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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord God, Your prophet Ezekiel envisioned an idealized kingdom. Just as any patriot does for his or her country. As people of faith, the Members of Congress also have ideals for the Nation. And we pray that their visionary hopes will be realized.

Perhaps it is our own longing for equal justice for all within our boundaries and our desire for homeland security along our borders that help us best to understand the prophetic action of Ezekiel setting boundaries for all the tribes of Israel.

Perhaps he teaches us that we need to set boundaries ourselves as the best way for keeping peace and assuring prosperity. Each State, each community, doing its part to make the whole Nation strong and responsible.

In the end, Ezekiel saw You, the all-holy Lord God, dwelling in the midst of it all. From this center all power would flow in and out. From this center where You dwell all else would be measured and all would be held together.

Lord God, dwell in our midst, now and forever. 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 New Jersey (Mr. PASCARELL) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PASCARELL 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.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

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

H.R. 4226. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to make certain conforming changes to provisions governing the registration of aircraft and the recordation of instruments in order to implement the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and the Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment, known as the "Cape Town Treaty".

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill and concurrent resolutions of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2249. An act to amend the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act to provide for emergency food and shelter.

S. Con. Res. 125. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising during World War II.

S. Con. Res. 130. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Supreme Court of the United States should act expeditiously to resolve the confusion and inconsistency in the Federal criminal justice system caused by its decision in *Blakely v. Washington*, and for other purposes.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain 10 one-minute speeches per side.

### NO AVERAGE SUIT

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

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I know the photo behind me looks like an average business suit. It is not. It is a weapon

of mass destruction. Highly classified documents were removed from the National Archives. The Justice Department is investigating Sandy Berger, having secreted away some misplaced highly classified documents that could be potentially embarrassing to the former administration.

What in heaven's name was he thinking? Why would he risk both his reputation and possible prosecution? What is there to hide in this coat?

At the very least it is gross negligence, and at the most it is a national security crisis. With his experience, no one can claim that these are the actions of a bumbling or absent-minded government employee. Sandy Berger knows better.

Since when is taking and misplacing classified documents ever an honest mistake? And we thought it was bad when the last administration was just taking the furniture.

### BAD HABITS OF THE WHITE HOUSE

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

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, the White House read the 9/11 Commission report. They know how damaging it is going to be, so they leaked the Sandy Berger story to distract attention away from this report.

This is a bad habit of this White House. They leak a story to change the subject when they are in deep political trouble. They leaked the identity of a CIA agent whose husband criticized this administration. They leaked Dick Clarke's memo when he criticized them. And they leaked documents to discredit Paul O'Neill after he criticized them.

The timing here, unfortunately, again, is very suspicious. We need some answers here. Can we trust this Justice

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