to get out of the way and to certify George W. Bush as the 43rd President of the United States of America.

Enough is enough. The division and stratification must stop. I yield back the need to begin a transition to a George W. Bush administration.

#### VICE PRESIDENT GORE SHOULD CONCEDE THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND ALLOW THE PRESIDENT-ELECT TO BEGIN THE TRANSITION TO OFFICE

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

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, almost 4 weeks ago the American people went to the polls to elect a new president. This election was close, but the election is over. Governor George Bush is the certified winner of 271 electoral votes. He is the president-elect.

However, Vice President GORE has taken the unprecedented step of contesting a presidential election in court. Governor Bush won the original vote in Florida. He then won the required recount vote and won again, and won again when the overseas ballots were included. He won a fourth time when the counties submitted the results of their hand counts and the Secretary of State certified the results.

For the first time in history, the party currently in control of the White House is refusing to cooperate with the transition to a new administration. Vice President GORE should concede, end his legal challenges, and allow the President-elect to prepare to take on the awesome responsibilities of the office.