The House met at 10 a.m.

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

"Lord, You have told us: "The greatest among you is the one who serves the rest." Your glory, O God, stands in contrast to the glory people seek from other people. People seek glory by moving upward, some ladder of success, fame or fortune. You, Lord God, always reveal Your glory by moving downward as in creation or in revealing Your name or love to others. This downward spiral must then become the deepest reason for living in solidarity with the poor, the alienated, the oppressed, children and the handicapped. They are the ones in whom Your glory can be best manifested. Show us the way, O Lord, the way to salvation, the way to effective action or in revealing Your name or love to others. Your glory, O God, stands in contrast to the glory people seek from other people."

Mr. KIND led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KIND, offered the following prayer:

"The great ones among you is the one who serves the rest." It was all for a good cause, Gallaudet University, to raise funds for a wonderful university for the deaf and hearing impaired.

Mr. Speaker, I want to commend my Republican counterparts under the leadership of the gentleman from Ohio (Coach Oxley). 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.

There were, however, 7 seconds remaining in the game, and some of us feared the gentleman from Ohio (Coach Oxley) 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain 10 1-minute speeches on each side.

HOW MUCH WOULD AMERICANS PAY WITHOUT TAX RELIEF?

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, in the year 2001, 2002, and 2003, we gave the American people tax breaks. How much more would American families pay without this tax relief? If none of this tax relief had become law, in 2004, 111 million Americans would be paying an average of $1,586 more in taxes; 81 million women would be paying an average of $1,878 more in taxes; 49 million married couples would pay, on average, $2,602 more in taxes.

Mr. Speaker, 43 million families with children would be paying an average of $2,000 more in taxes; 11 million single women with children would be paying an average of $921 more in taxes; 14 million elderly individuals would be paying an average of $1,893 more in taxes; 25 million small businesses would be paying an average of $3,000 more in taxes; and nearly 5 million individuals and families who currently have no income tax liability would become subject to the income tax. The numbers speak for themselves.

FUNDRAISING FOR GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY

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

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, we had our own form of March madness last night, and I am here to gloat, I mean to report, that the Democratic Slamming Dunking Donkeys defeated the Fighting Elephants by a one point blowout margin. It came down to a last-minute shot by our rookie MVP, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Ryan), and it was all for a good cause, Gallaudet University, to raise funds for a wonderful