The House met at 10 a.m.

The Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in the next couple of weeks, Americans will be receiving a tax refund of moneys paid to the Federal Government. The other side of the aisle claimed America could not afford it, we should not do it, it is not right.

Ladies and gentlemen, when that check arrives in the mail of those millions of Americans, I think they will thank the House of Representatives for their efforts in restoring faith in government. We are returning surplus to them and making certain our economy can be reinvigorated by that $55 billion of revenue we are sending home to them. Not our money, not our money here in Washington, but the money of the hardworking taxpayer.

The minority leader recently said if he had a chance to do it again, he would raise your taxes. Ladies and gentlemen, that is the difference of the political parties in power. Republicans would like to give you your money back. Others on the other side would like to take more and waste more of your hard-earned cash. The economy is struggling. Unemployment, layoffs are occurring throughout America. Let us signal to our constituents whose side we are on.

Ladies and gentlemen, we are on your side, hardworking Americans, giving you faith in government, restoring freedom, and making certain your hard-earned dollars are not wasted in the Capitol. If we keep it here, you can be assured it will be wasted. If we send it home, you will buy clothes for your kids, take your summer vacation, put your money in your savings account, but, after all, God bless you, it is your money.

The Speaker. The House of Representatives for 1 minute.

Mr. SHERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to welcome as our guest chaplain Father Thomas Cappelloni of the Holy Name of Jesus Church in Scranton, Pennsylvania. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank him for that wonderful invocation as well as to offer the Father my congratulations. This year marked 25 years since Father Cappelloni was ordained as a priest and gave his life to God and the community.

Father was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, where he attended high school and continued his education at the University of Scranton. Then he continued his studies and his desire to become a priest led him to Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary where he earned a master's in systematic theology and in theology in counseling.

When Father Cappelloni returned to northeastern Pennsylvania, he spent time on the faculties of several schools and took the time to guide and counsel young students. He received his first pastoral assignment to St. Martin of Tours in Jackson, Pennsylvania, where he restored the church into a beautiful house of worship and served there until recently when he was transferred to Holy Name of Jesus in Scranton.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to say that not only has Father Cappelloni earned the respect of his parishioners for his altruism and kindness but also his peers have recognized his intelligence and wisdom by naming him the Dean of Catholic Clergy for all of Susquehanna County.

Mr. Speaker, the good Father is an accomplished chef, an excellent musician, a host without par and a humanitarian above all. I thank him for being here today. His presence and blessing on this House means so very much to me and the people I represent.

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the city of Thomasville, North Carolina, part of which is located in my congressional district, as residents begin to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of their city. The name Thomasville might sound familiar to my colleagues, because the Thomasville Furniture Company was established there and still has its headquarters in the Chair City. This fine company has made the city's name famous around the world. The 18-foot