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The House met at 1 p.m.

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

Eternal God, ever faithful and close to Your people, hear our prayer today.

No matter how strong or powerful or how meek and humble each of us may be, we all stand in need of Your wisdom to guide our judgments, and we rely on Your love to uphold all our relationships.

Bless the work of the people which is committed to the U.S. House of Representatives today, that this Nation may grow in righteousness and, as a democratic republic, be an example to other nations of the earth.

This we ask of You, 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 Texas (Mr. POE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. POE 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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(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

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TRENT LOTT, *Chairman*.

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