

Our freedom of religion in this great land has expanded the expression of faith and gratitude of its people. Our freedom of assembly has gathered men, women, and children down through the years from different nations, languages, and from different economic and educational backgrounds to say in unison: "Thank You, Lord."

Our freedom of speech is conditioned by our prayer to You converting hearts to speak with compassion and forgiveness to family and neighbor alike. Our freedom to bear arms is restricted by Your wisdom to defend and protect deeper values such as life and justice.

Around tables throughout this land and the years, prayer has ushered in conversation, decisions, and the establishment of the great American experiment in government. Today, across the tables of this Chamber, we give You thanks for the 107th Congress of the United States of America.

Dear Lord, may our Thanksgiving prayer this year renew deep gratitude in the hearts of all Americans for our many blessings. Deliver us Lord from fear, war, and prejudice of every kind, that we might truly live as Your free children giving You thanks and praise now and for ever. 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 Indiana (Mr. BURTON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana 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. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 37. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability studies of 4 national historic trails and provide for possible additions to such trails.

H.R. 695. An act to establish the Oil Region National Heritage Area.

H.R. 980. An act to establish the Moccasin Bend National Historic Site in the State of Tennessee as a unit of the National Park System.

H.R. 1606. An act to amend section 507 of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to authorize additional appropriations for Historically Black Colleges and Universities, to decrease the

matching requirement related to such appropriations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1989. An act to reauthorize various fishing conservation management programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5005. An act to establish the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills and concurrent resolutions of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 12. An act to amend the Peace Corps Act to promote global acceptance of the principles of international peace and nonviolent coexistence among peoples of diverse cultures and systems of government, and for other purposes.

S. 13. An act to extend authorization for the national flood insurance program.

S. 14. An act to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 to extend the farm reconstitution provision to the 2003 and 2004 crops.

S. 198. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to provide assistance through States to eligible weed management entities to control or eradicate harmful, nonnative weeds on public and private land.

S. 606. An act to provide additional authority to the Office of Ombudsman of the Environmental Protection Agency.

S. 1340. An act to amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act to provide for probate reform with respect to trust or restricted lands.

S. 1816. An act to provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance of certain public lands in the State of Alaska to the University of Alaska, and for other purposes.

S. 2063. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other land in the Ozark-St. Francis and Ouachita National Forests and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire, construct, or improve administrative sites.

S. 2222. An act to resolve certain conveyance and provide for alternative land selection under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act related to Cape Fox Corporation and Sealaska Corporation, and for other purposes.

S. 2556. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities to the Fremont-Madison Irrigation District in the State of Idaho.

S. 2577. An act to repeal the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the exclusion from Federal income tax for restitution received by victims of the Nazi Regime.

S. 2670. An act to establish Institutes to conduct research on the prevention of, and restoration from, wildfires in forest and woodland ecosystems of the interior West.

S. 2711. An act to reauthorize and improve programs relating to Native Americans.

S. 2872. An act to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Illinois.

S. 3079. An act to authorize the issuance of immigrant visas to, and the admission to the United States for permanent residence of, certain scientists, engineers, and technicians who have worked in Iraqi weapons of mass destruction programs.

S. Con. Res. 159. Concurrent Resolution to correct the enrollment of S. 1843

S. Con. Res. 160. Concurrent Resolution providing for the sine die adjournment of the One Hundred Seventh Congress, Second Session.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendments of the House to the bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 941. An act to revise the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in the State of California, to extend the term of the advisory commission for the recreation area, and for other purposes.

S. 1894. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the national significance of the Miami Circle site in the State of Florida as well as the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of Biscayne National Park, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate disagreed to the amendment of the House to the bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 1105. An act to provide for the expeditious completion of the acquisition of State of Wyoming lands within the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park, and for other purposes.

APPOINTMENT OF HON. RICHARD K. ARMEY TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS TODAY

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 22, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable Richard K. Armev to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions on this day.

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

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

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TRICENTENARY COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to section 5(a)(2) of the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission Act (Pub. L. 107-202), the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission:

Mr. CASTLE of Delaware
and, in addition,
Mrs. Elise DuPont of Rockland, Delaware.

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 20, 2002.
Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of

the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on November 20, 2002 at 11:35 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to House amendment S. 1240.

That the Senate agreed to conference report H.R. 3210.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.J. Res. 124.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH,
 Clerk of the House.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 20, 2002.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on November 20, 2002 at 1:50 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.J. Res. 117.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 38.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 308.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 451.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 706.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1712.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1776.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1814.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1870.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1906.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1925.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2099.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2109.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2115.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2385.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2628.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2818.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2828.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2937.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2990.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3048.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3401.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3449.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3747.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3858.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3909.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3954.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4129.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4638.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4682.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4750.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4874.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4944.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4953.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5099.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5125.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5436.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5738.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH,
 Clerk of the House.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 21, 2002.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on November 21, 2002 at 1:42 p.m.

That the Senate agreed to House amendment S. 2017.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2187.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3180.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4692.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4823.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4883.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5472.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 349.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH,
 Clerk of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule 1, Speaker pro tempore DAVIS signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolutions on Wednesday, November 20, 2002:

H.R. 727, to amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to provide that low-speed electric bicycles are consumer products subject to such Act;

H.R. 2595, to direct the Secretary of the Army to convey a parcel of land to Chatham County, Georgia;

H.R. 3908, to reauthorize the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, and for other purposes;

H.R. 5504, to provide for the improvement of the safety of child restraints in passenger motor vehicles, and for other purposes;

H.J. Res. 124, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes;

S. 1010, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of North Carolina;

S. 1226, to require the display of the POW/MIA flag at the World War II Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial;

S. 1907, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the city of Haines, Oregon;

S. 1946, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Old Spanish Trail as a national historic trail;

S. 2239, to amend the National Housing Act to simplify the downpayment requirement for FHA mortgage insurance for single family homebuyers;

S. 2712, to authorize economic and Democratic development assistance for Afghanistan and to authorize military assistance for Afghanistan and certain other foreign countries;

S. 3044, to authorize the court services and offender supervision agency of the District of Columbia to provide for the interstate supervision of offenders on parole, probation and supervised release;

S. 3156, to provide a grant for the construction of a new community center in St. Paul, Minnesota, in honor of the late Senator Paul Wellstone and his beloved wife, Sheila;

S.J. Res. 53, relative to the convening of the first session of the 108th Congress.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 19, 2002.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on November 19, 2002 at 3:15 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he transmits the State of Small Business Annual Report.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH,
 Clerk of the House.