The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Bonilla). Will the gentlewoman from West Virginia (Mrs. Capito) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance?

Mrs. CAPITO 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 SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain one 1-minute speech prior to the beginning of legislative business today.

THE REVEREND WILLIAM VANDERBLOEMEN

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

Mr. Speaker, the Presbyterian faith is indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. It is a pleasure to have such a fine young man here today, as are Mary and Sarah Catharine, and his wife, Melissa, have three children, Matthew who is here with us today, as are Mary and Sarah Catharine,

Mr. Speaker, I know all my colleagues join me in welcoming Reverend Vanderbloemen and thanking him for offering this morning’s prayer.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill and concurrent resolutions of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is required.

S. 1190. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to rename the education individual retirement accounts as the Coverdell education savings accounts.

S. Con. Res. 34. Concurrent resolution congratulating the Baltic nations of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania on the tenth anniversary of their illegal incorporation into the Soviet Union.

S. Con. Res. 33. Concurrent resolution encouraging the development of strategies to reduce hunger and poverty, and to promote free market economies and democratic institutions, in sub-Saharan Africa.

COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS ACT OF 2003

Ms. Pryce of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 196 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 196

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 7) to provide incentives for charitable contributions by individuals and businesses, to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of government program delivery to individuals and families in need, and to enhance the ability of low-income Americans to finance security, to build assets. The bill shall be considered as read for amendment. In lieu of the amend-ments recommended by the Committees on Ways and Means and the Judiciary now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congres-sional Record and numbered 1 pursuant to clause of rule XVIII shall be considered as adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto to finish the same without debate except: (1) one hour of debate on the bill, as amended, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means; (2) the further amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, if offered by Representative of New York, Representative Conyers of Michigan, or a designee, which shall be in order without intervention of any point of order, shall be considered as read, and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent; and (3) one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Bonilla). The gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. Pryce) is recognized for 1 hour.

MS. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Hall), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, to quote the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, House Resolution 196 is an ''appropriate'' and fair rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 7, the Community Solutions Act. It is consistent with previous rules that our committee has reported and the House has adopted on legislation that amends the Tax Code. This rule provides for 1 hour of general debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

After general debate, it will be in order to consider a substitute amendment offered by the gentleman from New York, Representative Conyers of Michigan, if offered by Representative of New York, Representative Conyers of Michigan, or a designee, which shall be in order without intervention of any point of order, shall be considered as read, and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent.

Mr. Speaker, before I go any further, let me take this opportunity to gratefully address you for the assistance of our colleagues on the front line of war against terrorism. As our President, George W. Bush, has stated, the Community Solutions Act will allow us to "enlist, equip, enable, empower, and expand the heroic works of faith-based and community groups all across America."

The Community Solutions Act features three primary provisions to encourage charitable works. First, it provides important tax incentives to increase charitable giving by allowing

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