The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Blessed be God forever.

Lord God, king of heaven and earth, we praise You and we thank You for gathering the people of this Nation in prayer during these past days. The prayerful Friday of national remembrance, the Sabbath and the celebration of the Lord's day have strengthened us in Your spirit.

We are grateful for those around the world who are one with us, as we humbly pay tribute to the thousands whose lives were shattered by the terrorist attack on America.

We unite ourselves through prayer with all those of the Jewish faith who begin their holy days this evening.

May the events of this past week be seared into our common memory and forged into our hearts, ever deepening our spiritual awakening.

May our actions which flow from prayer today be determined forthright and just.

Be present to us, Lord, as we return to some routine, knowing that the times demand of us all alertness, courage and renewed commitment to the American way of life.

As we thank You for the freedom to worship across this land, we beg of You the grace to seize every opportunity, to strengthen one another in unity and to be of service to our country.

Blessed be God, both now and forever.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 1, the Journal stands approved.