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The House met at 12:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. STEARNS).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 2, 2000.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CLIFF STEARNS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 19, 1999, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to not to exceed 30 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to not to exceed 5 minutes.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

1400

AFTER RECESS

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

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PRAYER

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

Throughout our religious history and the story of this Nation, You have tried to teach us, O Lord. In Jesus, in the prophets and even in our own times, You tell us: "the just suffer for the unjust to lead us closer to You."

If we read the stories with the eyes of faith, we come to see that even suffering has a purpose.

Any difficulty or period of trial can bring us closer to You, O Lord.

In the ancient story of Noah or in early patriotic stories of this Nation, You teach us that people cannot only come through periods of testing safely, they can, in their suffering, discover Your holy presence as never before.

As we listen to the stories of victims who become survivors, we marvel at the strength they find in You, O Lord. Their witness becomes our call to be renewed in faith.

Your faithfulness remains now and forever.

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 Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LATOURETTE 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.

PAY THE NATION'S BILLS

(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, when I was getting ready to come to Washington today, I put on this suit which I had not worn in quite a while; and when I reached into my pocket, I found, much to my surprise, a \$10 bill.

I pulled it out and said to my wife, Dawn, "Look, honey, \$10." It was kind of like having free money.

But she quickly reminded me and shook her head, took the \$10, and told me that we still had bills to pay.

It reminded me of the budget battle that we are facing today here in this House. And since our Democrats like our Nation's surplus, think of it as free money, but it is not.

My colleagues, we still have a big bill to pay of our Nation's public debt. And the surplus would not have been possible without the common sense policies of this Republican Congress. And now we must exercise the same responsibility with the surplus and reject the Democrats' big spending plans.

We can pay down the national debt and meet this Nation's most pressing needs, like enacting prescription drug plans that offer seniors real choice. But we must commit 90 percent of the surplus to paying our bills to wiping out our public debt, because no one is going to reach into the pocket of an old suit and pull out \$6.5 trillion.

SALUTING 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BELLWOOD, ILLINOIS

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to salute the village of Bellwood, Illinois, which is celebrating its 100th year anniversary. It is a quiet,

quaint little village made up of some of the finest people in this country.

One of the ways that they decided to celebrate their 100th year anniversary was to give away 100 appreciation slips to individuals who had performed acts of kindness. And so, anybody who wanted to submit a person who performed an act of kindness in the village of Bellwood, all they had to do was submit to the mayor.

So I commend Mayor Donald T. Lemm, all of the members of the board of trustees, and wish them another great 100 years.

STAR WITNESS IN PAN AM 103 TRIAL IS CIA INFORMANT

(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, the star witness in the Pan Am 103 trial turns out to be a paid CIA informant who lied through his teeth. Reports say his testimony was so phoney his nose is still growing.

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker.

The families of the victims deserve the truth.

An original Mossad report said that Iran hired Ahmed Jibrial and all this attention on Malta is simply to cover up a drug run from Frankfurt to New York by an operative who was close to the CIA that embarrasses the CIA.

It is time to investigate the truth.

I yield back the fact that, if these two Libyans were responsible for blowing up Pan Am 103, they have already choked on a chicken bone in a jail cell of Qadhafi's.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of 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.

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

LARRY SMALL POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4315) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3695 Green Road in Beachwood, Ohio, as the "Larry Small Post Office Building."

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4315

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

SECTION 1. LARRY SMALL POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3695 Green Road in Beachwood, Ohio, shall be known and designated as the "Larry Small Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Larry Small Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LATOURETTE. 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. 4315.

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

There was no objection.

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

(Mr. LATOURETTE asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4315.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to support H.R. 4315, which will designate the post office located at 3695 Green Road in Beachwood, Ohio, as the "Larry Small Post Office Building."

I can really think of no person more deserving of this honor than Larry Small. My colleagues would be hard pressed, Mr. Speaker, to find a person who cares for, about, or has done more for the city of Beachwood, Ohio, a thriving Cleveland suburb. I am pleased that all 19 members of the Ohio delegation are supporting this measure, as required by the rules of our subcommittee.

Mr. Speaker, Larry Small, at the young age of 82, decided to retire last year after 32 years serving on the Beachwood City Council and numerous civic organizations. He prides himself on being a voice of the people and is just as accessible and helpful to the common man as those in loftier positions. He counts among his friends my good friend and colleague, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Mrs. JONES).

The gentlewoman from Ohio (Mrs. JONES) and I have the honor of splitting in this world of gerrymandering the city of Beachwood, Ohio; and she is a cosponsor of this legislation.

I would note, for the RECORD, that travel difficulties make it impossible for her to be here at this hour; and even though I have asked for general leave, Mr. Speaker, I specifically ask unanimous consent that the gentlewoman from Ohio (Mrs. JONES) have the opportunity to supplement the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Small also counts among his friends former Congressman Ed Feighan and also worked with George Stephanopoulos when he was a staffer for Congressman Feighan.

Larry Small has witnessed the tremendous transformation and growth of Beachwood over the last four decades.

In 1960, when Beachwood first attained city status, it had a population of just over 6,000 residents. Today there are more than 2,900 homes, more than 21 apartments and condominiums, and the population exceeds 12,000. The city covers just six square miles.

When Larry Small was first elected to the Beachwood Council, the city has had a tax duplicate of less than \$50 million. Today it is more than half a billion dollars.

Larry is credited with developing a full-time fire department and bringing paramedics to the city's safety forces. He has been a loyal friend to the police and fire departments over the years. He is also responsible for enacting a city ordinance making gun owners responsible for the safe and secure handling and storage of their firearms.

Mr. Speaker, Larry Small was also behind the creation of the city's human services department. And let me tell my colleagues that that department is certainly responsive to the residents' needs, particularly those of the elderly.

For example, the department has joined forces with Beachwood High School to offer free driveway apron and walkway snow shoveling to the residents in the city over the age of 60. And I want to tell my colleagues that this is no small undertaking, as the city of Beachwood lies within the snowbelt in Cleveland.

In this unique program, members of the high school's freshman class have volunteered their time to shovel so the lives of the city's elderly population are made easier. All the older residents have to do is call up the high school, the human services department and the student will come to their home and shovel at their earliest convenience.

Larry Small also deserves credit for overseeing the development of most of the great recreational facilities in Beachwood, including the Beachwood pool. As a matter of fact, rumor has it that Larry carried around the blueprints of the swimming pool in the trunk of his car for 8 months after the pool was completed. He has been dubbed the "Father of the Beachwood Pool" by the local newspaper.

Larry Small, Mr. Speaker, is not just a wonderful guardian of the city of Beachwood but also anyone in need. When he was on the council, he personally responded to about a thousand calls from residents each year.

Now, though formally retired from the city council, Larry Small still gets up each day at 5:30 in the morning,