

no peace with oppression. And, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the fostering of reconciliation, liberation, and justice.

Grant us sincerity, with golden morals and values, that we may persistently seek the things that endure, refusing those which perish, and grow ever richer in that love which is the life of all people. Bless this House of Representatives and all the leaders of this Nation; as we continue to be good and faithful stewards of the resources of this world which You created and called good. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. BALLENGER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. BALLENGER. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5, rule I, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TRAFICANT 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain ten 1-minutes on each side of the aisle.

RELEASE FREEH'S MEMO REGARDING THE WAR ON DRUGS

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Madam Speaker, last month, Newsweek magazine ran a story on the politics of the war on drugs. Here is a quote from the article: "Although cocaine is still a major problem and heroin is getting worse, it

is simply beyond argument that Bill Clinton has failed to use the powers of his office to lead the war on drugs."

The articles goes on to report that 18 months ago, FBI Director Louis Freeh wrote a "scathing" memo detailing how illegal drugs were flowing into America like an all-conquering army. Freeh reportedly said there was no true leadership in the war on drugs.

Madam Speaker, what else was in that memo? What could have motivated Bill Clinton's hand-picked FBI director to make these revelations? And why hasn't this memo been released?

The Clinton administration should release the Freeh memo, and while they are at it, they can explain to the American people why they have done so very little to stop the flow of these drugs when they knew about it over 18 months ago.

CALLING FOR REPORT ON SPEAKER GINGRICH TO BE MADE PUBLIC

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

Mr. VOLKMER. Madam Speaker, here we continue on; it has been over a month. Mr. Cole has filed his report with the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct on Speaker GINGRICH. This is a huge dark cloud that hangs over the House.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. LINDER. Madam Speaker, I have a point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Georgia will state his point of order.

Mr. LINDER. The gentleman in the well is referring to matters before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, which is explicitly against the rules of the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair sustains the point of order and directs the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER] to proceed in order.

Mr. VOLKMER. The public media has now taken up the call, along with myself and other Members of this House who are asking that that report be made public. It cost the taxpayers—

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. LINDER. Point of order, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. LINDER. Madam Speaker, it may be that the gentleman does not understand the English language, but I thought the Chair just sustained a point of order and instructed him not to refer to matters before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct but to continue in order, and for him to continue referring to these matters is out of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair once again sustains the point of order of the gentleman from Georgia

[Mr. LINDER]. The gentleman from Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER] is not speaking in order, and the Chair again directs the gentleman from Missouri to proceed in order in accordance with the rules of the House.

Mr. VOLKMER. Madam Speaker, it is time and the time is now that the chairperson of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, NANCY "Stonewall" JOHNSON, release that report on Speaker GINGRICH so that we can all know what is in it. I do not know what is in it, whether it is good or bad, but we are entitled to know. Every Member of this House, the public, the press is entitled to know what is in that report.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. LINDER. Point of order, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. LINDER. Madam Speaker, it does not seem like anyone should have to remind someone three times in a 1-minute speech that he is abusing the rules of the House, but that is the point I am raising.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will inform the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER] that the Chair sustains the point of order of the gentleman from Georgia. The gentleman from Missouri is not, under the rules of the House, to make references to matters currently under review before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct or to members of that committee, as the gentleman from Missouri well knows.

The gentleman from Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER] has 20 seconds remaining.

Mr. VOLKMER. Madam Speaker, it is very apparent, I think, to everybody out there that is seeing what is happening here, that Members of the House who are calling for this report to be made public are attempted to be gagged.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman from Missouri has expired.

SUPPORT NATIONAL POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK

(Mrs. MORELLA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MORELLA. Madam Speaker, my topic is quite different. I am pleased to lend my support to National Pollution Prevention Week, recognized across the country to promote the most environmentally responsible management approach of pollution prevention, reducing pollution at the source before it starts. Pollution prevention can increase industrial efficiency and commercial competitiveness, improve the health and safety of workers in the workplace, while simultaneously preserving valuable resources and protecting the environment.

In my State of Maryland we have a very active State pollution prevention