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## House of Representatives

The House met at 12:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PENCE).

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
October 15, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MIKE PENCE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

### 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 House of the following title:

H.R. 3389. An act to reauthorize the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

### MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 23, 2002, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to not to exceed 30 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to not to exceed 5 minutes.

### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12, rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.) the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

□ 1400

### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PENCE) at 2 p.m.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord God of land and seas, as well as the heavens and the earth, You sustain us in troublesome times. You guide the destiny of this Nation and companion each of us in the journey of life.

The Columbus holiday reminds us, Lord, of the determination and great courage You gave the great navigator and explorer, Christopher Columbus. His four voyages to the new world continue to inspire hope.

Ward off any hesitation and remove all obstacles, O Lord, that prevent us from realizing our dreams and making great discoveries in our times.

Enable the Members of Congress and all Americans whom they represent in government to look beyond the familiar and the comfortable so to move into the future unafraid.

Grant all the humility to place their trust in You, O God, and ready themselves to embrace the surprises You have prepared for our discovery today, tomorrow 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. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CULBERSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CULBERSON 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.

### DISPENSING WITH CALL OF PRIVATE CALENDAR ON TODAY

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to dispense with the call of the Private Calendar.

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

There was no objection.

### WHY NOT PEACE?

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, many of us had an opportunity to be in our districts over the last couple of days and to engage our constituents on what might have been the most momentous debate and decision that this Congress would make, at least in the early part of the 21st century, and that was debate we engaged in last week on the question of going to war with Iraq. All of us acknowledged that we came to this floor and expressed our viewpoints as we thought was best for the American people.

Over the weekend, of course, an enormous tragedy occurred in Indonesia. Americans are missing. Some lost their lives. But one of my constituents asked the question that I think is so very important that we raise again today: What about peace and the ability to be able to have that as a clarion call? Why is that so shameful that we as Americans, the most privileged and the most powerful, cannot raise the question of what about peace? What about discussions of peace and reconciliation?

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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