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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

God of silence, God of peace, in whom we live, move and have our very being, help this day the Members of the House of Representatives and those who assist them in their work. In the midst of their busy day, enable them to find a moment of stillness within and know that You are God and present to guide them.

May all the people of this great Nation be people of faith as well and come to seek Your face, O Lord. At this moment, people across this vast country join us in praying for the leaders in government they have elected. Praying together can unite us in works of justice and securing peace in this world.

With You we can accomplish great and glorious deeds because we pray and act in Your holy name. Amen.

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 Georgia (Mr. BURNS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BURNS 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. The Chair will receive ten 1-minute speeches on each side.

GOOD NEWS FOR THE ECONOMY

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

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, good morning. I have got some good news. Perhaps a lot of the Members do not know about it. There has been a CBO update. The economy now seems poised for a more sustained recovery with CBO estimating growth of nearly 4 percent in the year 2004.

Because of that growth, moreover, the recent surge in Federal budget deficits will peak in the year 2004. That is right. If growth continues, even at the CBO estimated 3.3 percent a year from the year 2005 to 2008, Federal revenues will begin to rise again and deficits will fall through the rest of the decade just as they always do amid prosperity.

What this tells us, Mr. Speaker, is that President Bush's decision to use fiscal policy, tax cuts, to promote growth has been the right priority, and it seems to be paying off now in accelerating business purchases. This is crucial to restoring vibrant growth because the economy has to survive and has had so much trouble with the burst in the stock market. This is also one of the explicit goals of President Bush's dividend and marginal income tax rate cut proposals.

Mr. Speaker, this is good news. No guarantee but good news for today.

HONORING EAST BOYNTON BEACH LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM

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

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I have good news also.

I rise to offer the East Boynton Beach, Florida Little League team, our new American National Little League champion, for the congratulations and admiration of this body. These fine

young men spent months practicing and playing hard, while never losing sight of the principles of honesty and fair play.

Their skill and determination paid off when they triumphed over all other American teams to represent our country in the Little League World Series.

Although they did not win the world title, they captured the attention and affection of Americans young and old. People across the country followed them through their games in Williamsport, Pennsylvania and cheered each victory. Their achievements this year will be remembered for a long time.

While I fully expect this team of very talented players to contend for the world title again next year, it is important to laud them now for the heights they attained.

I am sure we all have the greatest respect for these fine young men. They are excellent role models for children and for all of us. As their Representative in Congress, I am proud of the role they have played as ambassadors to other young people across the country and around the world.

SALUTING EAST BOYNTON BEACH LITTLE LEAGUERS

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

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join the gentleman from Florida (Mr. HASTINGS) in bringing attention to the House of Representatives the phenomenal achievements of a group of young men from Florida's 22nd Congressional District as well as his district.

I am speaking of the boys from East Boynton Beach Little League team; Michael, Richie, Cody, Jordan, Patrick, R.J., Matt, Ricky, Benny, Devon, and Andrew, who are also known as this year's United States Little League world champions.

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People throughout South Florida followed the team's success as they captured the Florida State Championship followed by the Southeastern United States Regional Championship. With these victories in hand, it was on to historic Williamsport, Pennsylvania to compete in the 2003 World Series.

There they captured this year's championship title along with the hearts of baseball fans throughout America and the world. Their victory brought East Boynton great recognition, but it was their teamwork and sportsmanship that brought us all great pride.

We must also recognize their parents and coach, Kenny Emerson, who helped them set a new standard of excellence in play and in life.

Please join me in saluting this fine team, the 2003 United States Little League World Series champions, the East Boynton Little Leaguers.

QUESTIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT

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

Mr. MCDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor with a heavy heart today. The wards are full at Walter Reed Army Hospital and Bethesda Naval Hospital, full of young men and women who were sent by their country to defend their country, whose minds have to have the question today, why was I sent there?

The President of the United States, Mr. Speaker, and the Prime Minister of Great Britain have lost the confidence of their own people. They misled us over and over and over again. They must come clean and tell the American people the truth. This is so reminiscent of what I went through during the Vietnam years that it is eerie. A government that says, well, things are better today, things are better today, and another boy or another girl gets killed or is sent back to Walter Reed or Bethesda maimed.

The President has got to come forward and tell us the truth about what it is going to cost, where we are going to get the people. They will not talk about a draft, but they have kept those reservists and those National Guard people over there for a year. Those people volunteered to support their country when it needed them.

How long are you going to keep them there, Mr. President?

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The Chair would advise Members that they should address the Chair and not the President.

FIRST PROSECUTION UNDER TRUTH IN DOMAIN NAMES ACT

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, as the author of legislation passed by Congress earlier this year and signed by President Bush known as the Truth in Domain Names Act, one can imagine my sense of satisfaction when yesterday I received a call from a United States Attorney in Manhattan to learn that the first prosecution under the Truth in Domain Names Act had taken place.

Yesterday, Federal prosecutors in Manhattan charged a Florida man with violating this new law that essentially makes it illegal to use a misleading Internet domain name to entice children to view pornography on the Internet. The defendant, John Zuccarini, had actually registered 3,000 domain names that included misspellings and slight variations of popular names like "Disneyland" and "Bob the Builder" and then would lease them to pornographers to expose children to this prurient material.

Thanks to the leadership shown here in Congress, by the President and by the U.S. Attorney James Comey, Mr. Zuccarini is now being brought into the halls of justice. And I am deeply humbled by this and felt the need today to rise and thank my colleagues for their support of the Truth in Domain Names Act and most especially the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SENSENBRENNER), chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, and his capable staff, Phil Kiko and Beth Sokul, without whose effort the Truth in Domain Names law would not be in a position today to terrorize those who would prey upon our children on the information super highway.

THE NATIONAL DEBT

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

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, it has been 846 days since President Bush and the Republican Party embarked on their economic plan for our country. Do the Members realize that during that time the national debt has increased by \$1,152,231,363,445 and some few odd cents and according to the Web site for the Bureau of the Public Debt at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, at 4:30 p.m. yesterday, eastern daylight time, the Nation's debt was \$6,792,556,749,803 and some few odd cents?

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Now, you study that for a moment. Furthermore, in fiscal year 2003, interest on our national debt, a debt tax, is \$288,803,184,023 and some few odd cents through July 31 of this year.

ADDRESSING THE TERRIBLE STATE OF AFFAIRS IN BURMA

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today out of concern over the continued imprisonment and disappearance of Aung San Suu Kyi, Nobel Peace Prize winner and leader of the National League of Democracy in Burma.

The cruel SPDC military dictatorship ruling Burma today imprisoned her in May of this year after their own government thugs attacked her and her supporters. Ms. Suu Kyi is now on a hunger strike in protest.

Mr. Speaker, no country should be defending this savage dictatorship that has no qualms about engaging in slave labor, systematic rape, destruction of villages and the murder of many innocent civilians.

What more will it take to get the international community to take deliberative, decisive action? Secretary General Kofi Annan and the U.N. Security Council should immediately act to secure the release of Aung San Suu Kyi, help alleviate the suffering of the people and address the terrible state of affairs in Burma.

THE PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH, A TREASURE FOR ALL AMERICANS

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, a highlight of the August district work period was to accompany my 15-year-old son Hunter on a 70-mile backpacking trek at the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico.

Philmont is correctly identified as a scouting paradise due to the multitude of camps and breathtaking views of mountain ranges and Southwestern mesas. This 137,000-acre area ecological wonder is the result of its benefactor, the late Waite Phillips, who donated the properties now defined as the world's largest camping organization, staffed by 900 employees for over 25,000 hikers who come annually from every State.

I saw firsthand the accomplishments of dedicated adult volunteers, Mike Apfeld and Jeff Geygan of the Milwaukee County Scout Council, who guided our crew of nine scouts, Crew Leader Brendan Apfeld, Daniel Gerlach, J.P. Geygan, Nicholas Haynes, Michael Mastroianni, Christopher Murphy, Danny Brownfield, John McClellan, Jr., and Hunter Wilson. They achieved climbing the ranch's highest peak on Baldy Mountain of 12,441 feet, encouraged by Ranger Michael Ferrin.

Philmont Scout Ranch is a treasure for all Americans to enjoy, and I urge my colleagues to encourage their scout troops to participate in the exhilarating Philmont experience.

TRIBUTE TO GENERAL RAY DAVIS

(Mr. BURNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1