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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

Bishop Miles Fowler, Big Miller Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Lithonia, Georgia, offered the following prayer:

God of all creation, we humbly approach Thy throne asking that You bless this august body of men and women as they endeavor to create legislation that will impact the lives of Your people.

Lord, help these leaders to lean not to their own understanding but to acknowledge You and seek Your guidance, that You may direct their paths.

We pray, Lord, that You give them the wisdom of Solomon, the strength of Sampson, the courage of Esther, and let these be tempered with Your grace.

Finally, Lord, bless President Obama, his family, and all of the leaders of this great Nation, in the matchless name of Your Son, Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. FOXX 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.

WELCOMING BISHOP MILES E. FOWLER

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. JOHNSON) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to welcome our guest chaplain, Bishop Miles E. Fowler, to the House of Representatives, and I thank him for offering his beautiful and thoughtful prayer to us this morning.

Bishop Miles E. Fowler joins us today from Lithonia, Georgia, where he is the pastor of Big Miller Grove Missionary Baptist Church, a position he has proudly held for the past 33 years.

Having served our Nation in the Air Force Reserve from 1957 to 1965, Bishop Fowler has since committed his life to the betterment of our country and its citizens through his ministry. As a pastor to more than 1,500 parishioners and a spiritual leader to more than 30 ministers under the auspices of Refuge Churches, his aim, personally and through his ministry, has always been to provide aid, assistance, and spiritual support in every aspect of our community.

As a committed husband, father, and grandfather—and his wife and some relatives are seated up in the gallery—Bishop Fowler recognizes the importance of family and has published two insightful works providing spiritual guidance for married couples.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased Bishop Fowler was able to share some of his words of wisdom and grace with us today. We recognize him for his continued commitment to his faith and community.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 10 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

CONGRATULATING CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS ON WINNING THE STANLEY CUP

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, you have no idea how much I'm going to enjoy this, but sometime late last night, Patrick Kane put the puck past a Philadelphia goaltender in overtime, and the Chicago Blackhawks became the Stanley Cup champions. Congratulations to the team for their great season. Many of these players have played over 120 games this season, including the Olympics, to achieve their one goal.

A special thanks to the owner of the Blackhawks, Rocky Wirtz—while hockey never left Chicago, he brought it back—the management team of John McDonough, Jay Blunk, Stan and Scotty Bowman, Coach Quenneville, and Dale Tallon.

Madam Speaker, today for all of us, with apology, Chicago is my kind of town.

TIME FOR A BUDGET THAT PUTS TAXPAYERS FIRST

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, the 2010 Federal budget deficit will hit $1 trillion this month, and we've also recently learned that the Federal debt will reach $19.5 trillion by 2015. You'd think this would be a case for some real careful examination of the Federal budget. You'd think Congress would be looking everywhere for areas to trim and programs to cut. But that is not the case. It's been almost 2 months since the deadline to introduce a budget resolution passed, and House Democrats still haven't produced a budget. How are we going to get spending under control and bring down the deficit if Congress won't even consider a

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