

it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 1, for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON
WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR THE COMMITTEE
ON THE JUDICIARY TO HAVE
UNTIL MIDNIGHT, MONDAY, SEP-
TEMBER 30, 2002, TO FILE RE-
PORT ON H.R. 4561, FEDERAL
AGENCY PROTECTION OF PRI-
VACY ACT

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary may have until midnight on Monday, September 30, 2002, to file a report to accompany H.R. 4561.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON
THE JUDICIARY TO HAVE UNTIL
MIDNIGHT, MONDAY, SEP-
TEMBER 30, 2002, TO FILE RE-
PORT ON H.R. 4125, FEDERAL
COURTS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF
2002

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary may have until midnight on Monday, September 30, 2002, to file a report to accompany H.R. 4125.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION AND INFRA-
STRUCTURE TO HAVE UNTIL
MIDNIGHT, MONDAY, SEP-
TEMBER 30, 2002, TO FILE RE-
PORT H.R. 5428, CONSERVATION
AND WATER DEVELOPMENT
PROJECTS AUTHORIZATION

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure may have until midnight on Monday, September 30, 2002, to file a report to accompany H.R. 5428.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

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APPOINTMENT OF HON. JAMES V.
HANSEN TO ACT AS SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN EN-
ROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESO-
LUTIONS THROUGH OCTOBER 1,
2002

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PUTNAM) laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 26, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JAMES V. HANSEN or, if not available to perform this duty, the Honorable MAC THORNBERRY to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through October 1, 2002.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

There was no objection.

STANDING FIRM FOR THE PEOPLE
OF SUDAN

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

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, for nearly 20 years, the people of Sudan have been engaged in a civil war. The government in Khartoum, known as the National Islamic Front, has been ruthlessly terrorizing its own citizens in the south, killing and starving those who are not Muslim Arabs.

This religious hatred has evolved into genocide. Christians in southern Sudan are the subject of ethnic cleansing. Over 2 million people have died. Over 4 million people have been displaced. The war in Sudan is clearly one of good versus evil.

If this persecution was not bad enough, southern Sudan is a source of enormous oil reserves, causing the National Islamic Front to literally clear a path of black Christians in order to reap the benefits of this commodity.

Sudan is perhaps the most prominent purveyor of slavery, an atrocity of unspeakable proportions. Women and children are subjected to extreme cruelty. Men are removed from their families and given Arabic names before experiencing the worst of conditions.

There have been many prayers and vigils for the people of Sudan recently. I commend those who speak up for the persecuted and enslaved in the south of Sudan, and I urge the Sudanese government to resume peace talks with the Sudan People's Liberation Army. We must have peace, Mr. Speaker, in Sudan.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. NORTON addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. FILNER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. PALLONE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

WELCOMING MEMBERS OF RUS-
SIAN DUMA AND FEDERATION
COUNCIL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. WELDON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to pay tribute to what has been a very exciting week.

Members of this body and the other body played host to four separate groups of our colleagues from the Russian Duma and Federation Council. These groups were involved in intense discussions involving cooperation on antiterrorism, on projects involving health care, energy, programs to improve the conditions of the people of Russia and the relationship between the U.S.

In fact, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SAXTON) chaired one delegation, and we had Members of other groups in the Congress chair other delegations. The gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) was hosting a group that was focusing on veterans benefits and ways to construct housing support for the military in Russia. It has been a good week.

Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday a group of our colleagues, 12 to be exact, from both sides of the aisle played host to one of the rising young companies in Russia, an energy company known as ATERA and their CEO Igor Makarov. The members of the bipartisan delegation that traveled to Russia last May were hosted by ATERA as they had been hosted in previous delegations by the officials from GASTFIRM, LUKoil and other major energy companies, including Yukost and our friend Mikhail Korofko.