

COMMUNICATION FROM CHIEF OF STAFF OF HON. THOMAS ALLEN, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from Jacqueline Potter, Chief of Staff of the Honorable THOMAS ALLEN, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 11, 2003.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a civil subpoena for deposition testimony issued by the Superior Court for Cumberland County, Maine.

After consulting with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

JACQUELINE POTTER,
Chief of Staff.

COMMUNICATION FROM SENIOR FIELD REPRESENTATIVE OF HON. THOMAS ALLEN, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from John McLaughlin, Senior Field Representative of the Honorable THOMAS ALLEN, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 11, 2003.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a civil subpoena for deposition testimony issued by the Superior Court for Cumberland County, Maine.

After consulting with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

JOHN McLAUGHLIN,
Senior Field Representative.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHIEF OF STAFF OF HON. THOMAS ALLEN, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from Jacqueline Potter, Chief of Staff of the Honorable THOMAS ALLEN, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 17, 2003.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a civil subpoena for documents issued by the Superior Court for Cumberland County, Maine.

After consulting with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance

with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

JACQUELINE POTTER,
Chief of Staff.

COMMUNICATION FROM DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF HON. JOE BARTON OF TEXAS, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from Ron Wright, District Director of the Honorable JOE BARTON of Texas, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 31, 2003.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena for testimony issued by the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely yours,

RON WRIGHT,
District Director.

COMMUNICATION FROM LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from Anthony Reed, Legislative Director of the Honorable J. DENNIS HASTERT, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 9, 2004.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena for testimony issued by the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

ANTHONY REED,
Legislative Director.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY PRESIDENT

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, your committee on the part of the House to join a like committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has been assembled and is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make has performed that duty.

The President asked us to report that he will be pleased to deliver his message at 9 p.m. tonight to a joint session of the two Houses.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The Chair desires to make an announcement.

After consultation with the Majority and Minority leaders, and with their consent and approval, the Chair announces that tonight when the two Houses meet in joint session to hear an address by the President of the United States, only the doors immediately opposite the Speaker and those on his left and right will be open.

No one will be allowed on the floor of the House who does not have the privilege of the floor of the House.

Due to the large attendance that is anticipated, the Chair feels that the rule regarding the privilege of the floor must be strictly adhered to.

Children of Members will not be permitted on the floor, and the cooperation of all Members is requested.

The practice of reserving seats prior to the joint session by placard will not be allowed. Members may reserve their seats by physical presence only following the security sweep of the Chamber.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 1-minute speech requests.

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(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, over the last year, our Nation has experienced extraordinary successes. The American military has fought a victorious battle in Iraq to overthrow one of history's most despotic regimes and are continuing today to protect the American people in the war on terror. Thanks to their valor, the world is safer knowing that Saddam Hussein is no longer a threat.

In the last year, as our economy struggled to work its way back out of recession, Congress brought tax relief to American families and businesses at the right time to get this economy moving again. In the past few months, stock markets are up, jobs have increased and our GDP has soared.

We were also successful in bringing prescription drug coverage to our seniors, health savings plans to restore hope in the future of Medicare, and we brought further reforms to education to ensure our children receive the best chance for success.

Tonight we will hear our President's State of the Union address, and while we face challenges ahead, the President has many successes to celebrate over the last year.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11.