

place here. I happen to recall, Mr. Speaker, that in 1995 we had a CAO appointed; and, of course, I was a member of the bipartisan group that was selected by this body to hire Mr. Eagen. I was one of the ones that interviewed him, as well as others, and was one of the ones that decided to put him in the capacity that he is in.

So I just wanted to say to my friends on the other side that we hired Mr. Eagen to clean up a mess that was not created by those who were in power. It was created by the gentleman who took the office in 1995.

I would want us to be careful about how we recall the history of this, because that is the way all of this developed, and I was on that group that helped to clean it up with the hiring of Mr. Eagen. He has done a professional job. I want to thank him for that.

I, too, have met with Mr. Beard; and I have known Mrs. Lorraine Miller for a long, long time. I think she is an excellent choice. I think she is going to do great work for this institution, and I join with those who see this as a history-making and I think marble-ceiling-shattering appointment.

But when I met with Mr. Beard I said to him that I recognized his professional background. But I also said to him that I had one wish of him, that he carry out his duties and responsibilities in a professional manner. But I said to him when I spoke with him that this is my first elected job. I have been director or manager of something all of my life before coming here.

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And one of the things I learned as a manager is that you have to try to balance efficiency and effectiveness. And in order to do the work of this body, I want all of those people who assume positions to be efficient. But I also would like to see the work done be effective. And to do so, we have to, I think, recognize the individual worth that exists in every human being. There are a lot of people working in and around this building who we sometimes don't see, but they come under the purview of the Chief Administrative Officer. So I asked Mr. Beard to remember, as he carried out his duties and responsibilities, that we must always work to balance out efficiency and effectiveness. So I think they will make good additions to the work here in this body, and I want to thank them for being willing to serve and thank the Speaker for making this appointment.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS).

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I too want to join my colleagues at wishing a fond and reluctant farewell to Jay Eagen and Karen Haas. They have both served this institution with great distinction and reflected well on the institution of the House.

But I rise today to honor Lorraine Miller of Fort Worth, Texas, on her appointment as Clerk of the House of Representatives. Of course, as Clerk of the House of Representatives, Ms. Miller's responsibilities will include but not be limited to the page board, congressional travel reports and disclosure forms, the voting system, oversight of the legislative operation of the House floor. She is well prepared for this. She has worked at the highest levels of government, which have contributed to her leadership abilities and her knowledge of management.

The role of the Clerk is demanding and requires someone with great intellect. Ms. Miller will certainly bring strength and diversity to the Office of Clerk as the first African American woman to hold this top House position.

Ms. Miller first worked for the House of Representatives for U.S. Congressman Jim Wright back in Fort Worth, Texas, when he was majority leader. She moved on to work for then-Speaker Tom Foley, U.S. Congressman JOHN LEWIS, and finally the current speaker, Speaker PELOSI. Ms. Miller also worked as deputy assistant to the president of Legislative Affairs for the House of Representatives during the administration of Bill Clinton. She additionally held positions at the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal Trade Commission.

It is with great honor that I recognize Ms. Lorraine C. Miller for decades of hard work and selfless dedication. I want to join her friends and family, both here in Washington, D.C. and particularly back home in Fort Worth, Texas, where I represent, in congratulating her on this prestigious milestone. She has been an inspiration and a role model to many, and I know she will continue to be a role model to many of the young men and women who will watch her progress with pride here in the House of Representatives. And I, for one, look forward to working with her here in Congress.

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, in that case I will make my final comments. I assume the gentleman from South Carolina is able to close right after that.

Just hearing this debate reminds me again of all the things that happened. And first of all, I have to clarify that Mr. Eagen did not have to clear up a mess left by Mr. Faulkner. Mr. Faulkner may or may not have been the best choice for CAO at the time he took the job, but certainly improved the situation. And I was there. I saw the books as they were, ledger cards made out in pencil with erasures in the ledger book, an erasure of a number filled in with \$2,500,000 just to make the books balance. I have seen those books. I know the facts. It was a mess after 40 years of the rule of one party.

Now, I am not defending or criticizing either General Wishart or Scot Faulkner. They were there. They did

the best job they could in very difficult circumstances. But they were not there very long.

The point is simply that when we followed a good process, when we used a bipartisan process, we appointed someone who has served for a number of years and has served extremely well.

You know as well as I that if you hire a person, that person's loyalty is going to be to you. It is very important that this position be operated in a bipartisan fashion. And since the Speaker has appointed Mr. Beard, no matter how capable he is, no matter how much he tries, he will be suspected of partisanship in his decisions.

Daniel Beard may, in fact, be the right person to lead the CAO organization, and I truly hope that he is. However, given the selection process, there is simply no way of knowing that with any degree of confidence. This appointment could and should have occurred with the full confidence of all Members of the House. Unfortunately, the burden of proof now lies with Mr. Beard and, ultimately, Speaker PELOSI, to ensure that Mr. Beard is able to maintain the level of skill, professionalism and bipartisanship we have come to expect from the House CAO.

Mr. Speaker, I demand a division of the question on the adopting of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question will be divided.

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. CLYBURN. I yield back the balance of my time, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the resolution.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question on adopting the resolution is divided.

First, the question is on adopting the first portion of the question (relating to the election of Clerk).

The first portion of the question was adopted.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Now, the question is on adopting the second portion of the question (relating to the election of Chief Administrative Officer).

The second portion of the question was adopted.

A motion to reconsider the adoption of the resolution was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H. Res. 129.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TIERNEY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from South Carolina?

There was no objection.