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The House met at 10 a.m.

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

We are aware, O God, that the thoughts we think are translated into words and our words are transposed into action and all that we do has great effect on us and those whom we represent and serve. Remind us day by day, O God, that what we think or say or do has a profound impression on the meaning and substance of all things. May Your word of peace be made known in our lives and may all we ask or think or do bring glory to Your creation and serve people whatever their need. In Your name, 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. PALLONE] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PALLONE 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 and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 3215. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to repeal the provision relating

to Federal employees contracting or trading with Indians.

H.J. Res. 166. Joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the Mutual Aid Agreement between the city of Bristol, Virginia, and the city of Bristol, Tennessee.

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

S. 1936. An act to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982.

S. 1995. An act to authorize construction of the Smithsonian Institution National Air and Space Museum Dulles Center at Washington Dulles International Airport, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will make a statement.

On May 25, 1995, the Chair took the opportunity to reiterate guidelines on the prohibition against former Members exercising floor privileges during the consideration of a matter in which they have a personal or pecuniary interest or are employed or retained as a lobbyist.

Clause 3 of House rule XXXII and the subsequent guidelines issued by previous Speakers on this matter make it clear that consideration of legislative measures is not limited solely to those pending before the House. Consideration also includes all bills and resolutions either which have been called up by a full committee or subcommittee or on which hearings have been held by a full committee or subcommittee of the House.

Former Members can be prohibited from privileges of the floor, the Speaker's lobby and respective Cloakrooms should it be ascertained they have direct interests in legislation that is before a subcommittee, full committee, or the House. Not only do those circumstances prohibit former Members but the fact that a former Member is employed or retained by a lobbying or-

ganization attempting to directly or indirectly influence pending legislation is cause for prohibiting access to the House Chamber.

First announced by Speaker O'Neill on January 6, 1977, again on June 7, 1978, and by Speaker Foley in 1994, the guidelines were intended to prohibit former Members from using their floor privileges under the restrictions laid out in this rule. This restriction extends not only to the House floor but adjacent rooms, the Cloakrooms, and the Speaker's lobby.

Members who have reason to know that a former Member is on the floor inconsistent with clause 3, rule XXXII should notify the Sergeant at Arms promptly.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain ten 1 minutes on each side.

THIS CONGRESS THE MOST PRODUCTIVE IN DECADES

(Mr. ARMEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Republican Congress on the work that it is achieving this week in culmination of what has been years of hard work.

Yesterday the President agreed to sign our welfare reform measure and we passed it overwhelmingly through this body. We are going to go out now and address the needs of the American working men and women and the American family.

After this week is over, if the President again agrees to sign the work before this body, men and women working in America will no longer have to be afraid to change jobs, will no longer have to be concerned that they will

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