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The House met at 11 a.m.

### PRAYER

The Reverend Wade A. Watts, Jerusalem Baptist Church, McAlester, OK, offered the following prayer:

Our Father in Heaven, we pray this morning for peace, freedom, justice, and equality for all throughout the entire world. We pray for these Congressmen. We pray that You would let them down in the deep secrets of Thy knowledge that they may render the right decision.

Give them the faith of Abraham, the wisdom of King Solomon, the courage of the Apostle Paul, and if it be so that strength shall fail them, we pray, Heavenly Father, that You will stand by.

If enemies shall increase and Satan's shots shall be multiplied, stay with them.

If temptation grows stronger and friends grow faint and weary, do not leave them alone. Throw that ever protecting arm of love around them and see that no hurt, harm, or danger come to them.

This is Your humble servant's feeble prayer. In Jesus' name we pray. 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.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. BREWSTER] will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BREWSTER 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.

### WELCOME TO THE REVEREND WADE WATTS

(Mr. BREWSTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BREWSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce Rev. Wade Watts of the McAlester, OK, Jerusalem Baptist Church.

Reverend Watts, who just gave today's opening prayer, is one of the most respected and well-known ministers in southeastern Oklahoma.

He has been the pastor of the Jerusalem Baptist Church for 22 years. He served on President Johnson's Advisory Commission on Civil Rights for 4 years, as well as the Oklahoma crime commission for 4 years.

Reverend Watts has also served 16 years as State president of the NAACP.

The reverend is also one of the few people in my district who can claim the privilege of knowing and working with the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., with whom he marched in Selma, AL.

Reverend Watts has experienced trouble and turmoil. In the early seventies the Ku Klux Klan burned down his church. The reverend's spirit was not defeated. Over the next several years Reverend Watts was successful in saving the State's imperial wizard from the hatred and anger of his group and converted him to Christianity.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize Reverend Watts' hometown State senator who accompanied him to Washington. Senator Gene Stipe of McAlester, who is with us today, is the longest serving member of the State legislature in Oklahoma history.

It is my honor, Mr. Speaker, to host and introduce Reverend Watts to the House of Representatives as today's Chaplain.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. UPTON). The Chair will announce that he will entertain 15 1-minutes from both sides today.

### REPUBLICAN CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

(Mr. HOKE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, our Contract With America states the following: On the first day of Congress, a Republican House will require Congress to live under the same laws as everyone else, cut one-third of committee staff, cut the congressional budget. We have done that.

It goes on to state that in the first 100 days we will vote on the following items: A balanced budget amendment; we have done this and passed it; unfunded mandates legislation, line-item veto, a new crime bill to stop violent criminals, welfare reform to encourage work, not dependence, family reinforcement to crack down on deadbeat dads to protect our children, tax cuts for families to lift Government's burden from middle-class, middle-income Americans, national security restoration to restore our freedoms, Senior Citizens' Equity Act to allow our seniors to work without Government penalty, Government regulation and unfunded mandate reforms, commonsense legal reforms to end frivolous lawsuits, and congressional term limits to make Congress a citizen legislation.

This is our Contract With America.

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