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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

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

In praying, "Deliver us from evil, Lord," it often seems we are moved by a fear that evil is around us or beyond us, so we call out to You as the One who can distance this strange feeling—this stranger, alien, foreign enemy—even further away from us.

Yet You see what we are unable to see. You understand and continue to love what we are yet unable to accept and so fear.

Rather than take flight from the ground upon which we stand, Lord, Your Spirit alone enables us to go inward. There, without fear, we can admit that evil is so subtle, yet so real, that it hides itself under the cloak of our own self-righteousness.

You alone, Lord, can deliver us from this evil because only true forgiveness can free us from the past. Only after we find forgiveness in ourselves can we look around us and see others like ourselves who can join in the work of reconciliation, creating new ground and inspiring others to place all their trust in 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 her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Mrs. DAHLKEMPER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. DAHLKEMPER 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has agreed to without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 59. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of senior caregiving and affordability.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1035. An act to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to honor the legacy of Stewart L. Udall, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has agreed to a concurrent resolution of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 41. Concurrent resolution providing for the acceptance of a statue of Helen Keller, presented by the people of Alabama.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 99-93, as amended by Public Law 99-151, the Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, appoints the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) as a member of the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 10 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

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

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, last week, we marked the 15th anniversary of a critical piece of legislation, the Violence Against Women Act.

This bill was a landmark achievement, and it has led to major strides in keeping American women more secure and in ensuring that victims of violence receive the services they need. By cracking down on crimes like stalking, sexual assault and domestic abuse, with tougher sentences for perpetrators and with more support for victims, the Violence Against Women Act has made our country a safer place to live.

As a husband and the father of a wonderful daughter, I am committed to continuing the programs established by this critical legislation—for my family and for all of the families in south Florida.

Much has been accomplished in the last 15 years, but violent crimes against women are still far too common. On this anniversary, we must all rededicate ourselves to better protecting America's women from violence and to supporting survivors of these crimes.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE J. GRESHAM BARRETT, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PAS-TOR of Arizona) laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable J. GRESHAM BARRETT, Member of Congress:

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 22, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives, H-232, The
Capitol, Washington, DC.

Dear Madam Speaker: Effective Thursday, September 24, 2009, I will be resigning from

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