

DELLUMS) we are saying hello to the gentleman from New York (Mr. MEEKS) and that is the biological process by which a free people renews itself.

We will miss you, Mr. DELLUMS; and we are grateful to have you here, Mr. MEEKS.

#### ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution (H.Res. 351) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 351

*Resolved*, That the following named Members be, and are hereby elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

To the Committee on Banking and Financial Services:

Max Sandlin of Texas; Gregory Meeks of New York.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. DREIER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-415) on the resolution (H. Res. 352) providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. BONIOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I ask for this time for the purposes of inquiring from the distinguished Chief Deputy Majority Whip regarding the schedule for today, the remainder of the week, and the following week.

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman from Michigan, my good friend, will yield, I am pleased to announce that we have finished the legislative business for the week.

The House will reconvene on Wednesday, February 11, at 3 p.m. for legislative business. Members should note that we do not expect any recorded votes before 5 p.m. on Wednesday; and on Thursday, February 12, the House will meet at 10 a.m. for legislative business.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the House will consider the following legislation: a resolution providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules and a resolution regarding the contested election in the 46th Congressional District of California.

Once the rule allowing suspensions next week has been agreed to, we hope to consider the following bills under suspension of rules:

H.R. 1428, the Voter Eligibility Verification Act; H. Con. Res. 202, the Daycare Fairness for Stay-at-Home Parents; and, S. 927, the National Sea Grant College Program Reauthorization Act of 1997.

Mr. Speaker, we hope to conclude legislative business for the week by early afternoon on Thursday, February 12. Friday, February 13, marks the beginning of the President's Day district work period from which the House will return on Tuesday, February 24.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, could the gentleman clarify two points for me? On the return date of Tuesday the 24th, can the gentleman enlighten us on when we can expect the first vote on that day?

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, there will be no votes until after 5 o'clock.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

Finally, the gentleman said that on February 12, which is Thursday next, I think, we will meet at 12 for legislative business?

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, 10 o'clock for legislative business.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

#### DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. HASTERT. 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 Illinois?

There was no objection.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

#### A MATTER OF TRUTH

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

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a moment to speak on what has been happening in the country lately. It is not about impeachment of the President or prosecution of the President; it is about what is on my mind and my conscience.

First of all, for all the clamor in the press and on radio and TV about allegations swirling around the President, there has been a blanket of silence on the part of many who ought to provide commentary on the moral tone of this country. And I am not sure why there has been this silence. Perhaps there is

a "do not rock the boat" feeling. Times are good and let us just sweep this under the rug and not focus on the moral aspects of this.

Perhaps the talk of impeachment and prosecution, which I think have been gotten out there too early, may have preempted those who might have felt obligated to comment on the moral issue and its impact on the leadership of the country.

Their reluctance was not evident in earlier cases. The young woman who flew the Air Force B-52s. The military general passed over for Chairman of the Joint Chiefs. The Tailhook scandal, which touched a number of senior Navy officials. Charges against a former Senator who resigned. A Supreme Court nominee and a Presidential candidate and others brought a tidal wave of comment from every corner of America.

In America, a person is innocent until proven guilty. But we are not talking about a court of law. We are talking about right and wrong.

We must give the President the benefit of the doubt. But let us not say that these things do not matter, because they do. They are at the very heart of honor, integrity, character and leadership.

What a person does in private affects the type of person he or she is in public, and a leader has an obligation to take responsibility for his or her actions and not try to explain them away or blame others.

If, indeed, we have lost the capacity to distinguish vice from virtue, if we believe that private behavior has no public consequences, if we believe that our Nation's leaders do not have to be good or moral and righteous men and women who live by the truth, then we abandon the very heritage of this Nation.

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I believe America ought to expect more from its leaders, and I think most of the American people agree. If, as has been the case for ages, kids want to grow up to be President of the United States, then like it or not the person holding that title has a special responsibility, and we have every right to hold him or her accountable to that duty.

Saying Americans do not care just does not wash with me. Truth is something we have always honored in this country. We teach our children from an early age to be truthful. George Washington's birthday is coming soon, and we have long told the story about him admitting to cutting down the cherry tree, where he said, I cannot tell a lie.

When any President takes office, there is an implied promise that he or she will level with the people, that he or she will be honest with them. A solemn bond of trust has always existed between the President and its people. And it must always be that way. Every President has an obligation to tell the whole truth. If Richard Nixon had told

the whole truth and had asked the American people for forgiveness, I believe he would have been forgiven.

Today there is a pall of doubt over the Presidency. Not being forthcoming with whatever the truth may be leaves doubt about the bond of trust between the President and the people and keeps open the question of fitness to serve in high office. The only way America can put this behind us once and for all is to be assured that when the President speaks, he is telling the truth. I hope this President can give this assurance. If President Clinton tells the American people the whole truth and needs forgiveness, I believe he will be forgiven.

But let us remember, all of us, all of us err and make mistakes, including me. No one, not one is perfect. But for forgiveness and healing to take place, there must first be confession and truth, and then we can move on.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Washington (Mrs. LINDA SMITH) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### HONORING KAREN SUE NOBUMOTO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a remarkable woman from the 37th District of California: Karen Sue Nobumoto. Ms. Nobumoto is an exceptional leader in the field of law within the African American community and the Los Angeles area. She has inspired young lawyers and law students throughout her long history with the John M. Langston Bar Association, and has dedicated her life to giving back to her community. As she completes her one year term as President of the Langston Bar Association, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize her long list of achievements.

Ms. Nobumoto received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Hartford in West Hartford, Connecticut in 1973. She continued her studies at Southwestern University School of Law in Los Angeles, where she obtained her Juris Doctorate degree in 1989. Throughout her years at Southwestern University, Ms. Nobumoto served as an active student leader. She was the President of the Black Law Students Association and Vice-Dean of the Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity.

Ms. Nobumoto has served on the board of directors of the John M. Langston Bar Association continuously since 1987. In 1988, she received the President's Special Recognition Award and received the same award again in 1996. She served as the first student Section Chairperson and worked with the past president to institute the Langston Law Student Career Day and Mentor Program. She also managed the Law Student Scholarship Program in

1990 and succeeded in increasing the scholarship funds distributed to African American law students over the past seven years.

Perhaps more important than this long list of achievements, is Ms. Nobumoto's unyielding determination and strong commitment to leaving no stone unturned when it comes to planning the critical path to success. She has attended every Langston board meeting and monthly meeting and represented the Langston Bar Association at over sixty-five different events throughout this past year. In addition to her work for Langston, Ms. Nobumoto is a hardworking Trial Deputy in the Office of the District Attorney in Los Angeles. She has also served on the Ethnic Minority Relations Committee of the State Bar from 1987 to 1990 and was the Vice-Chair of the Committee from 1989 to 1990. In 1990, she was also elected to a District 7 seat on the California Young Lawyers Association Board of Directors.

Clearly, Karen Nobumoto's commitment to carrying forward the tradition of service and leadership that defines the Langston Bar Association has made her one of the greatest Presidents to serve Langston. I am honored to know Ms. Nobumoto and wish her the best of luck as she pursues a position on the State Bar Board of Governors. Karen Nobumoto is a shining example of what it means to lead, to educate and to truly make a difference for the generations of today and tomorrow.

#### A RESOLUTION TO PROTECT WINNIE THE POOH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mrs. LOWEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce a resolution to protect Winnie the Pooh and his friends from being taken away from their safe and comfortable home at the New York Public Library. For 10 years Winnie the Pooh has held court in the New York Public Library, delighting millions of New Yorkers. But in recent days a member of the British Parliament has been expressing her intention to take them away from their home.

As a mother of three and a grandmother of two, I am determined to keep Winnie the Pooh right where he belongs in New York City. Quite frankly, the British have their heads in a honey jar, if they think they are taking Winnie the Pooh out of New York City.

Mr. Speaker, Christopher Milne, son of the creator of Winnie the Pooh and the real life model for Christopher Robin, gave his blessing to the New York Public Library's display of his childhood friends before his death 2 years ago. Winnie the Pooh, Tigger, Eeyore, Kanga and Piglet belong in New York, and this resolution will ensure that they stay there.

H. CON. RES. —

Whereas Winnie-the-Pooh, Tigger, Eeyore, Kanga, and Piglet have lived safely and comfortably in a climate-controlled, bulletproof case at the New York Public Library for ten years.

Whereas they bring happiness to the 750,000 people who visit them each year.

Whereas Christopher Milne, the model for Christopher Robin, gave his blessing to the New York Public Library's public display of his childhood friends before his death.

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring).* That the Congress of the United States expresses its strong support for the residents of Pooh Corner to remain at the New York Public Library.

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

(Mr. FOLEY addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.)

#### THE FUTURE OPPORTUNITY AND WELL-BEING OF OUR CHILDREN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, the gentleman from California (Mr. RIGGS) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to address the House under special orders on a topic that I think is of really paramount importance to our country, and that is the future opportunity and well-being of our children. I rise to talk today a little bit about our congressional, by that I mean House and Senate, Republican agenda for improvement of our schools, to ensure that every American child, especially those that come from disadvantaged backgrounds, has access to a high quality education and the kind of skills training that can unlock the future for that young person.

I have had the opportunity on many occasions, as many of the Members of this House have, to have my children accompany me to work sort of a dad takes daughter to work day. I have had my young daughter Sarah Anne, who is 11, going on 21, I think, at times, with me here on the House floor. And it has been a wonderful experience. It has given her an opportunity to see firsthand what I do as an elected Member of Congress. It has helped her not only better understand what I do, but it has helped her, I think, become a more responsible young person in her upbringing.

I can harken back a few years ago, when I first was elected to Congress, and the Sarah who is now in the fifth grade back then was in the second grade. And on the first day of school as the boys and girls were going around the classroom, when it came her turn to say what mom and dad do for a living, she piped up very proudly, my dad is FRANK RIGGS. He runs for Congress. Well, as they say, out of the mouths of babes. Since then, as I mentioned, she has come to have a far better understanding of what I do and what the purpose is of the Congress as our National Legislature.

I think our primary purpose, our most important objective has got to be,