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The House met 10 a.m.

Rabbi Alan Katz, Temple Sinai, Rochester, New York, offered the following prayer:

Today is the third day of the Jewish Festival of Tabernacles, Succoth, our Feast of Booths. This festival is also called the Time of Our Rejoicing, and begins only 5 days after Yom Kippur, our most solemn of holy days. In renewed spirit, we therefore pray for the Almighty's divine protection. We ask You, Universal God, to spread over us the tabernacle of Your peace and direct us in good counsel. Be our rock and support in both times of grief and of joy.

As the Jewish people from ancient days to the present dwelt and survived in Harvest Booths under the protecting wings of God's presence, bless our entire Nation with the shelter of love and peace that helps us to regain our confidence and security. Be with the leaders of our country who, in wisdom and compassion, seek to establish justice and peace in our Nation and in the world. Strengthen our citizens to reach out in kindness as we acknowledge the holiness of the Divine image found in each and every person. Allow us to stand upright and tall in the face of all that comes our way, always champions for freedom and peace.

Praised are You, Eternal One, whose shelter of peace encompasses us and all humanity.

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 Oregon (Mr. BLUMENAUER) come

forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BLUMENAUER 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 768. An act to amend the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 to make permanent the favorable treatment of need-based educational aid under the antitrust laws.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a joint resolution of the House of the following title:

H.J. Res. 51. Joint resolution approving the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment with respect to the products of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1438. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The gentlewoman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER) will be recognized for the first 1-minute. After that, there will be ten 1-minutes on each side.

The Chair requests the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. BIGGERT) to assume the Chair.

WELCOME TO RABBI ALAN KATZ, TEMPLE SINAI OF ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

(Ms. SLAUGHTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Madam Speaker, today we open this legislative day with a prayer from Rabbi Alan Katz. I want to take a moment to tell my colleagues and the country about Rabbi Katz and the important role that he plays in my community.

Rabbi Katz has served as rabbi of Temple Sinai in Rochester since 1986, and he has played prominent roles in many of Rochester's civic and faith organizations. Rabbi Katz is joined here today by his parents; his wife, Jan; and his brother, David.

Rabbi Katz knows better than anyone that one of America's strengths is our diversity. As Americans, we have enormous freedom; and some in other lands do not understand it. Rochester is a community of many faiths; and Rabbi Katz is a leader in helping others learn, understand, and celebrate our differences. He is known for his ability to reach across racial, ethnic, and religious lines to create understanding and friendship. He is part of a Muslim-Jewish dialogue group; and he has fostered a relationship between Temple Sinai and AME Baber Church with Reverend Norvell Goff, Sr. Along with Catholic Bishop Matthew Clark, he co-led the Rochester Interfaith Mission to Israel in the summer of 1998.

In these difficult and emotional times, many of us are returning to faith to seek guidance and understanding. Many people in Rochester turn to Rabbi Katz for his wisdom, his understanding, and his ability to heal. I am proud to have known Rabbi Katz for a number of years; and I am grateful for his work in our community, as well as his personal friendship. I am

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honored that he was here today to lead us in prayer.

TRIBUTE TO CITY OF HOPE MEDICAL CENTER FOR ITS WORK TO FIGHT BREAST CANCER

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, the sea of stripes and stars and red, white, and blue that decorate shop windows and adorn our homes and cars is evidence that Americans have renewed our sense of pride and unity. Donning ribbons and waving flags, hundreds more will fill the streets of South Florida this Sunday, October 7. They will participate in a patriotic salute; but as our Nation gets back to business, these South Floridians will Walk for Hope Against Breast Cancer.

Walk for Hope Against Breast Cancer will help raise funds for lifesaving research at City of Hope Medical Center and at the Beckman Research Institute. I congratulate the event co-chairs of the walk, Michael Yavner and Mason Mishcon; as well as the Grand Marshal of the walk, Susan Wise, the Morning Diva at 101.5 Lite FM, and Jade Alexander, entertainment reporter for CBS 4, who have utilized their TV and radio talents to promote the event.

I also congratulate Ambassador Naomi Wright, director of community relations at Pro-player Stadium, who has worked to raise funds that will benefit clinical trials and hereditary and clinically associated research.

One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer, but with the dedication and leadership of groups like City of Hope Medical Center, we will soon be trained with the weapons to fight this devastating disease.

URGING CONGRESS TO ALLOW GOD BACK INTO THE SCHOOLROOMS

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Madam Speaker, after September 11, America turned to prayer. Churches, community groups, colleges, all of America prayed for the victims, their families, and our great Nation.

Once again, when in crisis, America turns to prayer and turns to God. Yet, America has banned God from our schools. Shame. A nation that bans God from our schools is a nation that invites the devil.

I yield back our right of religious freedom and urge this Congress to take whatever steps and means are necessary to invite and allow God back into our schoolrooms.

WHY WE MUST GO TO WAR

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, we seem to be entering a new era of war protesters. The professional protesters who have been marching against globalism and capitalism and other causes now have a new cause.

I respect true pacifists, although I do not agree with them. I believe sometimes we have to fight against tyrants. But we should remind one another that freedom is not free. Our freedoms were not won with poster paint. It was costly. They were won by the blood of patriots.

The reason our soldiers fight and die is to secure our freedoms: the freedom, the luxury, even, to protest and carry a sign, and the freedom to be tolerant; the freedoms of religion, speech, press, assembly, and redress of grievances.

This war is against terrorists who will kill innocent women and children and take the law into their own hands to achieve their own ends. This war is to guarantee that our people, our children, can have a secure and free future. The intent of the terrorist is not our defeat, it is our destruction. If they had weapons of mass destruction, they would use them. They are seeking such capability as we speak.

That is why we must go to war. We must exact justice on the terrorists, and we must prevent them from getting that capability so the world can live in peace and freedom.

TANCREDO AMENDMENT WILL STOP BARBARIC PRACTICE OF COCKFIGHTING

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, the House this morning has an opportunity to stop the barbaric and inhumane practice of cockfighting. Roosters bred, trained, and equipped not just to kill but maim and do maximum damage and bloodshed is something that is abhorrent to the American public.

Starting in 1837, Massachusetts and 46 other States over the years have done their job. Congress has not done its. Even though 25 years ago the House passed the legislation and last month passed legislation, we have never had time to do it right.

It is time to close this loophole that transports these fighting birds across State lines. Join the advocates for humane treatment of animals, law enforcement, and the overwhelming majority of American citizens. I urge my colleagues to join the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. TANCREDO) and I to close this loophole by voting for the amendment.

URGING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO RESCHEDULE SAFETY PATROL TRIPS TO THE U.S. CAPITOL

(Mr. FOLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOLEY. Madam Speaker, I want to applaud my colleagues as co-chairman of the Congressional Travel and Tourism Caucus for their outstanding work on getting America flying again, traveling again, and looking at some of the implications of September 11.

One disturbing note: I have heard many school districts around the Nation are talking about canceling the all-important safety patrol trips to our Nation's Capitol. I urge them to reconsider those decisions. One of the great times for us in Congress is a chance to meet with our young constituents when they come to Washington, D.C., their eyes big as saucers, looking at the wonderful majestiveness of this building, our national monuments, and the history invoked in this room.

This is a singularly important trip for these young people and should not be put aside based on fear or irrational concerns over safety. We want the children to be treated safely. We want them, yet, to have a great historical time in our Nation's Capitol.

I urge those school boards to reconsider their decision and allow their kids to travel to our Nation's Capitol. They will be safe, and more important, they will gain an insight into the workings of the Federal Government, which is important for themselves and their future.

TODAY CONGRESS CAN FUNDAMENTALLY REFORM AGRICULTURE POLICY TO BENEFIT ALL FARMERS

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

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, today we have a chance to fundamentally reform agriculture policy so all farmers in all regions of the country will benefit under the next farm bill.

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I, along with the gentleman from New York (Mr. BOEHLERT), the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. GILCHREST) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. DINGELL) will offer an amendment that takes a little bit of the increase of the subsidy payments that the largest commodity producers will receive, and instead move those resources into voluntary and incentive-based land and water conservation programs that our farmers want and are calling for.

As the Bush administration made clear in their statement on the farm bill released yesterday, even they cannot support the committee bill because, and I quote, "It misses the opportunity to modernize the Nation's farm programs through market oriented tools, innovative environmental programs, including extending benefits to working lands and aid programs that are consistent with our trade agenda."