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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
September 13, 2001.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STEVEN C. LATOURETTE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

### PRAYER

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

The Lord is my light and my salvation whom should I fear!

Lord God, Your light has come into this world. Your revelation guides this Nation still.

In the very beginning You separated out the light from the darkness. Perhaps this is exactly what You want us to do on this new day.

Remove from us the darkness of fear and fantasy, projection and prejudice, blinding anger, and confusion. Help us to be realistic and unafraid to walk in the light of day, returning to ordinary tasks which make this Nation vibrant and strong.

As so many dead are laid to rest we must memorialize their ordinary innocence, their daily hopes and responsibilities as well as their love. Assist with Your grace the noble task of grieving families, medical, counseling and search teams in their untiring work of compassion.

May prayer in Your spirit enlighten the Members of this Congress so they may be sound and unified in purpose. Make them Your instruments to stabilize this Nation and bring about last-

ing peace so all Americans here and abroad, with our friends around the world, may live in the freedom of expression of faith, hope and love, 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 New York (Mr. McNULTY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. McNULTY 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.

### ON RECENT U.S. TRAGEDY

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

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, it is a new day and a new dawn in America, and how lucky I am to be an American citizen.

Watching the TV in the morning is very, very difficult because we see families looking for loved ones and we see people searching for answers and clues to this devastating tragedy.

Whoever did this may have taken a bite out of the big apple, but they are rotten to the core for inflicting the damage on innocent people.

We will see the opening, hopefully soon, of the financial markets, and we pray people are not only sensible but

reasonable and understand that there should be no egregious trading on the backs of this disaster.

When the airlines open today, we ask for calm and reasonableness as people approach those who work in our airports.

We also ask each and every citizen living in communities throughout this country to take a moment to salute the police officers, the firefighters, the military personnel who don the uniforms of service to this country, to this Nation, and to our communities to protect and provide for us. Oftentimes we are not thankful enough for those who risk their lives because we are simply usually inconvenienced at the red or blue lights we see in our rear-view mirrors. We do not thank them enough until we need them, until we call 911, and then we desperately ask for their help. Society requires us to be bigger and better than that.

I hear some of our Members complaining about not being briefed enough, not being informed enough about what has happened. I do not want a briefing, I say to my colleagues. I want those people who need to pursue this tragedy with vigor to not interrupt their investigation to brief us now. We have a chance to be Monday morning quarterbacks, we have a chance to review what has happened, but the most important thing now is answers for families and answers to who created this problem and staying resolved as a Nation that we are bigger and better than they are.

Let us not target citizens needlessly who may be related by ethnicity or religion. Let us focus on those perpetrators who inflicted this damage and this devastation to our country. We are a bigger and better place than anywhere else in the world. And in these critical hours, it is more important than ever to prove it, to show the world who we are as people, and to make certain while we talk about acts of war and

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treason and treachery that we focus our full, complete attention on those who inflicted this pain and damage.

We are a proud Nation and we are great Americans, and in this hour of need let us rise above the din of acrimony and pray to the Lord for strength and make certain that in this hour we help our fellow man more than ever before.

#### INTELLIGENCE NETWORK A WASTE OF CONGRESS' FUNDING

(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 Berlin Wall, the Soviet Union, the invasion of Kuwait, the Oklahoma City bombing, Pan Am 103, our World Trade Center, two times, now the Pentagon, and on and on. Let us tell it like it is: America gives \$60 billion a year to the FBI and CIA for intelligence, and the truth is we learned of every one of these tragedies from Fox News and CNN.

Tell me, after all these years, you mean to tell me our intelligence network cannot locate and infiltrate Osama bin Laden's organization? Tell me, Congress, when are we going to tell Afghanistan, when are we going to tell Iran that if they are housing bin Laden we will declare war against them?

The truth is we have an intelligence network that is so dumb they could throw themselves at the ground and miss, and Congress keeps throwing money down a black hole.

I yield back the fact that this is another tragedy that could have been prevented, that everybody knew was coming, and it will not be the last.

#### IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE SENSE OF TERRORIST ATTACK

(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, words cannot begin to express the emotions that Americans all across this country are experiencing after Tuesday's events. We are all grief stricken. We are stunned. We are amazed. We are angry. And amongst these emotions, we are just simply trying to make sense of it all.

Well, Mr. Speaker, I stand here to say that it is impossible to make sense of it all. It is impossible to make sense of the loss; possibly in the tens of thousands of Americans have lost their lives in these recent terrorist attacks. Innocent civilians, military officers, men and women not fighting a war but innocent mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, who were only going about their daily routine.

I would like to reiterate the words expressed by Leonard Pitts, a columnist for the Miami Herald, who is

also trying to make sense of these recent events, and I quote: "Did you want us to respect your cause? You just damned Your cause. Did you want us to fear you? You just steeled our resolve. Did you want to tear us apart? You just brought us together."

Yes, Mr. Speaker, we are a united Nation, a united country, the United States, today, tomorrow, and forever, and we will overcome.

#### AMERICANS SHOULD NOT TURN ANGER AGAINST ONE ANOTHER

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

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, this is a time for Americans to stand together through our grief and our frustration and even our anger. But I wanted to come down here this morning to say how important it is that we do not turn our anger on one another.

We are beginning to hear some disturbing reports of acts of bigotry against people who are perceived to be or who are Arab Americans or people who are wearing turbans; of angry mobs, angry crowds coming to a mosque; a person wearing a turban being thrown off a train. It is only a victory for those who would perpetrate acts of terrorism against us if we begin to turn against one another.

There are millions of Arab Americans who contribute, who died in the explosions and the attack and who are mourning, along with all the rest of Americans. We cannot as a Nation allow our grief to turn into acts of violence or acts of bigotry against one another.

I would just urge that we hold hands, that we stand firmly together to oppose this terrorism, that we stand with our allies around the world, and that we look to embracing each other as Americans to fight this enemy.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT TO COLLEAGUES REGARDING ACTIONS THEY CAN TAKE

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

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to make some announcements to our colleagues.

First of all, our colleagues can call my office today to cosponsor a Declaration of War Resolution that I have prepared which will be introduced within the next several days. This Declaration of War gives the White House the authority and the ability to declare to specific terrorist groups that in fact we are at war with.

Number two, our colleagues can call my office and cosponsor a joint resolution creating a joint task force between the U.S. and Russia to combat terrorism. This comes about because of communications I have received from

the Russian Duma offering to work with us. The Russians have the same threat that we do, and this is an opportunity for us to work together.

Number three, our colleagues can join next week in State Farm's announcement of several hundreds of thousands of dollars going to the Police and Fire Foundation to benefit the families of those police and firefighters who are currently missing in New York.

And, number four, our colleagues can join the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) and I as we announce next week the creation of a multimillion dollar fund to support the Police and Firefighters Hero Scholarship Fund in New York so that we can provide for full college scholarships for every son and daughter of every police officer and firefighter in New York City who is determined to have been killed in this terrible tragedy.

I urge my colleagues to join with us in these efforts.

#### CONDOLENCES TO FAMILIES OF VICTIMS OF TERRORIST ATTACK

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

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, this morning, again, I extend my condolences and my most heartfelt sympathies to the loved ones and families of the people that were victims in this tragic event. My prayers go out to the families that are looking with hope to find their loved ones. My gratitude continues to the men and women who are endangering their lives looking for victims. And my hope is that those that were injured will recover quickly.

It is a time of anger, a time of fear, but we need to ensure that our Constitution does not become a victim. We need to protect and ensure that we protect our civil rights. We also need to ensure that our democracy does not become a victim. We need to ensure that we protect the separation of powers. We need to ensure that the executive branch works with the Senate and the House in concert, in order that we bring about a resolution.

Our American spirit will help us overcome this great tragedy, and may God continue to bless America.

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#### HEROES

(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, Tuesday morning, a passenger named Jeremy Glick called his wife from United Airlines Flight 93 as it flew over Somerset County, Pennsylvania. Jeremy knew he was going to die, and told his wife he wanted her to have a good life and asked her to please look after their 3-