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The House met at 10 a.m.

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

Lord God of every age, Your people have always turned to You, especially in their darkest hours of need. Today we call upon Your Holy Name and pray for world peace. Only by mounting the forces of prayer, goodness, and compassionate love can we overcome the hopeless battles of distrust and violence.

When human limitations are finally admitted and nations stand apart from each other, each on its own precipice of disastrous decisions, then the remnant of Your believing people must assemble and cry out to You, O Lord, for wisdom and consolation.

Because repeated conflicts and broad-based negativity can form a vortex which, like a giant vacuum, robs people everywhere of strength and initiative, Your faithful must believe in You and claim a vision of realistic reconciliation which transcends the frontiers of culture, civilizations, nations and history.

Before You and in You we are already one people, and You have promised to be with us 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 gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. DELAURO 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 Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 3741. An act to provide funding authority to facilitate the evacuation of persons from Lebanon, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 250) "An Act to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to improve the Act."

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to ten 1-minute speeches on each side.

BORDER SECURITY, "DO-NOTHING" DEMOCRATS

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, House Republicans are working hard to produce a strong security bill to send to President Bush's desk, while Democrats continue their tired strategy of voting against border security legislation, while failing to offer a plan of their own.

Republicans passed the REAL ID Act which made it more difficult for potential terrorists to obtain driver's licenses, and helped deport criminals for terrorism related offenses. 152 House Democrats voted against it.

The Republicans passed the Border Protection, Anti-terrorism and Illegal Immigration Control Act which in-

creased border security by authorizing 1,000 new border inspectors and ended the "catch and release" of illegal aliens. 164 House Democrats voted against that.

Finally, 187 Democrats voted against an amendment which would have added teeth to a Federal law that requires governments at all levels to comply with Federal immigration laws.

Mr. Speaker, I have been listening to the other side of the aisle complain about the "do-nothing Congress." It is actually a case of the "do-nothing" Democrats. Republicans have a strong record of accomplishment on border security. Too bad the Democrats can't say the same thing.

BREAST CANCER PATIENT PROTECTION

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

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of every woman who has ever had to leave the hospital within 24 hours after undergoing a mastectomy, and to urge that the House consider the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act. It is a bipartisan bill which will ensure that patients have the health care that they need following breast cancer surgery.

The statistics say it all. A woman in the United States has a 1-in-7 chance of developing breast cancer. It is the second leading cause of cancer deaths for women in America. And just this year, over 269,000 women will receive a diagnosis of invasive breast cancer.

Despite these numbers, women are often forced by their insurance companies to leave the hospital less than a day after mastectomy surgery, when they are still in pain, groggy from anesthesia, and with drainage tubes that require professional attention.

Mr. Speaker, the last thing that any woman should be doing at this time is

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