

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Wednesday, October 24, 2001

The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Eugene Roberson, First Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church, North Chicago, Illinois, offered the following prayer:

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

We come to thee for direction as You led Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. We ask Your blessing on these outstanding leaders who have been given an awesome responsibility to lead this country to greater height and success.

We ask Your blessing as they make objective and powerful decisions that will affect this country and the lives of its citizens. We pray You will give them sight, insight, and foresight.

Give sight that they may look on issues, give them insight that they may look into issues, and foresight to look beyond issues.

Give them strength to rise above conflicts, principalities, against powers, and against the rulers of the darkness of this country so that progress will be achieved.

We pray that each Member of Congress will use their knowledge, skills and intestinal fortitude to do God's will for America.

We pray for peace and unity that this country will live out its true meaning of justice and freedom.

We pray for their going out and coming in and that You will make them the head and not the tail.

We thank You for all that they will achieve during this Congressional session.

In Jesus' name, 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.

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. FLAKE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FLAKE 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.

THE REVEREND EUGENE ROBERSON, FIRST CORINTHIAN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, NORTH CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, 2 years ago I worshipped at North Chicago's First Corinthian Baptist Church and met Pastor Eugene Roberson. He is a leader.

Pastor Roberson is one of our spiritual leaders in northern Illinois. Under his hand, First Corinthian welcomed 800 new members and will dedicate a new sanctuary this Sunday.

He is a mentor to young people from Zion, Waukegan, and North Chicago. He is also a seventh grade physical education teacher at Central Junior High School in Zion, Illinois. In recognition of his community service, Pastor Roberson received the distinguished Harambee Award of Excellence from the College of Lake County.

Pastor Roberson, a man of integrity and committed to family, is fond of saying, "God is good all of the time, and all the time, God is good." With his wife, Geraldine Herron Roberson, they are proud parents of three, Kristian, LaTonya and Eugene II, who blessed the Robersons with four grandchildren.

We look to Pastor Roberson in this time of adversity. We are reassured under his expanding ministry, and it is my honor to thank him for leading the United States Congress in prayer today during our hours of trial. On behalf of Congress, I thank Pastor Roberson.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The Chair announces there will be 15 1-minute speeches per side.

### WE WILL NOT SUCCUMB TO THE THREAT OF ANTHRAX

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

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, last week the Speaker of the House decided, based on credible information and a significant threat, to shut down some of our office buildings. We thought we had coordinated with the other body. Lo and behold, all of a sudden headlines say wimp. The Speaker acted appropriately, concerned for the people who work here, and I would much prefer a headline saying "wimp" than "morons."

Somehow, somewhere the majority leader decided last week to be tough and be brave and stand up here and say we will not go home, we will work. I thank the Speaker and I thank our leadership for doing what was appropriate to protect the lives of hundreds of employees who work in this building each and every day.

Mr. Speaker, we will not succumb to the threat of anthrax. It struck my district. It struck our capital, but we will not relent.

Mr. bin Laden and other associates of your terror reign, your days are numbered. Your days are about over. We will not succumb to the fear because America remains united against the threat of terrorism, and we are united as people of this country.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to address their comments to the Chair.

### REVERSE ROBIN HOOD IS CONTINUING BY CONGRESS

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, after the attacks, we rushed through \$16 billion for the airlines, and we were told there was not time to take care of the workers. Their time would come soon. We were promised maybe the next week or the week after we would help the workers. Well, soon is not here yet.

Today, a \$100 billion so-called economic stimulus package, and guess what, \$25 billion up front to repeal a loophole closing tax provision, \$25 billion for the largest corporations in

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