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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Rick Astle, Director of Missions, Waccamaw Baptist Association, Conway, South Carolina, offered the following prayer:

Our Father in heaven, on this National Day of Prayer, we confess that Your way is perfect, Your Word is proven, and You are a shield to all who trust in You.

Make today a day when men are willing to repent of sin and to look to You for guidance, for Your seat is not on one side or the other of an aisle, but on the throne of heaven.

Interrupt the strategies of hate forming even now, such as what has manifested from Columbine to Virginia Tech, from Oklahoma City to Ground Zero.

Lord Jesus, each of our elected officials, locally and nationally, are on our hearts today, along with each man and woman in our Armed Forces and their families. Bless and protect them, Lord.

Pour out Your spirit today, that we may be assured that You are still blessing America.

I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her 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.

WELCOMING THE REVEREND RICK ASTLE

(Mr. MCINTYRE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MCINTYRE. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to introduce the Reverend Rick Astle, who just delivered the invocation for the U.S. House as we begin this National Day of Prayer, a time when communities across America will be joining in prayer for our country today. And what better person to begin this day than a man whose prayer ministry has carried him across our country and who has written a book on this very subject.

Born and reared in Oklahoma, now residing in Whiteville, North Carolina, he is married to the former Donna Strickland of Lumberton, who is with us today; and they have one son, John, who is a law student at North Carolina Central.

Rick was educated at the University of Kentucky and at Southern Baptist Seminary, and he has served Southern Baptist churches for over 30 years, has spoken in over 20 States, and is author of the book, *The Priority of Kingdom-Focused Prayer*, and now is the Director of Missions for the Waccamaw Baptist Association in Conway, South Carolina.

And as his brother-in-law, I am particularly honored to have him open us on this very special National Day of Prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

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

H.R. 1234

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

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, today's news indicates the Iraqis are beginning to be upset that the Bush administration, with the unfortunate help of this Congress, is trying to force the sovereign Government of Iraq to pass a hydrocarbon act which will give the U.S. oil companies control of \$6 trillion worth of Iraqi oil assets.

Now, the wealth of Iraq, the oil wells, ought to be decided by an Iraq Government not under U.S. occupation. But yet, in the bill that was vetoed yesterday, there was a provision that would have forced Iraq to have privatized its oil assets or the U.S. would pull our troops without having an international security and peacekeeping force in its place. That is nothing but extortion.

As Congress comes together to put a plan to get us out of Iraq, let's stop trying to steal Iraq's oil. Let's bring our troops home. Let's have an international peacekeeping and security force that can come in as our troops leave. It is time to take a new direction, and that is exactly what H.R. 1234 is about.

MONEY FOR MONKEY BUSINESS

(Mr. POE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, this House last night, about 11:30 p.m., authorized money for some absurd projects, including the study of bison hunting on the prehistoric Great Plains and, get this, the study of the sex lives of the Phayre's Leaf monkeys.

Meanwhile, our troops in Iraq are running out of money to fight the bad guys. Why? Because some Members of Congress think they know more about conducting the war in Iraq than the Generals do. So this congressional surrender group refuses to send more money without also demanding the day the United States will retreat and quit the fight.

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