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The House met at 11 a.m.

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

Eternal God, strong to save, You honor the courageous and reward eternally those who are willing to lay down their lives out of love for their countrymen. This weekend Americans will honor veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice to defend this Nation and uphold the justice and freedom which have fashioned its soul.

As people of diverse faiths gather and find various ways to honor the fallen heroes of this country, we pray also for their widows and children who may still be burdened by their pain of loss.

May this Veterans Day provide celebration for all who have worn or presently wear the proud uniform of American military service. May our remembering those who have been wounded by war or killed by war strengthen our resolve to be promoters of life and search for ways to secure peace.

This we pray now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER 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.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2002, for morning hour debates.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, November 12, 2002, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

9882. A letter from the Administrator, Tobacco Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Flue-Cured Tobacco Advisory Committee; Amendment of regulations [Docket No. TB-02-14] (RIN: 0581-AC11) received November 4, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9883. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report on the retirement of Lieutenant General Russell C. Davis, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

9884. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Uniform Compliance Date for Food Labeling Regulations [Docket No. 98N-1149] received October 31, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9885. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Indirect Food Additives: Adhesives and Components of Coatings [Docket No. 92F-0443] received October 31, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9886. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Hematology and Pathology Devices; Reclassification; Restricted Devices; OTC Test Sample Collection Systems for Drugs of Abuse Testing; Delay of Effective Date [Docket No. 97N-0135] received October 31, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9887. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medical Devices; Reclassification and Codification of Home Uterine Activity Monitor [Docket No. 97P-0350] received October 31, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9888. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of Transmittal No. 33-02 which informs you of our intent to sign Amendment Number One to the Operations Support System (OSS) and Command Control and Information System (CCIS) Co-

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operative Project Memorandum of Agreement (OSS/CCIS MOA) between the United States and the Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic (SACLANT), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

9889. A letter from the Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, transmitting the Month in Review: September 2002 Reports, Testimony, Correspondence, and Other Publications, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 719(h); to the Committee on Government Reform.

9890. A letter from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

9891. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's draft bill entitled, "Pacific Northwest Reclamation Project Habitat Restoration Act"; to the Committee on Resources.

9892. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administrations's final rule—Gov-

ernment Property—Instructions for Preparing NASA Form 1018 (RIN: 2700-AC33) received November 5, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

9893. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Regulatory Law, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Service Connection by Presumption of Aggravation of a Chronic Preexisting Disease (RIN: 2900-AL20) received November 4, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

9894. A letter from the Chairman, U.S.-China Commission, transmitting notification regarding the Commission's "classified annex" to the first annual report; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means, International Relations, and Armed Services.

9895. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's legislative proposal to authorize appropriations for the programs of the Department of Commerce's Technology Administration, to amend the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act; jointly to the Committees on Science, the Judiciary, Energy and Commerce, and Government Reform.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. COX:

H.R. 5705. A bill to improve health care choice by providing for the tax deductibility of medical expenses by individuals; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. COX:

H.R. 5706. A bill to repeal the Federal estate and gift taxes and the tax on generation-skipping transfers; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 4983: Ms. LEE.

H.R. 5250: Mr. CRAMER.