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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Father of all in the human family, open our minds, hearts and imaginations to ever greater compassion for all our brothers and sisters, especially those in most need of Your mercy and our attention.

Let arbitrary boundaries or blinding prejudice not set limits to our concern.

Ward off the pride that comes with worldly wealth and positions of power, that leaders in government and corporate America may be Your instruments to establish equal justice and stability in this Nation.

Give Members of this House the courage to open themselves in love to the service of Your people now and forever.

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 gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. MYRICK 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 without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3971. An act to provide for an independent investigation of Forest Service firefighter deaths that are caused by wildfire entrainment or burnover.

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. 997. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct research, monitoring, management, treatment, and outreach activities relating to sudden oak death syndrome and to establish a Sudden Oak Death Syndrome Advisory Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain 15 one-minutes on each side.

WORKING TOGETHER

(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, our chaplain just spoke of opening our hearts with love in this country and solving some of our great dilemmas, homeland security, the fight against terrorism and, yes, corporate responsibility.

I hope the other side of the aisle listened to that prayer carefully because I think what we need today is people to open their hearts with love and kindness, thinking about the American economy and our citizens and their 401(k)s and their futures. Rather than pointing fingers at the President and Vice President CHENEY, let us work together to solve the problem.

On April 24, we sent over a bill to the other Chamber that passed 334 to 90; 119 Democrats voted for it. It is about accountability. It is about establishing a good audit committee. It is about peer review and oversight to ensure corporations factually report their numbers, but it has languished because the majority leader does not have time for the

important bills that face this Nation, and he happens to be a Democrat.

All of a sudden when it breaks in the headlines, he is in a panic and he is asking everybody to rally around the Democratic bill.

There is a bill on his desk. There has been a bill on his desk since April 24. Wake up, smell the coffee, get that bill passed, and we will restore moral order.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. QUINN). The Chair would remind the Member that remarks in debate should be addressed to the Chair and avoid characterizing Senate action.

SANTA ANA KIWANIS CLUB CONTRIBUTION TO LITERACY

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

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the Santa Ana Kiwanis Club for its efforts to curb illiteracy in my district. The Kiwanis Club has donated \$5,000 to the Orange County Board of Education to finance the printing of 20,000 bilingual booklets that encourage parents to read to their children. The aim of the booklets is to increase the listening and the verbal vocabularies of children, both of which help to improve reading abilities.

I am thankful that my parents took the time to read with me while I was growing up. Their dedication to my education helped me to improve my reading ability and to get good grades in school. My parents knew that success in the classroom and in life depended on a grasp of basic life skills like reading, and I commend the Kiwanis Club of Santa Ana for their efforts to improve literacy among the children of Santa Ana.

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