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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 20, 2000, at 12 noon.

## House of Representatives

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2000

The House met at 10 a.m.

The Right Reverend M. Thomas Shaw, III, Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts, Boston, Massachusetts, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, You have given us another new day. Again, today You give us the opportunity to experience Your rich and dynamic creativity. Again, today You invite us into your compassion, Your justice, Your hope, and, most of all, Your deep and abiding peace.

You tell us, God, that we are co-creators with You. Replenish us with Your life-giving spirit this morning. Open us to Your renewing power that we might be makers of peace and hope and justice and compassion with You. Draw us into the deep places of Your heart where we find the wisdom and grace to share in Your creativity. Help us to be gracious and open to one another because we know that each of us brings a share of Your creative vision.

We ask this all in Your 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.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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