The House met at 10 a.m.

Mr. KIND led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we had our final outcome. There were, however, 7 seconds remaining in the game, and some of us feared the gentleman from Ohio (Coach OLXLEY) would figure out a way to keep the clock running for another 3 hours until he determined he agreed with the final outcome. Mr. Speaker, it was a lot of fun, and it was good to see in the midst of a heated budget debate we could come together for some fun and camaraderie, and raise money for a good cause.

BUDGET RESPONSIBILITY
(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, I urge my colleagues to support the Republican budget carefully crafted by the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. NUSSLE) for fiscal year 2005, because it is a responsible plan that sets clear priorities.

As we fight the war on terrorism, we will make sure we have the tools that we need to fight the enemy abroad and protect our homeland. Defense spending has increased 7.1 percent, and homeland security has increased 9.5 percent.

Additionally, we are committed to continuing the policies of economic recovery through job creation. The budget allows for making tax cuts, like the marriage penalty and child deduction, permanent so American families can keep more of their own hard-earned money.

Mr. Speaker, I want to commend my Republican counterparts under the leadership of the gentleman from Ohio (Coach OLXLEY). It was 1991 when the Democrats last won the game. The Republicans have learned to be very gracious winners, and now they are learning to be very gracious losers, and the Democrats appreciate that.

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