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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, October 15, 2001, at 3:30 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2001

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 12, 2001.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RAY LAHOOD 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: Lord of history and Guide of nations.

Yesterday, Members of this House gathered for a memorial service at the Pentagon, that 5-pointed star of shining military power.

There, moved not by force or might of Earthly making, You touched the Nation by the sincerity of prayer and the revelation of Your silent Spirit working within us.

As we saw new resolve in the unified precision of united human forces and we heard the call raised in the song of true freedom, we know it is You who strengthen us, as we prayed for our fallen brothers and sisters of differing age, race, creed, language, and ethnic background.

Lord our God, You take our diversity and bring about greater unity in this

world. Your Word is heard and we are brought to new life and a new awareness. In You our cause will remain right, our ways just. In You anger is transformed to commitment. Confessed vulnerability forms solidarity. In the depths of new found freedom, You lead us to greater creativity.

Your Spirit within us strengthens us for the task ahead. You alone can take the diversity of our opinions, our technology, our military, our willingness, and our alert and bring forth goodness upon the Earth and equal justice for all.

To You and You alone be glory, honor and power both 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. REYNOLDS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. REYNOLDS 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.

PLEDGING SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in the wake of disturbing reports. First, the Associated Press reported in newspapers around America yesterday that the State Department is preparing to pressure our friends in Israel to make territorial concessions including yielding part of Jerusalem to the establishment of a Palestinian state.

This morning in Israel there are reports that 2 weeks prior to the attacks on the United States of America there was an agreement signed by the State Department and the administration of Saudi Arabia to do just that, pressing Israel back to its pre-1967 borders.

Mr. Speaker, I stand today to urge the administration and the State Department to clarify the unqualified support of the United States of America for Jerusalem as the inviolate and eternal capital of Israel; and that the United States of America, Christians and Jews and all of Americans stand for the territorial integrity of Israel and so should this Congress.

SUPPORT FOR THE PATRIOT ANTI-TERRORISM BILL

(Mr. KELLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a supporter and original co-sponsor of the PATRIOT anti-terrorism

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bill. Recently, President Bush told our Nation that our citizens should take their families on a vacation to Disney World in Orlando, Florida. I have the happy privilege of representing Orlando.

Since we have a tourism-based economy, my district has been uniquely hurt by the tragic acts of September 11. Specifically, because so many people have been afraid to fly, theme park workers, convention workers, hotel workers, and cab drivers have lost their jobs.

It is critical to the people of Orlando that we pass this anti-terrorism bill to give our citizens a sense of confidence and security that our skies and country are going to be safer. This anti-terrorism bill which passed the Committee on the Judiciary unanimously deserves our support. It is a powerful piece of crime-fighting legislation. It gives FBI additional tools to go after terrorists. It creates criminal penalties for people who harbor terrorists, and at the same time it respects the civil liberties of our citizens.

I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on the PATRIOT anti-terrorism bill.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 7 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

□ 1100

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD) at 11 a.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2975, PROVIDE APPROPRIATE TOOLS REQUIRED TO INTERCEPT AND OBSTRUCT TERRORISM (PATRIOT) ACT OF 2001

Mr. LINDER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 107-238) on the resolution (H. Res. 264) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2975) to combat terrorism, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

WAIVING REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 263 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 263

Resolved, That the requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to con-

sider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House is waived with respect to any resolution reported on the legislative day of Friday, October 12, 2001, providing for consideration or disposition of the bill (H.R. 2975) to combat terrorism, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LINDER) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, H. Res. 263 waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII, which requires a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Committee on Rules.

This waiver will be applied to a special rule reported on the legislative day of Friday October 12, 2001, providing for the consideration or disposition of the bill, H.R. 2975, to combat terrorism and for other purposes.

I urge my colleagues to support the passage of this rule which will enable the House of Representatives to debate and consider the President's antiterrorism package later today.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules met at 8 o'clock this morning to begin taking testimony on the antiterrorism legislation. While the Committee on the Judiciary had reported a truly bipartisan bill by a vote of 36-0, which is somewhat miraculous, 2 weeks ago, we were not informed until 7 o'clock this morning that we would be taking testimony on a new bill, the content of which the Committee on Rules had not seen nor apparently had the members of the Committee on the Judiciary.

We now have under consideration a rule which waives the two-thirds same day consideration requirement because, during the night, a bipartisan bill was turned into a bill which most Democratic members of the Committee on the Judiciary cannot support. We are considering this waiver of the two-thirds consideration rule because so many Members understand the grave and long-lasting ramifications of this legislation. This legislation is so far reaching that they felt it necessary to come to the Committee on Rules earlier this morning to offer amendments to the new bill or to simply sit and try to get an explanation of what is actually contained in it.

Democratic Members of the Committee on Rules will not oppose this rule, but we will oppose the rule reported a few minutes ago to provide for the consideration of the new bill. We will oppose that rule because of the process and because we strongly believe it is important to maintain bipartisan cooperation in matters such as

this. While we believe the President should have the tools he needs to fight this war against terrorism, we cannot give up the role of Congress in doing so.

The majority has usurped a committee's jurisdiction and has therefore set back the hard-won bipartisan efforts of a committee not known for working in such a collegial and bipartisan manner. Both Chairman SENSENBRENNER and Ranking Member CONYERS presented to the House a fair and balanced package designed to give the administration what it needs to ferret out the terrorists among us, and they are to be commended. But to undo their work is unfair and unbalanced.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURTHA).

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could ask the gentleman from Georgia a few questions here. I have not seen a copy of the bill, and nobody on this side has been able to explain to me what is in the bill. I know in an hour that it would be very difficult to explain the intricacies of a terrorism bill which would last for some period of time.

Could you tell me the difference between the bill that the Committee on the Judiciary reported out and this particular bill that we are talking about here?

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MURTHA. I yield to the gentleman from Georgia.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, both the Senate and the House took up, at the beginning, a base bill proposed by the administration. Both the Senate and the House added provisions to the bill. In the compromise last night with the Senate, both took the most egregious provisions out. The ones that concerned me the most were the Senate bill at one point had reversed the McDade law. That has been taken back out. The Senate provisions had reversed our efforts of several years by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE) to change the forfeiture laws. That has been removed. So we have pretty much the beginnings of the House bill here stripped down from the additions. I have not read them. I have asked for explanations. That is the best I can do.

Mr. MURTHA. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. LINDER. Also, the Senate had no provision for sunset or review. The House provisions had a 2-year plus 3-year, so about a 5-year provision for sunset.

Mr. MURTHA. Could I ask the gentleman, and he may not be able to answer this question, but could we not have gone to conference since the other bill was reported out unanimously? I just wonder, is there some reason that