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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Charles L. Moseley, Pastor, Great Bridge Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Virginia, offered the following prayer:

Our heavenly Father, today we come into Thy presence with thanksgiving and praise for the privilege of calling upon Thy name. Through Thy Son Jesus Christ, we lift this assembly to Thee asking for divine wisdom and Thy leadership upon each one. We thank Thee, O God, for the dedication and sacrifice of these who serve, realizing the tremendous burden upon each one in the decisions that must be made day by day.

Help us to remember the heritage that is ours and make us an example to the world of what freedom and democracy are all about. Let us never forget the price that has been paid, and help us to always honor those who have gone before, making this day possible.

God bless the President, the congressional leaders, and God bless America to make us great because we have kept the faith.

In the name of Christ we pray. 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.

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

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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

Mr. BURNS. Mr. 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. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BURGESS 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

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

H.R. 2826. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1000 Avenida Sanchez Osorio in Carolina, Puerto Rico, as the "Roberto Clemente Walker Post Office Building".

The message also announced that pursuant to provisions of Senate Resolution 98, agreed to July 25, 1997, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, announces the appointment of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) to the Global Climate Change Observer Group.

WELCOMING THE REVEREND CHARLES L. MOSELEY

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

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to welcome my friend and pastor, Reverend Charles Moseley, as guest chaplain of the United States House of Representatives. We are

thankful for his presence today and for his humble ministry to God.

In over 30 years of service at Great Bridge Baptist Church in Chesapeake, Virginia, Reverend Moseley has steadfastly led his congregation in the footsteps of Christ, touching thousands of lives with the joy and peace of the Lord. Through the many years that my family and I have attended Great Bridge Baptist, I have come to know Reverend Moseley as a model of selfless service and great spiritual leadership. He has also been my pastor for over 30 years.

Reverend Moseley came to Great Bridge Baptist Church from South Carolina in 1969 and has served as pastor ever since. He and his wife, Lou, are devoted to their five children and six grandchildren, to each other, and to their extraordinary faith in the Lord. Through this great faith, Reverend Moseley has given countless people hope, inspiration, and spiritual strength.

We are honored to have Reverend Moseley with us today and we warmly welcome him. I thank him for his prayer today and for his spiritual guidance.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. OSE). The Chair will entertain 10 one-minute speeches from each side.

PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN ACT OF 2003

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

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, today the House will vote on a historic bill, the conference report on the partial-birth abortion ban. As a physician who has delivered over 3,000 babies, I am personally opposed to abortion, but in

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