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The House met at 9 a.m.

The Reverend Bruce Mackenzie, First Congregational Church, Boulder, CO, offered the following prayer:

Oh God of a thousand names and faces, give light to our minds and hearts, fill our inmost depths with Your healing presence, wash what is soiled, heal what is painful, bend what is rigid, and lead us to fullness of life.

Today we offer special gratitude for our Nation: for its freedoms that allow each of us to express our faith in varieties of ways and yet encourages respect for those who express their faith in different ways, and for its continuing concern for our whole Earth and the sharing with equity the resources of the world.

Oh God with the vision of Your future, break us open to new ways of loving and caring for all Your children, so that Your kingdom may come on Earth. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will note that today is the Chaplain's birthday and everyone in the House should offer him a happy birthday.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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. Will the gentleman from Florida [Mr. DIAZ-BALART] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain five 1-minute speeches from each side.

WELCOMING THE REVEREND BRUCE MACKENZIE, GUEST CHAPLAIN

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

Mr. SKAGGS. Mr. Speaker, it is my personal privilege and honor to welcome this morning to the House of Representatives my pastor from Boulder, CO, the Reverend Bruce Mackenzie who just delivered the opening prayer. He is the senior minister at the First Congregational Church in Boulder. He is my pastor and my friend; he married me and my wife Laura some years ago. He has led our congregation in Boulder, CO now for 27 years and will be retiring from that post next month, leaving a grateful, if grieving, congregation.

He certainly exemplifies the kind of inspirational leadership that we wish for in our religious as well as our civic life. His entire congregation shares in this honor this morning and wishes him well in his retirement. We have all been the beneficiaries of his caring and joyful leadership.

A WARNING TO JAILERS OF CUBAN PRISONERS: THEY CAN RUN BUT THEY CANNOT HIDE

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

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, the Cuban tyrant is engaged in a Stalinist crackdown which is pretty typi-

cal of him, but it is nevertheless extraordinarily brutal. I have at this point six pages in my hands of names of opposition leaders and independent press people who have been arrested in the last 4 months alone, renowned leaders such as Vladimiro Roca, Marta Beatriz Roque, Felix Bonne Carcasses, and Rene Gomez Manzano have been arrested; youth leaders such as Nestor Rodriguez Lobaina, Heriberto Leyva Rodriguez, and Rafael Fonseca Ochs.

As I say, I have six pages and they are growing the list by the day.

I just want to send a word to the jailers of these prisoners. To each of them who go so far as to lay a hand on any political prisoner in Cuba, take note: It does not matter how long it takes, it does not matter how many times they say that they are following orders, it does not matter where they go, the Cuban people will make certain that they will be found, and they will be taken to justice.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1585. An act to allow postal patrons to contribute to funding for breast cancer research through the voluntary purchase of certain specially issued United States postage stamps, and for other purposes.

TAX RELIEF FOR THE WEALTHY CONTRIBUTORS WHO HELPED THE REPUBLICANS WIN CONTROL OF CONGRESS

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

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, Republicans have manipulated their tax bill to deliver as many tax breaks to the wealthy as possible, a new analysis

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