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

PRAYER

Reverend Dr. John Cross, South Biscayne Church, North Port, Florida, offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for being so kind, gracious, holy, and just. Thank You for demonstrating Your endless love through Jesus. Thank You for giving us the honor of living in our great country. Thank You for those who have gone before us.

We pray for those who are serving now to protect our freedom. Please give them safety. We pray for peace. We pray for our President, Congress, and all who lead our country. Please give them wisdom and direction as they make decisions.

May we look to You as our Source, not our economy. In these days of global terror, may we remember You as our security. Use us to be instruments who bring hope to the underserved and safety for the unprotected. May we be a Nation who humbles ourselves before You. We bless You and please bless America.

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 of Texas 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 without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 4861. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1343 West Irving Park Road in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Steve Goodman Post Office Building".

H.R. 5051. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 23 Genesee Street in Hornell New York, as the "Zachery Smith Post Office Building".

H.R. 5099. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 South Main Street in Sharon, Massachusetts, as the "Michael C. Rothberg Post Office".

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1288. An act to authorize appropriations for grants to the States participating in the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, and for other purposes.

S. 3372. An act to modify the date on which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and applicable States may require permits for discharges from certain vessels.

WELCOMING REVEREND DR. JOHN CROSS

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BUCHANAN) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege today to introduce and thank Dr. John Cross, who gave the opening prayer. The Senior Pastor at South Biscayne Church in Florida, he represents a county that I'm in, my largest county, Sarasota County, in North Port, our largest city. He is

joined by his lovely wife, Dawn, and their five children. As a matter of fact, they are celebrating their anniversary.

Dr. Cross is a very innovative, spiritual leader. I've seen him many times on Friday nights in his jeans and T-shirt working with the youth in our community. He's taken a church from 150 people to over 2,000. He has one of the largest churches in our community. He is serving his second term as president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

I commend Dr. Cross for his long-standing service, and it is a pleasure to have him and his family today. God bless.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

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

CUTTING WASTEFUL, UNNECESSARY GOVERNMENT SPENDING

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

Mrs. DAHLKEMPER. Madam Speaker, last week I attended the Big Butler Fair in Butler County and the Grange Fair in Mercer County in western Pennsylvania, and what was the number one question my constituents asked? "What are you doing about the deficit?" I visited senior centers in Hermitage and Erie, and what did our seniors say to me? "Stop the unnecessary spending."

Today I'm proud to tell my constituents that we are taking action. We are cutting wasteful, unnecessary government spending to the tune of \$98 billion. That's how much Federal agencies spent in improper payments and overpayments in 2009; \$98 billion is how

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