

REMOVAL OF MEMBER AS CONFEE ON H.R. 4628, INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. REHBERG). Without objection, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. HASTINGS) is removed as a conferee on H.R. 4628, since he is no longer a member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will notify the Senate of the change in conferee.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2002

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9:30 a.m. on Monday next for morning hour debates.

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

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

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

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF THE HON. MAC THORNBERRY TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2002

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

THE SPEAKER'S ROOMS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 3, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MAC THORNBERRY to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through October 8, 2002.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO ATTEND FUNERAL OF THE LATE HONORABLE PATSY T. MINK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 566, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the committee to attend the funeral of the late Patsy T. Mink:

Mr. ABERCROMBIE of Hawaii;
Mr. GEPHARDT of Missouri;
Ms. PELOSI of California;
Mr. OBEY of Wisconsin;
Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California;
Mr. SENSENBRENNER of Wisconsin;
Mr. FALCOMA-VAEGA of American Samoa;
Ms. DELAURO of Connecticut;
Ms. WATERS of California;
Mrs. CLAYTON of North Carolina;
Ms. ESHOO of California;
Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas;
Mr. MICA of Florida;
Mr. SCOTT of Virginia;
Mr. UNDERWOOD of Guam;
Ms. WOOLSEY of California;
Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas;
Ms. LOFGREN of California;
Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD of California;
Ms. LEE of California;
Mr. KIND of Wisconsin;
Mr. WU of Oregon; and
Ms. WATSON of California.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 1-minute at this time.

TRIBUTE TO NANCEE ANN BLOCKINGER, CHIEF OF STAFF TO HON. JAMES V. HANSEN, ON HER RETIREMENT

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

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to proudly pay tribute to my Chief of Staff, Nancee Ann Blockinger. Nancee has stood with me for my entire career in the United States Congress. For 22 years she has served me, the people of Utah, and the people of this country with unsurpassed dedication.

Her hard work and loyalty has earned her the reputation among staff and Members as a consummate professional. I have never had to worry about how my office was being run or our compliance with House rules. I knew Nancee was on top of it. Her intelligence, hard work, and caring attitude has made a difference in more ways than I could ever imagine.

My staff and I extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to Nancee, and recognize all that she has unselfishly given of herself over the past 22 years. Her career on Capitol Hill has indeed touched many lives, and her service will be remembered with fondness.

I am honored to pay tribute to Nancee today in front of this distinguished body of Congress. She is my Chief of Staff, my friend, and I wish her only the very best in her retirement.

RECOGNIZING GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR BEING CHOSEN AS FINALIST FOR BROAD FOUNDATION AWARD

(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 recognize the Garden Grove Unified School District, which I am proud to represent, for being selected as one of the five finalists nationwide for the Eli Broad Foundation Award.

As a finalist, Garden Grove Unified was recognized as one of the top five urban school districts in the Nation, and for that it receives \$125,000 in student scholarships.

There are nearly 50,000 students in schools in the very diverse Garden Grove Unified School District. They come speaking more than 60 languages, and come from many different cultures.

The finalists were chosen for their work in improving overall student achievement and for narrowing achievement gaps, in particular for high-risk students. This prize recognizes the hard work of the teachers and the support staff of the Unified School District, and I applaud the district's efforts to overcome language and economic barriers to give our students a high-quality education.

COMMENDING MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRST RESPONDERS, POLICE, AND RESCUE PERSONNEL, AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THEIR RESPONSE TO SHOOTINGS

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

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, our thoughts, our hearts, and our prayers go out to the victims and the families of those five people who were senselessly gunned down last night and today in Montgomery County, Maryland.

The tales of these tragic shootings are still emerging. At this point, we do not know who has perpetuated these crimes, and we do not know the twisted motivation. What we do know is that this senseless violence has touched all segments of our community: women and men, African Americans, white, Hispanic, the old, the young.

I recognize this is a very difficult, scary time for our community, but I want to commend our Montgomery County first responders, our police, our rescue personnel. They are doing a terrific job under the most difficult, extreme circumstances.

I want to acknowledge all of the agencies involved in this preliminary investigation, local, State, District of Columbia, the FBI, the Secret Service. Homeland Security contacted our county also to offer their assistance.

Indeed, I will work to engage and ensure that my local community receives all of the Federal help that they may need.

I also want to recognize the Montgomery County Public Schools for their prudent, responsible actions today to keep our students safe and sound. The best thing we can do now is remain calm, but aware and vigilant, and report any suspicious activities to the police.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE HOLLY JOHNSTON RICHARDSON

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. BROWN), I rise today to pay tribute to one of South Carolina's most dedicated public servants, the late Holly Johnston Richardson, who passed away this week after a courageous battle with breast cancer at the young age of 47.

Most people know Holly Richardson as Senator STROM THURMOND's confidante, gatekeeper, and personal adviser since 1979, but some may not know she was also one of Senator THURMOND's closest friends.

Holly was a native of Summerville, South Carolina, and was always loyally at Senator THURMOND's side. She commanded the most sincere respect from South Carolinians and Washingtonians because of her professionalism, her character, and her devotion to duty.

All of South Carolina will miss Holly's Southern charm, her warmth, and dedication to Senator THURMOND. We extend our deepest sympathies to her husband Phil, to her two children, Anne and Emmet, and to her mother and father, Joanne and Coy Johnston. Her positive influence will continue through the STROM THURMOND and Holly Richardson Public Service Scholarship at her alma mater of Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

A WORD CALLED "IRONY"

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

Mr. REHBERG. Mr. Speaker, I want to talk today about a word called "irony." Webster's dictionary says irony is when there is an incongruity between the actual and the expected result of events.

Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, we have a prime case of this in my State. The people who have produced food for all of us in this country for our whole lives, farmers and ranchers, are now having a hard time affording food themselves. The very hard-working people who made this country the breadbasket of the world now cannot afford bread themselves.

That is a pretty good example of an irony; is it not? It is also a good example of a cruel irony.

Mr. Speaker, I implore the Members of this House to finally hear our plea for assistance for drought-stricken farmers and ranchers, and quickly pass an agriculture disaster assistance package for crop years 2001 and 2002.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GEKAS). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

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HONORING SEYMOUR GOLDWEBER

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. REHBERG). Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Florida's outstanding agricultural heroes, Seymour Goldweber.

Near Jersey City, Seymour was born on July 24, 1918. As a young boy he moved with his family to Miami where he completed primary and secondary school and became an Eagle Scout with Miami's oldest scout troop. He then joined the United States Marine Corps before the start of World War II.

Seymour served throughout the war in the Pacific Theater where he fought in many military campaigns, including the Marines' costly battle at Iwo Jima. Following his military service to our country, he returned to Miami-Dade County where he obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in botany at the University of Miami in 1950.

Seymour Goldweber began his professional career at the University of Miami's Tropical Fruit Research Farm at Richmond Field conducting horticulture research studies on tropical fruit. His work brought these unknown species from around the world into productive specimens, worthy of national and international marketing, including guavas, mangos, and avocados that we enjoy today.

Mr. Goldweber joined the University of Florida-Miami-Dade County Cooperative Extension Service as their fruit crops agent in 1960 where he designed their nationally and internationally prominent extension programs.

In particular, his extension programs for the development of tropical and subtropical fruit has had an enormous impact in establishing south Florida's tropical fruit industry for distribution across the USA and for export around the globe.

Seymour has shared his extensive knowledge and expertise by training numerous other extension office faculty and staff. He is a role model and mentor of outstanding caliber and per-

formance. He made the mold. Seymour Goldweber is widely recognized by our local and State agencies. He is the choice to lecture to visiting professors, tour with college students, host an event, or guide a bus full of journalist and legislative representatives through America's grocery, South Miami-Dade County.

Seymour is the go-to guy for his vast knowledge, his capabilities in research and instruction, and his friendly style. His voice is reassuring and recognized across Miami and South Miami-Dade County. You can see the stamp of Seymour Goldweber's experience and loaned expertise with many organizations, including the American Society for Horticultural Science, the Dade County Farm Bureau, the Florida State Horticultural Society, the Florida Avocado and Lime Administrative Committees, the Mango Forum, and the Dade County Youth Fair, Miami-Dade County's Fruit and Spice Park, and the State of Florida's Farmers Market, and so many others.

Seymour is a founding member of the AGRI-Council, the Rare Fruit Council International, the Tropical Agriculture Fiesta, and Fairchild Tropical Gardens.

He also serves on the South Dade Soil and Water Conservation District Board and the Dade County Public School Citizen Advisory Committee for AGRIBusiness and Natural Resources.

He is a member of the National Association of the Federal Retired Employees and a proud member of the American Legion.

Seymour Goldweber has been honored by the National Weather Service for 24 years as the liaison to the agricultural community. He also has an annual scholarship in his name that is presented by the AGRI Council to the outstanding agricultural student of the year.

He has received the Dedicated Service in Agriculture award by the Horticultural Society of Florida, the Distinguished Service in Agriculture award by the Florida Mango Forum, and the Outstanding Service Award by the Dade County Youth Fair.

Seymour was named Man of the Year by the Horticulture Studies Society of Florida in 1980. He was honored to receive the Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Homestead for furthering understanding of people of the world.

Mr. Goldweber is the sought-after speaker for highly diverse audiences, including farmers, master gardeners, community and agri-business leaders, school teachers, homeowners, youth and 4-H programs, and local, State and Federal Government representatives.

Many growers, local leaders, and organizations seek him out for his knowledge and his repertoire on agricultural issues and historical events.

Upon his retirement from the Cooperative Extension Service in 1984, after 24 years of outstanding service, Seymour was awarded the first Extension Agent Emeritus Designation in the State of Florida. Though he was officially, and