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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 14, 2001.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL K. SIMPSON 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:

As the fire of autumn fades and the darkening days overtake us, be with us, Lord, our God. Let Your spirit bear witness within this assembly how the horror of September events have affected us and how we have responded both in word and in deed. Now lead us as we enter the next season of war.

Let not the chilling events of terrorism freeze our soul or temper our creativity to look at all things in new ways. Take us inside with our winter questions and our desires to find hidden but safe corners of peace.

Guide the conversations and debates over the tables of this Chamber, as well as the tables of American families, business and law. Restrain us from talk of war as if we were talking about the weather or a sporting event, knowing there is nothing we can do to change things. Rather, let our words be born of determined silence, careful listening, and reflective prayer.

It is You alone, O God, who can bring good out of evil and life from a frozen will. We turn to You in prayer because it is there that every perception can change. Even how we understand our-

selves and what has happened to us. Because it is You who takes us through every season of life, to You be the honor, power and glory, 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 Georgia (Mr. LINDER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LINDER 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

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

S. Con. Res. 82. Concurrent resolution authorizing the 2002 Winter Olympics Torch Relay to come onto the Capitol Grounds.

S. Con. Res. 83. Concurrent resolution providing for a National Day of Reconciliation.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces that there will be 15 one-minutes per side.

PRESIDENT LEADS AMERICA'S WAR AGAINST TERRORISM

(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, I do not know how many of my colleagues caught the USA Today when it talked about the Clinton administration's war on terrorism and how it failed, and how after repeated bombings, whether it be the embassies, the USS *Cole*, Khobar Towers, on each and every incident, then President Clinton suggested, "I'm going to get these terrorists, we're going to find them, and we're going to bring them to justice." It never happened.

Currently we are seeing success in Afghanistan. We are seeing a Commander in Chief pursue terrorism, to pull it out by the root, to remove this insidious and destructive force from America and from the world. I applaud our President at a time when Americans are rallying behind our flag and asking God for his blessings. We are going to get bin Laden, we are going to get those terrorists who are still here in America, and we will not stop this time. Our President will not yield, and he will not end the campaign against those terrorists until we have successfully concluded the mission.

IRAN OPENS NEW MUSEUM GLORIFYING TERRORISM

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Radio France has reported that Iran has opened a new museum, ladies and gentlemen. It is called the Glass Palace. The Glass Palace is a depiction of the September 11 destruction of the World Trade Center. Iran reports said they have this museum to glorify terrorism and mark the

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22nd anniversary of the taking of American hostages in Iran. Unbelievable.

While Uncle Sam continues to spoon-feed this guy Khatami, they are celebrating American tragedies. Beam me up. I say it is time to throw this Khatami guy out and recognize the democratic resistance located in Paris, France, trying to overthrow this regime and bring some democracy to Iran.

President Bush has made some great decisions. He would be wise to look at what is happening in Iran.

COMMENDING GAYLE BAINBRIDGE AS PRESIDENT-ELECT OF WOMEN'S CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to commend Gayle Bainbridge as the President-elect of the Women's Chamber of Commerce of Miami-Dade County. Gayle is a partner with USI Florida-Kolisch Insurance of Coral Gables, the fifth largest fully integrated risk and financial services provider in the world.

Due to Gayle's expertise, she serves as an expert witness and has taught insurance professionals their post-licensure courses. Her community activities include the Alumni Associations of both Southwest Miami Senior High and Florida International University; Board of Directors at the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce; member of the Women in International Trade, the Commercial Real Estate Women Association; and the Miami Chapter President of Business Network International.

Gayle exemplifies the ideals upon which the Women's Chamber was founded, an outstanding female professional who leads by example.

Gayle Bainbridge will excel as President-elect of the Women's Chamber and will motivate young women to strive, to achieve, and to become successful in the business arena.

AIRLINE SECURITY

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

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of a strong airline security bill that federalizes airline screeners. Airline security is a national issue. Eight weeks have passed since the attacks on the World Trade Center, and we still do not have a sound airline security bill. How much longer do we have to wait?

We have heard numerous reports of passengers with knives and guns passing security checkpoints supervised by the companies that Republicans want to keep overseeing our security. These

private companies' only interest is profit, not national security. Current baggage screeners are poorly paid, lack at times proper training and suffer from high turnover rates. Federalization means less employee turnover, more experience and better wages.

Those who protect our skies should be treated with the respect that their job demands. That respect means higher wages, more training and better qualified individuals. All of these objectives can be achieved by federalization of the airline security. Federalization means universal standards.

We need a sound airport security bill that would give the government the responsibility of overseeing safety. In a recent Washington poll, 82 percent of the public support federalizing airport security.

PROTECT NATIONAL SECURITY BY ASSURING OUR ENERGY SUPPLY

(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, yesterday President Bush decided to refill our national strategic petroleum reserves to full capacity. This is very critical and very important and I applaud his decision. During this time of war, the last thing that our Nation needs to worry about is its energy supply. Obviously our President has the foresight to try to prevent a domestic energy shortage as we saw last year, and so did this Chamber and this House when we passed the Energy Security Act months ago. Yet the Democratic leadership in that other body refuses to act on this critical issue.

A majority of our energy supply comes from one world region, the Middle East. According to the Energy Department, the United States increased its oil imports between 1973 and 1996 by 40 percent. During these times of war, concentrating oil imports from any one region places America's energy and economic security at great risk.

It is time to reduce our dependency on foreign oil. It is time for the Democratic leadership in the other body to act and pass the Energy Security Act so it can be signed into law.

AIRPORT SECURITY

(Mrs. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, 2 days ago New York suffered another tragedy in the skies, another day of mayhem, carnage, fire and tears. As we pray for the families of the victims, Americans are again doubting whether it is safe to fly. We need to pass a strong airport security bill quickly. We have the best military in the world, the best law enforcement agencies, the best firefighters and police officers and world-class security right here at the Capitol. All of these

people are public employees and many of them are union members.

When we get serious about protecting our people, we put government employees on the front lines. It is time to get serious about airport security. That means x-raying every single bag that goes into the belly of an airplane, and it means replacing today's flawed system with the full resources, manpower and focus of the Federal Government.

Federalize airport security.

FREEDOM

(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 in Kabul and other cities in northern Afghanistan, men are shaving off their beards. Women are going outside unescorted by male relatives, and without wearing burqas to cover themselves head to toe. Children are playing music on their tape recorders. These may seem like minor things, but they are minor things that the Afghan people have been denied for too long.

We need to remind ourselves that our freedoms are not free. They were won by patriots who sometimes gave their lives. I am talking about the freedom to worship according to your beliefs. If you do that in Afghanistan, you are put to death. I am talking about the freedom of the press. If you try to publish a newspaper in Iraq, you are thrown in jail, never to return. I am talking about the freedom of assembly. If you try to organize a political rally in North Korea, you will wake up in a concentration camp.

We are truly blessed in this country and those freedoms are worth defending. That is why we are at war, for freedom.

CONGRESS NEEDS TO PASS AIRLINE SECURITY AND AN ECONOMIC STIMULATION BILL

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

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I am afraid that this Congress is becoming less and less relevant to the important concerns of people all across our country. Last month, a record number of Americans lost their jobs. Yet a program to stimulate the national economy is still hanging fire here while people try to profiteer by providing huge tax cuts for the wealthy while providing no help for people who are out of work.

The same thing is true with airline security. We have a bill that has been in conference now for weeks. It is more than 2 months since the disaster struck the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Yet we have no program to provide security for the Americans who are traveling by air across our country and internationally.