House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PETRI).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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


I hereby appoint the Honorable Thomas E. PETRI to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

The Reverend Walter R. Rossi, Associate Rector, The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

God is our refuge and our strength, an ever present help in distress.

Lord, in times of trepidation, we look to You for comfort and strength.

Your consolations are known to us through the compassion and self-giving of our citizens. Your strength is realized in our Nation’s spirit of unity and patriotism.

We turn to You in trust, for wisdom and guidance, a wisdom derived from reverence and esteem for Your word.

Preserve our Nation, a beacon of freedom and independence, a model of charity and forbearance.

Give this legislative body inspiration, certitude and right judgment. Direct our President and his administration with a spirit of prudence and fortitude.

May their actions be undertaken with zeal and tempered with concern.

Protect the men and women of our Nation’s Armed Forces. May those who defend and preserve this great land of promise know the assurance of Your vigilant care.

Have compassion on us all, and show mercy in our limitations as we forever strive to ensure Your blessings of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all peoples. 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 with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the following title:


The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 2004) “An Act making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes,” requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mrs. FeinsteiN, Mr. Inouye, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Reid, Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Hutchison, Mr. Burns, Mr. Craig, Mr. DeWine, and Mr. Stevens, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

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,

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 September 26, 2001 at 10:10 a.m.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1583.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
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,

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 September 26, 2001 at 5:20 p.m.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1860.
That the Senate agreed to House amendments to Senate H.R. 2510. That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 227.

W ith best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk of the House.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from George R. Canty, Counselor to the Chairman, Committee on Education and the Workforce:

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

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

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

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I will make the determinations required by Rule VIII.

Sincerely,
GEORGE R. CANTY,
Counselor to the Chairman.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Dianna J. Ruskowsky, Financial Administrator, Committee on Education and the Workforce:

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

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

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

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I will make the determinations required by Rule VIII.

Sincerely,
DIANNA J. RUSKOWSKY,
Financial Administrator.

BILLSPRESENTEDTO THE PRESIDENT

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House reports that on September 27, 2001 he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H. J. Res. 65. Making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 2, 2001 for morning hour debates.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 10 o’clock and 6 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, October 2, 2001, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker’s table and are as follows:

3919. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, notifying notification concerning the Department of the Army’s Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Egypt for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 01-26), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

3920. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, notifying notification concerning the Department of Defense proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Egypt for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 01-AY), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

3921. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Eligibility of U.S.-Flag Vessels of 100 Feet or Greater in Registered Length to Obtain a Fishery Endorsement to the vessel documentation (Docket No. MARAD-01) (RIN: 2133-AB45) received August 30, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.


3923. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 767−700 and −800 Series Airplanes (Docket No. 2000–NM–268–AD; Amendment 39–12258; AD 2001–12–03) (RIN: 2120–AA64) received August 28, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.


3926. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 747−700, −800, −300, and −400ER Series Airplanes Equipped with General Electric CF6−80C2 Engine (Docket No. 2001–NM–137–AD; Amendment 39–12371; AD 2001−12−03) (RIN: 2120–AA64) received August 28, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3927. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 747−700, −800, −300, and −400ER Series Airplanes Equipped with General Electric CF6−80C2 Engine (Docket No. 2001−NM–137–AD; Amendment 39–12371; AD 2001–12–03) (RIN: 2120–AA64) received August 28, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.


98-178-AD: Amendment 39-12342; AD 2001-15-08 (RIN: 2120-AA64) received August 28, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

394. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Aircraft Engines CF6-80C2B1A Turbofan Engines [Docket No. 2000-NE-38-AD; Amendment 12-2029; AD 2001-08-03 (RIN: 2120-AA64)] received August 28, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

395. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Series Airplanes Powered By Pratt & Whitney JT9D-3 and -7 Series Engines [Docket No. 2000-NE-330-AD; Amendment 39-12336; AD 2001-15-02 (RIN: 2120-AA64)] received August 28, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

396. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2000-NE-200-AD; Amendment 39-12328; AD 2001-09-09 (RIN: 2120-AA64)] received August 28, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

397. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Learjet Model 55 Series Airplanes and Model 60 Airplanes [Docket No. 2000-NE-56-AD; Amendment 39-12177; AD 2001-07-11 (RIN: 2120-AA64)] received August 28, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.


400. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330-301, -321, -322, -341, and -342 Series Airplanes, and Model A340 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 2001-NE-136-AD; Amendment 39-12369; AD 2001-16-01 (RIN: 2120-AA64)] received August 28, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

401. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca S.A. Artouste II and Artouste III Series Turboprop Engines [Docket No. 2000-NE-21275; AD 2001-12-19 (RIN: 2120-AA64)] received August 28, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

402. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Aircraft Engines CF6-80C2B1A Turbofan Engines [Docket No. 2000-NE-38-AD; Amendment 39-12276; AD 2001-09-09 (RIN: 2120-AA64)] received August 28, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

403. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Aircraft Engines CF6-50 Turbofan Engines [Docket No. 2000-NE-38-AD; Amendment 39-12276; AD 2001-09-09 (RIN: 2120-AA64)] received August 28, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MARY L. LANDRIEU, a Senator from the State of Louisiana.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:


To the Senate:

Under the provisions of Rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARY L. LANDRIEU, a Senator from the State of Louisiana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD, President pro tempore.

Ms. LANDRIEU thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2001

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 12 noon on Monday, October 1. Thereupon, the Senate, at 10 o’clock and 41 seconds a.m., adjourned until Monday, October 1, 2001, at 12 noon.
HONORING THE CHURCH OF ST. JOACHIM IN TRENTON, NEW JERSEY, ON THEIR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 28, 2001

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor St. Joachim's Roman Catholic Church in Trenton, New Jersey, as they celebrate their Centennial. At the turn of the 20th Century, millions of immigrants from Italy journeyed to the United States in the hopes of starting a new life. Thousands of these immigrants—who later become proud Italian-Americans—settled in Trenton, New Jersey.

These immigrants found jobs in the city's once thriving steel mills, rubber factories, and pottery factories. But life was about much more than work. These newcomers sought comfort in their Italian culture, kinship with their fellow immigrants, and solace and guidance in their Roman Catholic faith.

In 1901, 100 years ago, because of cultural differences and language barriers, Rev. James A. McFaul, Bishop of Trenton, established St. Joachim's Parish to accommodate the spiritual needs of the city's newest Catholics. Bishop McFaul gave the task of establishing this new parish to Rev. Aloysius Pozzi, an Italian Priest who at the time had been in the United States for less than five years.

This new Parish had a meager physical beginning. There was no church, and Masses were held in Centennial Hall on Hudson and Genesee Streets. But while lacking in physical materials, this new Parish was rich in members and spirit. In fact, the first Mass of St. Joachim's was offered for 1,500 people.

Plans to build their own church were quickly developed and on August 15, 1903, the cornerstone of St. Joachim's Church was laid during festivities attended by church and civic leaders, as well as thousands of Italian-Americans. But Rev. Pozzi, who later became a Monsignor, did not rest once the church was built; instead he worked tirelessly to establish a new parochial school, which he opened in 1909. For 90 years, St. Joachim's has faithfully served its parishioners, ministering and providing services to the community. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating St. Joachim's on their Centennial Celebration and to thank them for all of their contributions to the rich culture and history of Trenton, the Capital City of New Jersey.

HON. IREK SKELETON
OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 28, 2001

Mr. SKELETON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to congratulate St. Joachim's on their Centennial Celebration and to thank them for all of their contributions to the rich history and culture of Trenton, the Capital City of New Jersey.

Mr. STAATS began his career in public service in 1936, spending a summer as a research assistant for the Kansas Legislative Council. During 1937 and 1938, he was a member of the staff of the Public Administration Service of Chicago. In 1938, Elmer came to Washington, D.C. to be a fellow at the Brookings Institution. A year later he joined the staff of the Budget Bureau of the Bureau of the Budget, thus beginning a remarkable Federal service career.

As a member of the Bureau's Division of Administrative Management and later of the War Agencies Section, Elmer worked with Presidents Roosevelt and Truman in converting the U.S. economy to war time production and back to peace time again. Later, he became Assistant Bureau Director for Legislative Reference, working with Truman White House staff to help coordinate the President's legislative programs. Mr. Staats then became the Bureau's Executive Assistant Director then Deputy Director, a position he held until 1953.

Later, Elmer was appointed Executive Director of the Operations Coordinating Board of the National Security Council. He then returned to the Bureau of the Budget, serving as Assistant Director then Deputy Director under Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson.

In 1966, President Johnson appointed Elmer Comptroller General of the United States. He served a full 15-year term and implemented significant changes in the General Accounting Office. Elmer focused on expanding GAO's work and issue areas to serve Congress more effectively. When Elmer Staats took charge of GAO, less than ten percent of the its professional staff's effort toward providing direct assistance to Congress. When he left, GAO was devoting nearly 40 percent of its effort to helping Congress.

During his tenure at GAO, Elmer helped user in many improvements. He helped to implement "Government Auditing Standards," providing standardized methods for government entities to determine the effectiveness of programs. Upon his retirement in 1981 Elmer Staats was called, "a pragmatic of good government."

Elmer's public service did not end with his retirement from Comptroller General, as he soon became President and then Trustee and Chairman of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation. This Federal agency administers the scholarship program established as the sole Federal memorial to President Truman. Each year the Truman Foundation awards 80 scholarships to outstanding students who wish to undertake a career in public service. This December Elmer Staats will complete his third consecutive six year term as a Foundation Trustee and as its Chairman. Having had the privilege to serve with him as Vice Chairman of the Trustees, I can personally attest to the ways in which this important program has flourished under his leadership.

Elmer has served on numerous commissions, committees, boards, and councils, making each better because of his involvement. He has also been the recipient of many awards, including the Rockefeller Public Service Award and the Presidential Citizens Medal. Elmer received degrees from McPherson College, the University of Kansas and the University of Minnesota and honorary doctorate degrees from eight different schools.

Mr. Speaker, Elmer Staats has been a truly great American, serving the United States for 65 years. I know the Members of the House will join me in thanking him and wishing him all the best in the days ahead.

HONORING AGUSTUS M. DELSIGNORE, HUDSON FALLS ITALIAN-AMERICAN CIVIC CLUB ANNUAL RECOGNITION AWARD

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 28, 2001

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Agustus M. DelSignore as the recipient of the Hudson Falls Italian-American Civic Club’s First Annual Recognition Award. Through his leadership in the Glens Falls Housing Authority, Mr. DelSignore has proven to be a pillar of strength in not only his community, but a vast area of the North Country as well.

Mr. DelSignore was born and raised in Glens Falls. After graduating from Glens Falls High School, he joined the Air Force during the Korean War. In 1954, he returned to Glens Falls to take over the family business, DelSignore’s Hotel and Restaurant. Mr. DelSignore was married to Joan Denton, also of Glens Falls, in 1951. They are the proud parents of three daughters, Susan, Amy, and Wendy, and proud grandparents of three grandsons and two granddaughters, all of whom reside in Glens Falls.

Agustus DelSignore has been involved in the development of Public Housing since 1966. In 1970, he was appointed Provisional Projects Manager for the Glens Falls Housing Authority. While in this position, he initiated operations for the fifty-unit Larose Gardens Apartments in Glens Falls. Upon receiving the highest score on the New York State Civil Service exam for Projects Manager in 1972,
Mr. DelSignore was appointed as the first Projects Manager of the Glens Falls Housing Authority. He oversaw the first high rise building providing eighty affordable apartments for senior citizens.

The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials certified Mr. DelSignore as a Public Housing Manager in 1974. Again, he turned around to dedicate his efforts to the needs of the elderly by constructing a second senior citizen complex. The Robert J. Cronin High Rise, which is often referred to as the most beautiful property in Glens Falls, provided 100 additional apartments for senior citizens.

On April 25, 1988, Governor Mario Cuomo awarded Mr. DelSignore one of four Distinguished Housing Service Awards. Following on his success, he started an income rental subsidy program for low-income families, resulting in over 600 assisted rental units throughout the Glens Falls area. Under the leadership of Mr. DelSignore, the Glens Falls Housing Authority has been highly praised as a "HUD High Performer," a level only obtained by a small percentage of all housing authorities nationwide.

Mr. Speaker, please help me congratulate the recipient of the Hudson Falls Italian-American Civic Club’s First Annual Recognition Award, Agustus M. DelSignore. He has accomplished exceptional feats in the areas of housing and development in his community. In Agustus DelSignore, we have found a dedicated and compassionate member of the North Country community.

CONGRATULATING HOLY CROSS SCHOOL ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 28, 2001

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the students, faculty, and alumni of Holy Cross School in Trenton, New Jersey, on the school’s 100th anniversary.

In 1901, the Reverend Francis Czernecki and the Felician Sisters founded the school to educate students in a family-oriented atmosphere while instilling the rich tradition of Catholicism into the cultural and intellectual life of every pupil. Today, 100 years later, Holy Cross School is leading 280 students into this millennium with a Catholic value-centered education, and supported by a strong community of faith.

The current generation of lay teachers follow in the footsteps of Felician Sisters who came to Trenton in 1901. The religious teaching community, known as the Sisters of Saint Felix of Cantalice, was founded in Warsaw, Poland in 1855. Many Sisters from the community taught at Holy Cross up until 12 years ago, when the remaining Felician Sisters retired. Nevertheless, the values, dedication, and vision that these Felician Sisters started so many years ago continues to flourish at Holy Cross School today.

Mr. Speaker, in the South Ward of Trenton, New Jersey, many people count three priorities in their community: family, friends, and the Holy Cross School. I would like to thank the school and the surrounding community for their hard work and dedication to providing an outstanding educational institution filled with tradition and faith that serves the people of Trenton, New Jersey.

HONORING NEW YORK CITY FIREFIGHTER DANA HANNON OF WYCKOFF, NEW JERSEY

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 28, 2001

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the heroic efforts of New York City Firefighter Dana Hannon, who died valiantly trying to save lives during the September 11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. In times of such tragedy, we often look to others for support, for inspiration, and even for the right words. Today, as we search for an understanding of September 11, I borrow the words of Sir Winston Churchill and think of New York Firefighter Dana Hannon with these words. Churchill once said, "Vast and fearsome as the human scene has become, personal contact of the right people, in the right places at the right time, may yet have a potent and valuable part to play in the cause of peace which is in our hearts."

As forces of terror tried to extinguish the light of our nation on September 11, the heroes in our midst shined brighter than ever. For some, we know what heroic endeavors were undertaken as we hear stories from cell phones, emails, and survivors. And then there are those whose story was not told, yet we know—because of the people they were—it was a selfless courageous story. We know this because these men and women were heroes before they even entered the World Trade Center Towers to begin their rescue missions.

Dana Hannon was a hero to his parents, Tom and Gaye, in Wyckoff, New Jersey. Dana was a hero to his fiancé and his younger sister. Dana was a hero to the residents of Wyckoff, where he served for ten years as a firefighter. Dana was a hero to residents of Bridgeport, Connecticut, where, as a firefighter, he received a medal of valor for his service. Dana was a hero to the residents of New York City, where he reported to the call at the World Trade Center with his company, Engine Company 28.

These heroes entered the buildings’ lobbies as people flooded out into the streets. These men and women ran up the stairs while instructionally guiding others to those same stairs and outside. They ran to help the people in wheelchairs as others ran to safety. Heroes on that day, their efforts and effects will never be forgotten, especially by those who were saved.

We may not know what scenes Dana faced so bravely in the smoke and panic that filled the World Trade Center towers. But, as his family and friends would testify, Dana was most likely one of the first to the building. Always one to act first and worry about his safety later, his loved ones can imagine the heroic acts Dana performed that day. I am sure that for someone, he was the right person, in the right place, at the right time. Someday we may hear the story of the lives he saved or the comfort he provided. But for now, we can be proud, proud of the job he was doing, proud of the heroism he showed that day, and proud of the courage he had always shown.

Some heroes were made on September 11. Others were heroes that just had the chance to shine even more brightly. And as family and friends of Dana wait for stories of him on that day, they will continue to share the stories of his everyday heroism and spirit. The forces of terror may have tried to destroy our peace, but they cannot destroy the peace in our own hearts as long as we have heroes such as Dana Hannon.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring New York City Firefighter Dana Hannon, Engine Company 28. The towns of Wyckoff and Bridgeport have recognized Dana’s heroism before. On behalf of our community, let us now recognize this man who served us in one of our most horrific hours. In the darkest times, it is the brave who shine the brightest. As we face the future, let us not let him, or his family, or his company, down.

TRIBUTE TO HELEN KILIAN

HON. LANE EVANS
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 28, 2001

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Helen Kilian, a freshman at Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Helen on receiving first place in the VSA arts’ 18th annual Playwright Discovery Award. This competition elicits nearly 150 entries from across the country, but only four receive top honors. Helen’s script was one of those honored.

Helen’s play addresses the pervasive issue of disability discrimination. It tells the story of Frances, a young girl who takes on the challenges of high school and her own disability. Frances, who is afflicted with cerebral palsy, is offered an award for inspiring her classmates. This intriguing story, aptly entitled ‘The Trouble with Being Inspiring,’ delves into the assumptions that we hold about people with and without disabilities and ourselves.

A production of Helen’s play will be performed at the prestigious Washington, DC, Kennedy Center. This is a tremendous accomplishment for any playwright, but this success is even greater for Helen. Not only is Helen, who is 18, at the beginning of her writing career, but Helen also faces her own challenges. Helen has cerebral palsy. Helen has met the challenges that accompany cerebral palsy and turned her experiences into a tool to help all of us reexamine how we view disabilities. It is clear that Helen has no trouble being inspiring.

Helen’s single act dramatic work, “The Trouble with Being Inspiring,” will be performed at the Kennedy Center this Monday, October 1. I encourage everyone to attend the play and support Helen’s work. I know that my colleagues join me in wishing Helen continued success as she pursues her work as a playwright and continues her studies in creative writing and graphic design.
ON THE PASSING OF FLETCHER E. ALLEN

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2001

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mark the passing of a dear friend and colleague of many members of this esteemed body, Mr. Fletcher E. Allen, Director of Government Affairs for BP Amoco Corporation, passed away in his home after a bout with cancer on Tuesday, September 25, 2001.

Fletcher Allen was a wonderful man and a loyal servant of his community. His presence in our lives will be missed tremendously, for there is no doubt that Mr. Fletcher Allen was a great-spirited man; a man of passion, a man of loyalty, a man, above all, who cared about people. Moreover, he was a man who believed in simple values, and transformed them into deep-seated convictions; convictions he held tenaciously and for which he fought most vigorously. What a marvelous heritage he leaves for us to appreciate, emulate and nurture; there can be no doubt that he fervently loved life, his family and friends.

Although he will be missed, those of us he has left behind find the words of II Timothy 4:6–8 to be a fitting epitaph for Fletcher Allen: “For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me that day; and I shall come again to escort us to our special eternal room, and rejoin Fletcher Allen for a glorious and happy reunion in the presence of God.

A wonderful and thriving family survives him, including his wife of 27 years, Linda. His son Fletcher and his daughter Alki will remember a caring, compassionate, and giving father. His father, Robert Allen, Sr., and siblings Robert, Richard, Bessie, and Elizabeth will also miss Fletcher’s smile, but it is my sincere hope that they find solace in the fact his mother Irma is there with him in Heaven to take his hand in comfort.

Mr. Speaker, the Beltway community lost a dear friend on Tuesday, and though we are sad, we know that his life was not in vain, for he will be remembered by all as one of the good ones who come into this world to make it a better place.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE. Madam Chairman, this amendment would allow these brave servicewomen the same constitutional right enjoyed by women here at home—the right to choose. Every servicewoman should have the option to safely, legally terminate a pregnancy at a U.S. military facility overseas. The President has called upon all Americans to stand up for our rights and freedoms. It is time to give military women who are abroad the same rights as women here at home. I urge my colleagues to vote for the Sanchez amendment.
Senate

Chamber Action

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Senate met at 10:00:08 in pro forma session, and adjourned at 10:00:41 a.m. until 12 noon, on Monday, October 1, 2001.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 1 public bill, H.R. 2972, was introduced.

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 107, to require that the Secretary of the Interior conduct a study to identify sites and resources, to recommend alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the Cold War, amended (H. Rept. 107–220);

H.R. 1161, to authorize the American Friends of the Czech Republic to establish a memorial to honor Tomas G. Masaryk in the District of Columbia, amended (H. Rept. 107–221);

H.R. 1384, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Navajo Long Walk to Bosque Redondo as a national historic trail, amended (H. Rept. 107–222);

H.R. 1456, to expand the boundary of the Booker T. Washington National Monument (H. Rept. 107–223); and

H.R. 1814, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Metacomet-Monadnock-Sunapee-Mattabesett Trail extending through western New Hampshire, western Massachusetts, and central Connecticut for study for potential addition to the National Trails System, amended (H. Rept. 107–224).

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Walter R. Rossi, Associate Rector, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception of Washington, D.C.

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H6063.

Quorum Calls—Votes: No recorded votes or quorum calls during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 1 through October 6, 2001

For the Congressional Program Ahead, see Daily Digest of Monday, October 1, 2001.
Next Meeting of the SENATE
12 noon, Monday, October 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 2 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of S. 1438, Department of Defense Authorization.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 2

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced

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