

Let them approach . . . Let them speak.

Let us together draw near to the Sacred."

Lord, out of silence comes the deepest words. The human heart overwhelmed with love or sorrow rests. It is there in the prayer of silence that cultures and religious practices meet.

So bless America, all the Members of Congress and our military in Iraq this weekend with that silent moment when the wonder of Your sacred presence is noticed and the gift of peace is ushered into the world from the depths of our being.

For we are called to worship You and You alone, now and forever. 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. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore 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 a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested.

S. 1685. An act to extend and expand the basic pilot program for employment eligibility verification, and for other purposes.

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 12, 2003.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
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 12, 2003 at 5:04 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to conference report H.R. 1588.

That the Senate agreed to conference report H.R. 2559.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the Speaker signed the following enrolled bills on Wednesday, November 12, 2003:

H.R. 274, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the property in Cecil County, Maryland, known as Garrett Island for inclusion in the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge;

H.R. 3232, to reauthorize certain school lunch and child nutrition programs through March 31, 2004;

S. 313, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish a program of fees relating to animal drugs;

and the following enrolled bills on Thursday, November 13, 2003:

H.R. 2559, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3054, to amend the Policemen and Firemen's Retirement and Disability Act to permit military service previously performed by members and former members of the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia, the Fire Department of the District of Columbia, the United States Park Police, and the United States Secret Service to count as creditable service for purposes of calculating retirement annuities payable to such members upon payment of a contribution by such members, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

January 10, 2003:

H.J. Res. 1. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

January 13, 2003:

H.R. 11. An Act to extend the national flood insurance program.

January 31, 2003:

H.R. Res. 13. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

February 7, 2003:

H.J. Res. 18. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

February 13, 2003:

H.R. 16. An Act to authorize salary adjustments for Justices and judges of the United States for fiscal year 2003.

February 20, 2003:

H.J. Res. 2. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

March 6, 2003:

H.J. Res. 19. Joint resolution recognizing the 92d birthday of Ronald Reagan.

March 11, 2003:

H.R. 395. An Act to authorize the Federal Trade Commission to collect fees for the implementation and enforcement of a "do-not-call" registry, and for other purposes.

April 16, 2003:

H.R. 1559. An Act making emergency wartime supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

April 22, 2003:

H.R. 397. An Act to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Illinois.

H.R. 672. An Act to rename the Guam South Elementary/Middle School of the Department of Defense Domestic Dependents Elementary and Secondary Schools System in honor of Navy Commander William "Willie" McCool, who was the pilot of the Space Shuttle Columbia when it was tragically lost on February 1, 2003.

April 23, 2003:

H.R. 145. An Act to designate the Federal building located at 290 Broadway in New York, New York, as the "Ted Weiss Federal Building".

H.R. 258. An Act to ensure continuity for the design of the 5-cent coin, establish the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee, and for other purposes.

H.R. 273. An Act to provide for the eradication and control of nutria in Maryland and Louisiana.

H.R. 1505. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2127 Beatties Ford Road in Charlotte, North Carolina, as the "Jim Richardson Post Office".

April 25, 2003:

H.R. 1584. An Act to implement effective measures to stop trade in conflict diamonds, and for other purposes.

April 30, 2003:

H.R. 1770. An Act to provide benefits and other compensation for certain individuals with injuries resulting from administration of smallpox countermeasures, and for other purposes.

May 19, 2003:

H.R. 289. An Act to expand the boundaries of the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Complex and the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge.

May 27, 2003:

H.R. 1298. An Act to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 51. Joint resolution increasing the statutory limit on the public debt.

May 28, 2003:

H.R. 2. An Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2004.

H.R. 2185. An Act to extend the Temporary Extend Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002.

June 17, 2003:

H.R. 192. An Act to amend the Microenterprise for Self-Reliance Act of 2000 and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to increase assistance for the poorest people in developing countries under microenterprise assistance programs under those Acts, and for other purposes.

June 23, 2003:

H.R. 1625. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1114 Main Avenue in Clifton, New Jersey, as the "Robert P. Hammer Post Office Building".

June 30, 2003:

H.R. 2312. An Act to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to provide for the orderly dilution of the ownership interest in Inmarsat by former signatories to the Inmarsat Operating Agreement.

H.R. 2350. An Act to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.