The House met at 9 a.m.

Mr. BARR of Georgia, in the name of Reverend Dr. Nelson Price, Roswell Street Baptist Church, Marietta, Georgia, offered the following prayer:

Mr. Speaker, to you and your colleagues, it is a privilege to pray in your presence as I do often in your absence.

Dear Lord, with a firm belief that our Nation was given birth because of Your concurring aid, we come again to ask Your aid.

Renew within us the fervor and faith of our founders that we might truly be "one Nation under God."

Rekindle the ardor and the awe of our predecessors that we may avoid a state of spiritual impoverishment and shrunk moral aspiration.

We praise You for the bounty of the land and Your blessings on the people. In gratitude we bow before You imploring You to give wisdom that supersedes knowledge to those who govern here.

In Your Holy Name I ask it. Amen.

WELCOME OF REVEREND DR. NELSON PRICE

Mr. BARR of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is a wonderful pleasure and true honor for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.

We extend a welcome on behalf of the House of Representatives to his lovely wife Trudy who is with him here today.

Reverend Price has been the pastor at Roswell Street Baptist Church, as the speaker indicated, for close to 35 years. During those 35 years, he has ministered to countless thousands of God’s children, both in his parish, visitors to his parish, citizens of his community, citizens of this land and indeed citizens around the world.

His voice truly, Mr. Speaker, is one of those voices that President Reagan spoke about in his second inaugural address of 1985 when he spoke of the American sound. The American sound that in the words of President Reagan echoed out across the prairies, across the mountains as the settlers moved west, as our Nation prospered, as our Nation fought wars during the lonely hours of Presidents seeking to retain the Union and preserve the Union, that American sound, as President Reagan admonished all of us in 1985, is always waiting to be passed on as a torch to a new generation so that it continues to echo for freedom, truth, honor and dignity and the belief and a recognition that our Nation truly was founded by the hand of God and to whom we have a special responsibility.

We heard a continuation of that American sound today in the words of Reverend Nelson Price. As Nelson Price prepares to retire from the active ministry at the end of this year in November after 35 years as the pastor of Roswell Street Baptist Church and its some 9,000 members, I know that I speak for all Members of this body and on behalf of the House of Representatives to his lovely wife Trudy who is with him here today.

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The joint resolution shall be debatable for two hours of debate equally divided among and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means, Representative Paul of Texas, and Representative DeFazio of Oregon or their designees. Pursuant to section 152 of the Trade Act of 1974 and section 125 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from New York (Mr. REYNOLDS) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MOAKLEY), pending which I yield up to the time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, on Monday the Committee on Rules met and granted a closed rule for H.J. Res. 90, a bill to withdraw the approval of the United States from the agreement establishing the World Trade Organization. The rule provides for 2 hours of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and the ranking member of the Committee on Ways and Means, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. PAUL) and the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO).

Mr. Speaker, 6 years ago this body passed legislation known as the Uruguay Round Trade Agreements. The legislation established the World Trade Organization, or WTO, which replaced the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, or GATT, with a more comprehensive and workable trade agreement.

In "Democracy in America," Alexis DeTocqueville wrote that "in democracies, nothing is more great or more brilliant than commerce." In our great democracy, this United States is the world leader in the global marketplace, affecting the lives and quality of life of millions of American workers, farmers and business people who depend on open and stable world markets. The United States is the world’s leading exporter and importer, trading over $2 trillion worth of goods and services each year in the international marketplace.

While the underlying measure would not necessarily provide for the President to withdraw from the WTO, it would call the United States global future into question. Without a solid defeat of this measure, Congress will send the wrong message to the other 135 member countries, U.S. participation and strong leadership in the WTO is an