

know that we stand firmly behind them in the fight to cut their monthly drug costs. We cannot let our seniors down again this year. Let us do the right thing. Let us enact a real prescription drug program for all of our seniors so that they never have to cut back on the basic necessity to keep living.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 20 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until noon.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON) at noon.

PRAYER

The Reverend Scott Custead, Zion Lutheran Church, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, offered the following prayer:

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, creator of the universe. All life is a gift from Your hands. All just pursuits serve Your purposes.

You have instituted government to be an instrument of Your will. You have given those who govern the responsibility to ensure the peace and good order needed for the proper functioning of society.

We, therefore, pray for those who have been called and set aside to serve our Nation in this body. May their actions serve Your purposes. May their deliberations be based in wisdom. May their goals be just. May they be supported in their work by the prayers of a grateful Nation.

In all that this body accomplishes and in all that we do as a Nation, may we be true to our calling to serve all people and to build a better tomorrow. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON). 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.

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a

quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. KUCINICH) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KUCINICH 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.

WELCOMING PASTOR SCOTT CUSTEAD

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

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to welcome our guest chaplain, Pastor Scott Custead, from Zion Lutheran Church in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania. Pastor Custead is a graduate of California State University and received his Master's in Divinity from Pacific Lutheran Seminary in Berkeley, California. He has been an ordained minister since 1981. He has also served at various churches throughout the State of Pennsylvania and has served this country from 1986 to 1992 as an Army Reserve chaplain. From 1984 through 1985, Pastor Custead served as campus minister at Pennsylvania State University in State College, Pennsylvania.

In 1986, Pastor Custead came to my home parish in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, where I have had the privilege to come to know him and his family. As a parishioner of Pastor Custead's, I have seen firsthand his deep involvement within the community. Not only is Pastor Custead committed to the religious development of his church, he is also active in many civic organizations including the Hollidaysburg Children and Youth Service Board and is a member of various school and borough committees.

Pastor Custead resides in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, with his wife, Carol, also a minister at our church; and they are the proud parents of two children, Linnea, who is heading off to college this fall at the University of Pittsburgh, and Ryan, who will begin his first year of high school at Hollidaysburg Area Junior High School.

Mr. Speaker, Pastor Custead, or as he is known to Zion members, Pastor Scott, and his family have been a valuable part of our community for many years. It is an honor for me today to welcome him to the House of Rep-

resentatives, and I thank him for his continued dedication to his church, his community and his country.

DISPENSING WITH CALL OF PRIVATE CALENDAR ON TODAY

Mr. REHBERG. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the call of the Private Calendar be dispensed with today.

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

There was no objection.

HAITIAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL HERITAGE MONTH

(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, last month we celebrated Haitian-American Cultural Heritage Month. I want to join all who took part in the commemoration of the rich Haitian culture. I want to send special thanks to Dr. Rosy Toussaint from the Haitian-American Cultural Society, North Miami Mayor Joe Celestin, artist Edward Duval Carrie, as well as Miami Dade Mayor Alex Penelas, for their hard work in making this month-long celebration a great success.

Daily activities of this month-long event were shared within south Florida and showed incredible examples of Haiti's colorful culture. These fabulous events included a Taste of Haiti extravaganza, entertaining film festivals, book and poetry readings, spectacular art exhibits and dance performances, all of which shone a bright ray of Haitian culture on our south Florida community.

I am very happy that the people of south Florida had a chance to celebrate the wonder and delight of the Haitian people and their beautiful traditions.

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM JAMES MADISON

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

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, the American people are being prepared for war with Iraq with little or no discussion in this House. Longstanding prohibitions against political assassinations of foreign leaders have been lifted with little or no debate in this House. A policy of strike-first preemptive attacks has been initiated, effectively nullifying the constitutional role of Congress under article 1, section 8 of the Constitution, assuring war at the whim of the President.

Our Nation is being plunged into a state of continual warfare. President Madison once said:

"Of all the enemies to public liberty, war is perhaps the most to be dreaded because it comprises and develops the

germ of every other. War is the parent of armies. From these proceed debts and taxes. And armies and debts and taxes are known instruments for bringing the many under the domination of the few. No nation could preserve its freedom in the midst of continual warfare."

James Madison said that in 1795. In 2002 we would do well to remember those words.

ON ENERGY

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

Mr. REHBERG. Mr. Speaker, America is at war. We are at war against terrorists and those who would support their hate-filled actions. Unfortunately, there are those in this Chamber that would have the United States continue to import almost 60 percent of our oil from many of the very same terrorist-sponsoring regimes our sons and daughters are bravely fighting today. Conservative estimates state that ANWR alone holds enough energy to power all of Montana's needs for the next 300 years and would provide more than 2,000 desperately needed jobs in my home State. It is ridiculous to depend on unstable nations, riddled with terrorists, for our oil, not when America has untapped resources at home.

The security of our Nation depends on eliminating our dependence on foreign oil. I urge my colleagues to support our balanced energy plan for America's future.

TITLE IX

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

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 30th anniversary of title IX of the education amendments of 1972. In passing title IX, Congress intended to give girls and women opportunities equal to those offered to boys and men in education programs that receive Federal taxpayer dollars.

Today we enjoy a greater amount of freedom from our counterparts from 30 years ago. Yet with all the advances that have been made toward gender equity, many barriers still remain. For example, according to a report of the National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education, just 21 percent of all full professors at colleges and universities are women. For every new dollar going into athletics at the Division I and Division II levels, male sports receive 65 cents of the dollar while girls or women sports receive only 35 cents. In addition, sex segregation persists in career education, with more than 90 percent of girls clustered in training programs for the traditionally female fields of health, teaching, graphic arts, and office technology.

We must continue to support title IX.

INDIA

(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, I rise today to condemn the atrocities committed by Hindu extremists in Gujarat, India, against Muslims and other minority groups. Last week I met with human rights, academic and religious leaders from India who shared reports documenting the designs of the extremist groups against Muslims, Christians, Dalits and others.

Trained combatants in Gujarat entered villages and attacked men, women and children. Pregnant women had their wombs ripped open and unborn babies were ripped out and tossed onto burning fires. Approximately 300 women were gang raped. Over 2,000 people died. I have photos too gruesome to show in my office.

It appears that some of these Hindu extremist groups receive some of their funds from charities in the U.S. and the U.K. We should ensure that no funds from the United States gathered under charitable causes are used to finance terrorism, and we must publicly condemn the violence and officials who support ethnic cleansing.

Mr. Speaker, our government must respond to these brutal attacks and the underlying extremism. The silence of the U.S. Government is deafening.

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM PRIVATIZATION

(Ms. BERKLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, a recent executive order paves the way for privatization of our air traffic control system. The order states that air traffic control is no longer an inherently governmental function. Air traffic controllers play a significant role in our national security. National security is inherently a government function.

On September 11, our air traffic controllers safely grounded nearly 4,500 aircraft in less than 2 hours, proving that the current system works and works well. Proponents of privatization cite the systems in Great Britain, Canada, and Australia as efficient and effective. However, the systems in Great Britain and Canada are facing financial crisis and the controllers in Australia report poor working conditions.

Our system works. Our air traffic controllers have demonstrated it time and time again. We should not privatize our air traffic control system.

CONGRATULATING IDAHO'S FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT BASEBALL TEAMS

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

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the college baseball teams from Idaho's First Congressional District for winning the national championship and placing third at the recent NAIA World Series. The Lewis & Clark State College Warriors, led by veteran coach Ed Cheff, captured their 12th national title since 1984 on their own Harris Field in Lewiston, Idaho, beating Oklahoma City 12-8 in the May 31 championship game.

Meanwhile, the Coyotes from Albertson College in Caldwell, my alma mater, finished third in head coach Shawn Humberger's first World Series appearance. Only an Albertson College loss to Oklahoma City in the semifinals kept the title game from being an all-Idaho, all-First Congressional District affair.

Lewis & Clark State College, which also happens to be the alma mater of my colleague, Mary Bono's spouse, finished with a 41-16 record, returning the national championship to Lewiston after a 1-year hiatus. Albertson College ended its season 42-20-1 as the Coyotes continue building a reputation as a national power. They won their first national title in 1998, were national runners-up in 1999, and placed fifth in 2000.

I am proud of both programs' success and of the quality of education that these athletes receive at these public and private institutions.

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TRIBUTE TO CAROLINA HURRICANES

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

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support and admiration of my hometown team, the Carolina Hurricanes, who, after just 5 years in North Carolina, made it to the Stanley Cup finals this year.

The Hurricanes represented North Carolina well. They fought hard, they played fair, and they never gave up. Their strength and determination showed the true mettle that champions are made of.

Even though our 'Canes could not bring the cup home this year, they took the city of Raleigh, the area and really the whole State on a very exciting ride. The entire region has been swept up in the fervor of the quest for the cup and the sport of hockey. Raleigh, North Carolina, long known for basketball, is now most definitely a hockey town. Just last week, over 6,000 people turned out to say "thank you" to the team and welcome them back home.

The 'Canes' rise to the top of the hockey elite has also given the world a glimpse of what those of us from North Carolina have known for a long time. Raleigh is one of the most vibrant and exciting cities in the world, and the whole Triangle region is a wealth of innovative technology, business and industry.