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The House met at 10 a.m.

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

Lord God who neither deceives nor will be deceived, our trust is placed in You as persons and as a nation. Our hope is not a mocking dream. For You, Lord God, have placed in our hearts great desires for what is good for Your people and a deep sense of needing Your assistance to meet the challenges You set before this Congress. We could not expect any response to our prayer or have unfailing hope in You, unless You had not already placed in our hearts a glimpse of a vision that there is something to hope for.

Lord God, You are creating a new world and a better America by placing within us hopes and dreams of greater tranquility in this world and enduring justice for Your people. Having begun this good work in us, bring it now to completion. This we ask seeking Your kingdom 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 Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DEFAZIO 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 10 one-minutes on each side.

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TRENT LOTT, *Chairman*.

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