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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Eternal God, guide and protector of Your people, grant us unfailing respect for Your holy name and for Your holy presence in the people we meet today.

Consecrate the work of this Congress. Raise up statesmen here and abroad who will recognize Your holy will in the waves of history and the will of the people whom they serve.

May the peace and prosperity of this Nation be secured, while our attention is expanded and genuine concern for others is deepened by sincerity.

Your bountiful resources of the Earth are plentiful enough, Lord, and can even be multiplied by the ingenuity and cooperative labor of people working together.

For Your many gifts, we give You praise, honor and thanksgiving 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 California (Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California 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.

### PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER. State your inquiry.

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I have noticed at least one occasion when a Member announced he was opposed to a measure when he sought to offer a motion to recommit but then voted "yes" on passage of the bill.

Mr. Speaker, is that regular order?

The SPEAKER. As Members are aware, the first element of priority in recognition for a motion to recommit is whether the Member seeking recognition is opposed to the main measure. This criterion is not a matter of record at that point. Instead, it depends on the statement of the Member seeking recognition. Under the practice of the House exemplified in Cannon's Precedents, volume 8, section 2770, the Chair accepts without question an assertion by a Member of the House that he is opposed to the measure in its current form.

The Chair is cognizant of the possibility that a very close question can engender a genuine change of heart during the collegial discussions that occur during proceedings in recommitment and passage. But it is hard to believe that such genuine changes of heart might occur on regular bases. So the Chair must ask all Members to reflect on how important it is that the Chair be able to rely on the statement of a Member in judging whether he qualifies over another who is truly opposed to offer a particular motion.

The instance recorded in the Deschler-Brown Precedents, volume 12, chapter 29, section 23.49, is instructive. As articulated in an apology by the ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations in 1979, "the honorable, if not technical, duty of a Member offering a motion to recommit is to vote against the bill on final passage." The Chair asks each Member to give thoughtful consideration to this sentiment.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will recognize up to 10 Members on each side for 1-minute speeches.

### GITMO

(Ms. PRYCE of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of our military. It has been 4 years since terrorists killed more than 3,000 innocent people and it seems that Democrats still do not understand who the enemy is.

They have turned their rhetoric to the American soldiers who guard the prison at Guantanamo Bay which houses some of the world's most wanted and is vital to the war on terror. Their efforts have provided some very valuable intelligence, intelligence that will save countless lives and keep our country secure. Yet some would rather use it as a political tool than honor those who serve there.

I hope our troops cannot hear them.

What is more, they would rather focus this Congress on investigating our own troops than on investigating enemy combatants, would-be terrorists, and threats to our homeland. You would think that the party of Truman and FDR would reserve comparisons to Nazis, the Holocaust and Pol Pot for al Qaeda, Saddam's ethnic cleansing, or Osama bin Laden.

But no. Those are the words they use to describe our troops in the field, our military command, and our soldiers at Guantanamo.

I hope our men and women in uniform cannot hear them.

### RESTORE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING

(Mr. MEEKS of New York asked and was given permission to address the

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