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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, November 7, 2011, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2011

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Compassionate and merciful God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

As this House comes together at the end of the week, bless the work of its Members. Give them strength, fortitude, and patience. Fill their hearts with charity, their minds with understanding, their wills with courage to do the right thing for all of America.

The work that they have is difficult work. May they rise together to accomplish what is best for our great Nation, and, indeed, for all the world, for You have blessed us with many riches and a great history of building a participative government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory. 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 Georgia (Mr. BARROW) come for-

ward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BARROW 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 five requests for 1-minute speeches.

THANK YOU, NEAL PATEL

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Neal Patel, a committed staff member in the office of the Second Congressional District of South Carolina. After little more than a year, Neal is departing the office to join Congressman CHARLES BOUSTANY's staff and serve as his communications director to further the Republican plans to create jobs.

A native of Nichols, South Carolina, Neal is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and Charleston School of Law. I have worked with his parents, Ashvin and Suwarna Patel in the motel industry for over 30 years, and I know they are proud of their son's achievements.

Neal has been a tremendous asset for the people of the Second Congressional

District. From his early days as an intern to now communications director, Neal has represented our office with enthusiasm and professionalism. It is with sincere gratitude that I would like to thank Neal for his dedication.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

VETERANS' COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT

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

Mr. BARROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight this week's passage of S. 894, the Veterans Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2011. During this difficult economic time, it's more important than ever that we keep our promises to our veterans.

This bill provides a cost of living adjustment to the disability pay of our wounded veterans. This well-earned increase will go a long way to help veterans make ends meet. This could not have been done at a more appropriate time as we're one week away from Veterans Day.

I'm happy to see that my colleagues joined together in a bipartisan fashion to pass this legislation. Again, I commend my colleagues for standing together for veterans by passing the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act, and I encourage my colleagues to continue to work together in a bipartisan fashion to keep

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