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The House met at 9 a.m.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We are grateful, O God, for all Your gifts to us and Your promises to all people. On this day we remember with gratitude those who have given of their talents and abilities in public service and who have sought to fulfill the biblical injunction to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with You. May the example of those who have served faithfully in this place remind others of their opportunity to be involved with public responsibility in working together for the common good. Bless all gathered here and be with all Your people, this day and every day, we pray. 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.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed until later this afternoon.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Texas [Mr. DOGGETT] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DOGGETT 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. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 483. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit medicare select policies to be offered in all States, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 395. An act to authorize and direct the Secretary of Energy to sell the Alaska Power Administration, and to authorize the export of Alaska North Slope crude oil, and for other purposes; and

S. 534. An act to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide authority for States to limit the interstate transportation of municipal solid waste, and for other purposes.

### APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE CANADA-UNITED STATES INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of 22 U.S.C. 276d, the Chair appoints as members of the United States delegation to attend the meeting of the Canada-United States Interparli-

amentary Group the following Members of the House: Mr. MANZULLO of Illinois, Chairman; Mr. LATHAM of Iowa; Mr. CRAPO of Idaho; Ms. DUNN of Washington; Mr. ZIMMER of New Jersey; Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut; Mr. GOODLING of Pennsylvania; Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida; Mr. DE LA GARZA of Texas; Mr. GIBBONS of Florida; Ms. SLAUGHTER of New York; and Mr. MCNULTY of New York.

### RECESS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the House will stand in recess, subject to the call of the Chair, to receive the former Members of Congress.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 5 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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### RECEPTION OF FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER of the House presided.

The SPEAKER. On behalf of the Chair and this Chamber, I consider it a high honor and a distinct personal privilege to have the opportunity of welcoming so many of our former Members and colleagues as may be present here for this occasion. We are taking this recess for the purpose of welcoming them.

Let me say that I, in particular, want to take a moment to thank all of my former colleagues who are teaching, who are lecturing, and who are helping explain this complex and amazing process by which we try to do things. I think that all too often the country does not appreciate that the legitimate process of tension and debate and dialog are, in fact, how a free people makes decisions.

I would say to any of my former colleagues who are able and have the time and are willing to do so that you do the

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country a service and you continue your public service when you engage in that kind of opportunity.

Somebody who I have had several very enjoyable occasions of trying to explain why we, on television, do not always seem to be pulling in the same direction, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Missouri [Mr. GEPHARDT].

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, it is my high honor to be here today and to welcome our former colleagues. As I look around the room, I see many Members that I had the honor and pleasure to serve with, and we welcome all of you to the Chamber today.

If there has ever been a time in our history when we need to explain our form of Government to the American people, it probably is right now. We have a lot of reaction among the public, people saying, Why do you all go up there and argue and bicker so much?

I understand their frustration and concern, but all of you well know that that is what this place is about. It is about the resolution of conflict. People have to be a little more willing to have conflict resolved in our great society and, of course, that is what goes on in this room and in the room across the other way of the building.

I tried to stop, as I handed the Speaker the gavel a few months ago, and remind Americans that we should celebrate the passing of power, in this case after 40 years in the House of Representatives, from one party to another with peace and civility and respect. That is the hallmark of our society.

I simply wanted to rise today to congratulate all my former colleagues who have been such an important part of carrying on that tradition and, I am sure, are still carrying on that tradition as they continue to relate to the public and explain the meaning of what goes on here.

Mr. Speaker, it is good to be part of this ceremony today and to welcome our friends back. We look forward to talking to them today and greeting them.

The SPEAKER. Let me just say, my understanding is this is the 25th annual report to the Congress by the Association of Former Members. I want to encourage every Member to stay active and to stay involved.

I want to tell you that we, on our part, when I have a chance, for example, to talk with John Rhodes and pick his brain a little bit about where we are and what we are trying to do, it is very helpful to have the counsel of folks who have been here before and have done it before. It is good to be here with all of you. It is, frankly, a nice occasion to suspend all the other things we are doing that may not be quite this pleasant and have a chance to share with you.

The Chair recognizes the Honorable James W. Symington, immediate past president of the association, to take the chair.

Mr. SYMINGTON (presiding). The Clerk will now call the roll of former Members of Congress.

The Clerk called the roll of former Members of the Congress, and the following former Members answered to their name:

ROLLCALL OF FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS  
ATTENDING MEETING, MAY 18, 1995

William H. Ayres of Ohio;  
J. Glenn Beall, Jr. of Maryland;  
Ed Bethune of Arkansas;  
James H. Bilbray of Nevada;  
Lindy Boggs of Louisiana;  
Daniel B. Brewster of Maryland;  
William S. Broomfield of Michigan;  
James T. Broyles of North Carolina;  
John H. Buchanan, Jr. of Alabama;  
M. Caldwell Butler of Virginia;  
Elford A. Cederberg of Michigan;  
Charles E. Chamberlain of Michigan;  
R. Lawrence Coughlin of Pennsylvania;  
James K. Coyne of Pennsylvania;  
Hal Daub of Nebraska;  
William D. Ford of Michigan;  
Nick Galifianakis of North Carolina;  
Robert Garcia of New York;  
Robert A. Grant of Indiana;  
Gilbert Gude of Maryland;  
James M. Hanley of New York;  
Robert P. Hanrahan of Illinois;  
Ralph R. Harding of Idaho;  
Jeffrey P. Hillelson of Missouri;  
John W. Jenrette, Jr. of South Carolina;  
Don Johnson of Georgia;  
Hastings Keith of Massachusetts;  
David S. King of Utah;  
Ernest L. Konnyu of California;  
Peter N. Kyros of Maine;  
H. Martin Lancaster of North Carolina;  
Norman F. Lent of New York;  
John V. Lindsay of New York;  
Manuel Lujan of New Mexico;  
John Y. McCollister of Nebraska;  
Romano L. Mazzoli of Kentucky;  
Robert H. (Bob) Michel of Illinois;  
James L. Nelligan of Pennsylvania;  
Dick Nichols of Kansas;  
Stanford E. Parris of Virginia;  
Jerry M. Patterson of California;  
Charles H. Percy of Illinois;  
Shirley N. Pettis of California;  
John J. Rhodes of Arizona;  
John J. Rhodes III of Arizona;  
John H. Rousset of California;  
Philip E. Ruppe of Michigan;  
George E. Sangmeister of Illinois;  
Ronald A. Sarasin of Connecticut;  
Harold S. Sawyer of Michigan;  
Richard S. Schweiker of Pennsylvania;  
Carlton R. Sickles of Maryland;  
Henry P. Smith III of New York;  
Peter Smith of Vermont;  
James W. Symington of Missouri;  
Andrew Jackson Transue of Michigan;  
Doug Walgren of Pennsylvania;  
Charles W. Whalen, Jr. of Ohio;  
Lyle Williams of Ohio;  
Robert (Bob) Wilson of California;  
and  
Larry Winn, Jr. of Kansas;  
Mr. SYMINGTON (presiding). The Chair announces that 37 former Members of Congress have responded to

their names. Any who may appear later will have their names added to the list.

The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from Michigan, Mr. Philip Ruppe.

Mr. RUPPE. First I would like to thank the Speaker and the majority leader for giving us the opportunity to be here today and to enable me to present to you the annual report of the former Members of Congress.

I must say we, we do have a very good turnout this morning. I recall how difficult it was to be down here at 9 in the morning when we were well paid for the effort. Considering that our remuneration is somewhat less at this particular time, I do want to thank everybody for showing up at 9, a very early hour, I suspect, for a number of us.

Mr. Speaker, my colleagues and I are very pleased and honored to have this opportunity, as I stated, to once again be on the floor of Congress to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress. We want to thank you and we want to thank every Member, seated Member of Congress, for the warm welcome extended to our group today. The association, over 25 years since its inception, has grown to a membership of some 600 individuals, an annual budget in excess of \$600,000.

The association, following the mandate of its charter, has developed a number of programs of which we are very proud, programs both domestic and international, to promote the improved public understanding of the Congress as an institution, and representative democracy as a system of Government.

One of our earliest initiatives was our highly successful Congressional-Campus Fellows Program. Launched in 1976, former Members of Congress visit colleges, universities, and high school campuses for 2, sometimes 5 days to have formal and informal meetings with the faculty and students. Also community representatives are invited to share with them firsthand knowledge about the operations of the U.S. Congress, the executive branch, and the Judiciary.

Under this program, 72 former Members of Congress have reached more than 100,000 students through 231 programs on 164 campuses in 49 States. Interestingly enough, this is the association's program that our members feel most strongly about, and it is a program which is going to receive renewed attention in our next program year.

I want to emphasize that, because we have done a good deal of reorganization, but the Campus Fellowship Program is popular with our members. It does a service to the communities where we are involved, and I think it is a very good way to show how the Congress operates and in the very best manner in which it operates.

Mr. Speaker, we have without exception a warm attachment, as we obviously indicate by being here today, to

this body, its traditions and its role in a democratic society, and we welcome, as we always did and will, the opportunity to speak out on behalf of all of its Members.

The association also provides opportunities for our members to share their congressional experiences overseas. Fourteen study tours have been carried out for members of the association who, entirely at their own expense, have participated in educational and cultural visits to China, the former Soviet Union, Eastern and Western Europe, the Middle East, South America, New Zealand, and Australia.

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At this time, in fact just yesterday morning, we held discussions with our former colleague, Congressman Jim Jones of Oklahoma, our current Ambassador to Mexico, to explore the possibility of a study tour in that country. I would like to see that Ambassador Jones is very anxious that we do develop something in the way of a study trip to Mexico, and while we are there, USIA, our information agency, may well use our Members or former Members to interact with their Mexican counterparts south of the border. It could be not only a lot of fun, but an opportunity, I think, to enable us to explain better the role of Congress in our society.

The association cooperates with a number of other nonprofit organizations which make available for educational projects the experiences and perspectives of persons who have served in the Congress. It has provided former Members of Congress for programs sponsored by USIA's AMPARTS [American Participants] Program in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Europe, and Australia. USIA staff hope to involve more former Members of Congress in these programs and have asked us to notify them when any of our Members are traveling abroad who might be interested in participating in these programs, so I can say to all of you today, if you are traveling abroad, let us know your plans. USIA representatives in the field are anxious to get a hold of you, your experience, and your expertise.

The association also provides opportunities for current Members of Congress to share their expertise with legislators of other countries and to learn first hand the operations of those governments. It has continued serving as the secretariat for the Congressional Study Group on Germany, which is the largest and most active exchange program between the United States Congress and the Parliament of another country. The study group is an unofficial, informal, and bipartisan organization open to all Members of Congress. Currently, I am proud to say, it involves more than 100 Representatives and Senators, and provides opportunities for Members of Congress to meet with their counterparts in the German Bundestag to facilitate better under-

standing and greater cooperation between these great countries.

In addition to hosting a number of members of the Bundestag and other German Government leaders at the Capitol this past year, the study group hosted a retreat in early February in Maryland for new Members of Congress and new members of the Bundestag. This was enormously successful, and it was followed up by the 12th Annual Congressional-Bundestag Seminar which was held in April in Dresden, Germany, in which 10 Members of the Congress and 11 members of the Bundestag participated, along with two of our members, Lou Frey and Martin Lancaster. Also, four members, former members, of the Bundestag were involved, as well as having indepth discussions about the many facets of United States-German relations on the national level, and the participants had the opportunity to observe the progress that has been made in Eastern Germany since the reunification a few years ago, and to discuss continuing developmental efforts being conducted by state legislators in the new states of Saxony and Brandenburg.

The Study Group Program is funded primarily by the German Marshall Fund of the United States, and we do want to thank them again in this forum for their support. It has included joint meetings of the Agriculture Committees and the Bundestag, and visits by members of the Bundestag to observe the Illinois presidential primary and the Iowa caucus, as well as congressional districts throughout the country with Members of Congress to learn about the U.S. political process at the grassroots level. I hope they did not go back too confused, but I think it was a great experience for all of them.

The association also serves as the secretariat for the Congressional Study Group on Japan, which seeks to develop a congressional forum for the sustained study and analysis of policy options on major issues in United States-Japanese relations, and to increase opportunities for Members of Congress to meet with their counterparts in the Japanese Diet for frank discussions on these key issues. This informal, bipartisan group, which, again, is open to all Members of the Congress, has 67 Member participants, and an additional 45 Members of Congress have asked us to keep them informed of our activities. An ongoing activity of the study group, one of them, is to host breakfasts, luncheons, and discussions with Americans and Japanese who are experts on various facets of the United States-Japanese relationship. For example, just last week Ambassador Mickey Kantor met with study group members for what I am sure was a very lively discussion of the auto and auto parts negotiations.

The association's program to assist the new democratic nations in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, which was begun in 1989, has continued to expand. Under funding from the United States Information

Agency, the association has hosted delegations of Members of the Parliaments of Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, and the United States, sent bipartisan teams of former Members of Congress, accompanied by either congressional or country expert, to Hungary, Poland, and Czechoslovakia, and has placed a congressional fellow in Budapest, and highly successfully so, for 2 years to provide technical assistance to the Members and staff of the Hungarian Parliament. The final aspect of this grant from USIA will be the hosting of a delegation of four Members of the Slovak Parliament in the United States next month.

Under a grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts, the association has placed one congressional fellow in Slovakia, a gentleman by the name of John Holstine, who has done a tremendous job, and another Congressional Fellow in the Ukraine, Cliff Downen there, has done an outstanding service to this country and to our organization. They have been at their posts for a year, and will remain until April 1996. Former Members of Congress, Lou Frey of Florida and Lucien Nedzi of Michigan, have visited these fellows to assist them in their work, and they have conducted workshops and participated in seminars with members of the Parliament. We plan to have additional former Members, and we would like to have additional former Members of Congress visit Slovakia and the Ukraine in the next calendar year.

Back here in the United States, the association has continued its program of hospitality for distinguished international visitors, parliamentarians, cabinet ministers, judges, academicians, and journalists here at the Capitol. This program, originally funded by the Ford Foundation, has been continued under grants from the German Marshall Fund of the United States. It has enabled us to host 306 events: breakfasts, lunches, dinners, receptions, and so forth, for visitors from 82 countries and the European Parliament, and has proved to be an effective avenue for improving communication and understanding between Members of the Congress and leaders of other nations.

In addition to our work with current parliamentarians, we maintain close relationships with associations similar to ours; that is, former members of the Parliaments of other countries. In this connection, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize and welcome two representatives of these associations who are with us today, Aideen Nicholson of the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians, and Joachim Raffert, of the Association of Former Members of the German Bundestag.

I might say they were both here well before 9 o'clock, setting a good example for their American counterparts.

These relationships have been cordial, they have been a lot of fun. We have made within the group lasting

friendships, and I think really have, through this process, developed a better understanding and appreciation of the common democratic institutions that we share.

Mr. Speaker, at this time it is my very sad and unhappy duty to inform the House of those persons within our membership who have served in the U.S. Congress and have now passed away since our report last year. Those deceased Members of the Congress are:

Glenn M. Anderson, California;  
Irene B. Baker, Tennessee;  
Joseph H. Ball, Minnesota;  
Wallace F. Bennett; Utah;  
Albert M. Cole; Kansas;  
Emily Taft Douglas; Illinois;  
John Dowdy, Texas;  
Daniel Flood, Pennsylvania;  
J.W. Fulbright; Arkansas;  
Claude Harris, Alabama;  
Patrick J. Hillings, California;  
W. Pat Jennings, Virginia;  
August E. Johnsen, Michigan;  
Thomas H. Kuchel; California;  
Thomas J. Lane, Maine;  
Clarence D. Long, Maryland;  
Gillis Long, Louisiana;  
Richard Dean McCarthy; New York;  
Thomas C. McGrath, Jr., New Jersey;  
Hervey G. Machen, Maryland;  
George Meader, Michigan;  
D. Bailey Merrill, Indiana;  
Jack R. Miller, Iowa;  
Edward J. Patten, New Jersey;  
Richard L. Roudebush, Indiana;  
Hugh Scott, Pennsylvania;  
Robert L.F. Sikes, Florida;  
Jessie Summer, Illinois;  
Roy A. Taylor, North Carolina;  
Lera Thomas; Texas; and  
Albert Watson, South Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask for a moment of silence in their memory.

Mr. Speaker, I suppose, since I have the platform, I can tell the story about one of the former Members who is deceased. I'm sure we all knew most of them. I can remember Dick Roudebush and others on the floor. I'm sure most of us have very great stories to tell about each of the individuals, but since I have the platform, I'm going to tell a little one on Roy Taylor.

One time when we were on the Interior Committee's Parks Committee we were out in Iowa and we were inspecting a site that may have been included or would have been included as a national park or wildlife refuge, but in any event, the Forest Service took us fishing. They helicoptered us up to this wonderful lake and gave us the opportunity to fish for cutthroat trout. There were about a dozen of us in the group, and Roy Taylor was the chairman.

We all got outfitted with fishing poles and we all went at it. Roy Taylor got the first six fish, and of course, we were a little nervous, but we knew the chairman of the committee deserved better service than the rest of us, so no one was too upset. Roy Taylor was a pretty good sport. He said, "Fine, no problem, maybe the pole is lucky," so he gave the pole to somebody else and took another pole, and he got five more fish, all for the chairman.

Finally we said "Roy, this is a little too much. We are going to move you off that site, because we know they have probably got some frogmen down below to put the fish on the hook," so we moved Roy about one-eighth of a mile to another site, and he got 4 more fish. Let me say, I think there were something like 14 or 15 fish, and Roy got them all, got every one of them, no matter where he was, what pole he used.

I grant you, he had talent, but it certainly shows, at least in those days, that chairmanship did indeed have rank and power. But he was a wonderful man, and I hope that his wife, Evelyn, realizes how much we think of him, and all of the other Members with whom we have served.

Mr. Speaker, it is now my happy duty to report that nominated to be our association's new president is our colleague, Lindy Boggs of Louisiana, and as vice president, Lou Frey of Florida.

Is Lindy Boggs here? I know some of them have had obligations this morning. Lou Frey was on his near deathbed in Florida with flu the other day. I should say that Lou and a couple other of our members are responsible for getting the very attractive pins that are now available or have been made available to all of our members. Lou Frey, over what I extended, which could be no more than lukewarm support, went on and got it, and the Speaker graciously consented to make it official, so we have a very lovely, handsome pin for the former Members of the Congress. Therefore, I believe the leadership of the association will be in capable and experienced hands.

I do want to say at this time that Linda Reed, who has been our acting director, has been a tremendous asset to this organization. She has worked countless hours, organized the exchanges with the Germans and the Japanese, gotten much of this program put together today, and has done a tremendous job. I would also like to say that Nola Golson, her executive and our executive assistant for the organization, again has done an outstanding job keeping the office going, keeping the mail moving, keeping those old Wang computers doing their job.

In Nola's case, she has two charming daughters that you may well have noted last evening helped us get our reception underway, and also have done the proverbial job of stuffing envelopes on a number of occasions, so we want to thank them both for an outstanding job.

Mr. Speaker, each year the association presents a Distinguished Service Award to an outstanding public servant. This award rotates between political parties, as do our officers. Last year's recipient on the Republican side was former Ohio Representative, Clarence J. "Bud" Brown.

This year, the Democratic recipient has been the distinguished former Representative and Senator from Tennessee and the current Vice President

of the United States, ALBERT GORE, Jr. The award was presented to Vice President GORE during our congressional reception last evening in the Hart Building.

Mr. Speaker, I ask permission to insert in the RECORD at this point my remarks in presenting the award to the Vice President, and the Vice President's remarks in accepting the award:

#### PHILIP RUPPE'S INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

This is a very special occasion tonight, the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress. In 1970, Walter Judd of Minnesota and Brooks Hays of Arkansas conceived this organization to promote the improved public understanding of the Congress as an institution, and representative democracy as a system of government.

Tonight, I speak for every member of FMC as well as our friends, families and our guests from abroad, when I state that we are honored indeed to have with us at this our anniversary celebration, Mr. Al Gore, the Vice President of the United States.

We are proud, Vice President Gore, that you began your political career in the United States Congress where, following graduation from Harvard University and a tour of wartime duty in Vietnam, you served eight years representing the 4th district of Tennessee. In 1984, you went on to be elected to the United States Senate.

Since most of us in this room can attest to the fact that campaigning is a pretty rugged business, I should point out that when Al Gore was re-elected in 1990, he was the first candidate in modern history—Republican or Democrat—to win all of Tennessee's 95 counties.

Vice President Gore has had a long and distinguished career of leadership in Congress and in the Executive Branch of government. These accomplishments are both national and international.

In 1992, he chaired the U.S. Senate Delegation to the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, the world's largest gathering ever of heads of state whose focus was directly on the environment.

Last year, Vice President Gore helped President Clinton unveil the Global Climate Change Action Plan, a public-private partnership to dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the atmosphere while promoting economic development.

As a Member of the Senate, Al Gore introduced and steered to passage the High Performance Computing Act to create a national, high speed computer network, and increase research and development of high performance technologies.

As Vice President, Al Gore chairs the Community Enterprise Board of the President's Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community Program which will designate certain areas of the country as eligible to receive federal assistance and support for the development of strategic plans for revitalization.

Al, press accounts suggest that you are focusing much of your time on reinventing government. It seems to me that you have already been doing that for a full 20 years.

Also, Mr. Vice President, we cheered and applauded—as did millions of Americans—when you led the U.S. delegation to the inauguration of the first freely-elected President of South Africa, Nelson Mandela. What a victory for freedom and democracy.

Last, and most importantly, or, as has been said about most of us in this room, "lucky for him," he is married to Mary Elizabeth Aitcheson—Tipper Gore—mother of

four lovely children, articulate campaigner and author—a truly gracious lady.

It is my pleasure, as President of the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress, speaking on behalf of the members of our Association—your friends and admirers all—to present to you this plaque for exemplary service to the nation and these two books of letters from your friends.

REMARKS OF VICE PRESIDENT AL GORE

It's such an honor to get a Distinguished Service Award from a group that epitomizes Distinguished Service.

And, I'm pleased to be a part of the 25th Annual Spring Meeting. For the last 25 years, every spring, a group of individuals have come together to reflect on—and to add to—the role they played in the oldest democracy in the world—a government that more than any other can shape life.

In or out of office, you serve your country—by your leadership, by your dedication, and by your very example.

In Congress, we entered a world of traditions. There are those who will never understand why in the midst of a heated debate that we refer to opponents as "My distinguished colleague" or "My esteemed friend from the other side of the aisle."

Though, of course, there are limits. Thaddeus Stevens (R-PA) once said, "I will now yield to my honorable colleague \* \* \* who will make a few feeble remarks."

Then there was Senator Homer Capehart of Indiana. He once got so carried away with the rhetorical courtesies that he referred to himself as "The Distinguished Senator from Indiana."

But those of us who have been lucky enough to serve in our Nation's Capitol, know that these traditions ensure civility when we need it most.

And we also know, that when we say "good friends on the other side of the aisle \* \* \*" that it is not only civil \* \* \* that it is not only just tradition of our Congress \* \* \* but something which is absolutely true.

I know that your service and your contribution hasn't stopped with your retirement from Congress. Of course, sometimes retirement is involuntary. My father, who "retired" from the Senate in 1970, likes to say, it was due to a marginal error on the part of the people of Tennessee.

There is a line attributed to Jefferson that "When a man assumes a public trust, he should consider himself as public property."

That isn't always easy.

Two reasons come to my mind right away.

First, regardless of what side of the aisle you sit on—you came here with the intent to serve your constituents and your nation the best way you knew how. And not only was that your goal: it was your accomplishment.

And second, and on a more personal note, no one knows more than all of you how much you sacrificed during your time in office. You were on the road \* \* \* working long hours \* \* \* you were away from the family. You missed the kids' baseball games for a hearing on the budget. Instead of helping your daughter with her homework, you had to be in the Cloakroom—eating a hot dog for dinner—waiting for a vote.

Your spirit of self-sacrifice has always inspired me to remember what really matters. Serving the nation. And for me to be honored by a group of people with such noble intentions—that is the highest compliment I could be paid.

President Kennedy once said that: "Mothers all want their sons to grow up to be Politicians. They don't want them to become politicians in the process."

You have all been politicians. None of us has been President. But on this week after Mother's Day, I hope you feel you've made

not only your family, but your country very proud.

Mr. RUPPE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to say one thing, I thought the Vice President was very, very kind and gracious to give us his time last evening. I think I can say to everyone here that his remarks certainly reflected his empathy with Members, former and present Members of the U.S. Congress.

The Speaker was bipartisan, he was gracious, he was kind, and I think he really was, as he well should have been, indeed, the highlight of that evening. I hope his friends and his family realize how important his being there and accepting that award was for all of us as former Members of Congress.

Lindy Boggs, our new president coming up.

Lindy, I just want to say how pleased we are as an association that you will be the next president, and how happy we were that you did, I'm sure, a great deal of work in getting Vice President GORE to be with us last evening. It was a marvelous evening, an outstanding event, and he was very, very gracious to join us.

I would also like to put in a statement from the Ukrainian People's Deputies of the Former Verkhovna Rada, who, for their association, extended to us their greetings at the time of their 25th anniversary:

MAY 18, 1995.

Hon. PHILIP E. RUPPE,

*President, U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. RUPPE: On behalf of the Association of Ukrainian People's Deputies of Former Verkhovna Rada we want to, first of all, congratulate you and AFMC on the occasion of your 25th Anniversary. We wish you enjoyable festivities and many, many more years of success.

Secondly, we want to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to you and, through you, to your entire membership, first of all—Kyiv Representative of FMC Mr. Cliff Downen, for the support, both advisory and financial, that the U.S. Association of Former Members of our Association.

Our organization's meeting was held on the floor of the Verkhovna Rada on the 31st of March with the participation of the Chairman of Verkhovna Rada and almost two hundred former members. We signed up 168 members of our Association on the first day. We look forward to working with you and other former members associations of the World in the years ahead.

Thank you again for your assistance and support.

With warm regards and our best wishes for your continued success,

PAVLO KYSLYI,

*President of Association.*

OLEXANDR BARABASH,

LEONID BILYI,

JURYJ GNATKEVICH,

*Vice Presidents of Association.*

Mr. RUPPE. Mr. Speaker, this concludes the 25th Annual Report to the Congress by the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress.

I want to say to the Speaker that we were very honored by his warm welcome and by his generous comments to all of us here today. We want to thank those seated Members of the Congress

for their very personal greetings. It is always fun to come back on the floor and see some of the Members with whom we have served in the past, or others whom we have gotten to know via C-SPAN or other forms of media, and have the opportunity to greet them personally.

I think I can say for everyone in this group, and I certainly can say it for me, that being a Member of Congress was probably the most exciting and the most challenging moment of my life, so this, for me, and I think it is for all of us, is a rare and thoroughly enjoyable opportunity to greet old friends, to feel for a moment the majesty of this Chamber, and share with everyone here the activities of its former Members.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, we want you to know that this association will continue its efforts to promote greater public understanding of and appreciation for this very uniquely American legislative body, the U.S. Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the very distinguished Member, and the statements will be conveyed to the Speaker wholeheartedly.

The Chair wishes to thank the former Members of Congress for their presence here today. I should say, before terminating these proceedings, the Chair would like to invite all those former Members who did not respond when the roll was called to give their names to the reading clerks for inclusion on the roll.

The Chair wishes to thank all the other former Members of the House for their presence here today. Good luck to you all.

The House will continue in recess until 10 a.m.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 37 minutes a.m.), the House continued in recess until 10 a.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma] at 10 o'clock a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will recognize each side for five 1-minutes.

PRINTING OF PROCEEDINGS HAD DURING RECESS

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the proceedings had during the recess be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and that all Members and former Members who spoke during the recess have the privilege of revising and extending their remarks.