

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Wednesday, May 2, 2001

The House met at 9 a.m.

His Eminence Archbishop Michael J. Champion, Coadjutor to the Primate, Archbishop of Cleveland, Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church in the U.S.A., offered the following prayer:

O God, we acknowledge Your greatness and power over all things in the universe. We know that our lives, with their accomplishments and goals, their victories and advancements, are like grains of sand in the ocean compared to Your all-knowing and wonderful goodness. Help us to see any progress we make in this life to be truly a gift from You and a reflection of Your loving concern for all humanity.

Teach us to work for peace and justice and to remember that every good thing comes from You above, the God of light. Give us sincere compassion for those who need our help the most and make us always realize that preferential love for the poor and marginalized, whom we are destined to serve, for when we speak on behalf of those who have no voice and work for the betterment of those who otherwise could not help themselves, we are not only doing Your work, but ministering to You in the least of our brothers or sisters.

Guide these women and men, O God, to always work for the type of justice that reflects Your will and bless our Nation along the path of peace. Since You, O God, know the name and need of each person, even from their birth into this world, grant all people of our country the good things for which they ask, and lead us all with Your wisdom and mercy. 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 Chair'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. Evidently a quorum is not present.

Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed until later today.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SUNUNU 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.

WELCOMING HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL J. CHAMPION, ARCHBISHOP OF CLEVELAND, COADJUTOR TO THE PRIMATE, UKRAINIAN AUTOCEPHALOUS ORTHODOX CHURCH IN THE U.S.A.

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

Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise today and recognize our guest Chaplain, His Eminence Archbishop Michael of the Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church.

As the Archbishop of Cleveland, His Eminence helps to oversee administration of the Metropolia and is widely recognized in the Orthodox community, both here in the United States and abroad, for the rapid growth of his church. He is also one of the youngest Archbishops in the country, a reflection of His Eminence's vision, energy and leadership skills.

He is a gifted writer and works closely with His Beatitude, Metropolitan Stephan, on several health care initiatives for the indigent, both here and abroad.

At a time when the messages of religious tolerance and religious liberty are more important than ever, we are pleased to hear the words of a spiritual leader whose faith and church have overcome great adversity in the 20th Century to establish a foundation of strength today.

We welcome Archbishop Michael and wish him continued success.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the order of the House of Tuesday, May 1,

2001, the House will stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair, to receive the former Members of Congress.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 7 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

RECEPTION OF FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER of the House presided.

The SPEAKER. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone here this morning. On behalf of the House of Representatives, I am happy to welcome to this Chamber very good friends of this institution, former Members of Congress. You are not only friends of this institution, you are also friends of ours, and for many of us, and for many of you, we stand on your shoulders. The things that you have accomplished, the works that you have done, we are able to carry on. We are able to carry it on in the way that we have been able to because of your great works that have gone before us.

Every one of the Members here has spent precious years of their life in this chamber. Some of the best years of their lives were spent in this Chamber working to represent the needs and the concerns of the American people.

Your commitment to your Nation did not end when you left Congress. Many of you went on to do other things in public service. Many of you excelled in the private sector. Many of you have continued to serve our Nation in many other honorable ways.

Jack Kemp is one of those people. He is certainly an ideal and worthy choice to receive the Distinguished Service Award that this body, your group, is about to give. After 18 years in Congress, Jack Kemp had still more to do, including his service as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and we were all impressed, but not surprised, when Jack was nominated for Vice President in 1996. Today, he has continued to work to advance the kinds of policies he cares about that empower America. He is truly dedicated to the betterment of our Nation, and I say to you, congratulations, Jack.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the former Members. Thank you for being here and for your continued effort, both home and abroad. Your outreach to college campuses throughout the country helps to strengthen the work of our government and encourage public service. Your support to parliaments

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