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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Dr. Eric Anthony Joseph, Chaplain and Dean, Langston University, Oklahoma, offered the following prayer:

The Biblical psalmist says, "I will make Your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore the people shall praise You forever and ever" (Psalm Chapter 45:16 and 17).

Let us ask God to govern our hearts and minds and Nation as we pray:

Dear heavenly Father, in a world in which many would claim our allegiance and seek our praise, we recognize that You alone are worthy of our praise.

For since the first Continental Congress opened in 1774 with 2½ hours of prayer, various ministers and guest chaplains and politicians have graced this transit House to appeal to You, as our sovereign Lord, to play an integral role in the Government of our then young Nation.

In 1789 we had 65 House Members and 26 Senators. In 1800 we moved the seat of power to the District of Columbia near the residence of our first President, General George Washington; and since 1911 we have grown to 435 House Members and today we have 100 Senators.

Therefore, Lord, as we grow as one Nation under Your providential jurisdiction, we beseech You to give these anointed House Members and servants to Thy people the fruit of Your omnipotent Holy Spirit.

May the House of Congress serve with love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, as well as justice, humility, and compassion.

Guide and bless these men and women who have been elected by Your grace to direct us to the center of Your will. We openly ask these things in the name of Your Son, the living Saviour and Lord, Jesus the Christ. 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. FOLEY. 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 Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. FOLEY. 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. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois 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 bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 210. An act to authorize the integration and consolidation of alcohol and substance abuse programs and services provided by Indian tribal governments, and for other purposes.

S. 1344. An act to provide training and technical assistance to Native Americans who are interested in commercial vehicle driving careers.

S. 2017. An act to amend the Indian Financing Act of 1974 to improve the effectiveness of the Indian loan guarantee and insurance program.

WELCOMING DR. ERIC ANTHONY JOSEPH

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

Mr. ISTOOK. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege and my honor to welcome today our guest chaplain, Dr. Eric Anthony Joseph, the chaplain of Langston University in Langston, Oklahoma, which is in my congressional district in our State. Langston University is named for the first African-American office holder in American history, and of course it is one of the premier Historically Black Colleges and Universities about which we will be honoring today with a special resolution.

Dr. Joseph is a man of learning, a man of experience, and a man of strong faith. He has received many degrees, including a doctorate of philosophy in intercultural education, a Masters of Divinity, a Masters of Arts in Christian education, a Bachelor of Arts in Communication, and two fine arts degrees.

Dr. Joseph has used his talents in a variety of ways to help bring people closer together and closer to God. He has served as a minister, a teacher, a chaplain, as a consultant, an athlete, and as a writer. Dr. Joseph has dedicated his life to ministering to people and strengthening their faith.

I join the Speaker and all of our colleagues in welcoming today Dr. Eric Anthony Joseph to the U.S. House of Representatives; and I thank him for his service, his leadership, and providing us this day with our opening prayer.

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UNFETTERED INSPECTIONS IN IRAQ

(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, Saddam Hussein has said he will let weapons inspectors into Iraq and the United Nations; and the world community says, all right. He is agreeing and he is cooperating.

Well, we have been down that road before. Saddam Hussein years ago promised unfettered inspections. However, when the inspectors got there, they were told, not now, not at night, not in the palaces, not in certain locations, not where we do not want you to go.

President Bush laid out a compelling argument to the United Nations on the need for forcible inspections; and if that does not change the attitude of Saddam Hussein, then that regime must go. They are in violation of the United Nations Council. They have violated numerous articles, and they need to be brought to bear the responsibility that the United Nations has in this effort.

Now, if we are going to continue to pay dues to this organization, we better expect and demand, as the President suggested, that they play a vital role and a meaningful role in world affairs. If they are going to just sit there and gather in New York for cocktails and coffee, then what is the point of spending millions and billions of dollars to keep the organization alive?

Saddam Hussein is a menace. He has proven it so. Let us fight with the President.

EDUCATING COMMUNITIES ON MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN

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

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow in Texas I am co-hosting on the Beaumont Police Department and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Academy a seminar on missing-and-exploited-children cases. And while we work here in Washington to pass legislation to protect children at home and across America, I also think it is important for us to make sure that our law enforcement officers have the training that they need.

The seminar is a day-long event run in conjunction with the National Center For Missing and Exploited Children. The first 3 hours of the seminar will cover topics regarding the duties of the first responder and law enforcement resources. In the latter 4 hours, we will discuss the investigation of crimes against children with specific emphasis on physical and sexual abuse, abduction and missing children.

Sixty-nine officers will attend this conference, and that is 69 officers who

will be better equipped to deal with the terrible call from a parent saying, My child is missing.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that passing legislation is not our only duty as Members of Congress. I also believe that we must work to educate and assist our communities. This is a great first start.

PASSING A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, when American families face difficult times, they set priorities. Today the United States is fighting a war and facing a slow economy. These are difficult times, and they call for clear priorities. President Bush and Republicans have done just that.

In March, Republicans in the House, led by the gentleman from Illinois (Speaker HASTERT), passed the President's budget plan that clearly outlined spending priorities.

We are keeping our commitment to education, Social Security, Medicare and, most importantly, national defense and homeland security. But Democrats have offered no plans and have set no priorities. The only clear message coming from them is let us spend more.

We must focus on what we need, not what we want. The American people have been consistent in making the economy their top concern. The President and respected Alan Greenspan have said that the way to promote a strong economy is to control government spending. The President and Republicans have presented a responsible budget that meets our Nation's priorities. It is time for the Democrats to get on board.

HONORING JULIA FAIRFAX

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, as a graduate of a historically black college, I too want to add my welcome to our guest chaplain, Dr. Eric Joseph. But I really rise to pay tribute to a grand lady of my community, Miss Julia Fairfax, 93 years old, who passed away just last week.

The amazing thing about her, though, is she was actively engaged and involved with all levels of community activity up until about 6 months ago. A grand lady, a grand dame, a lady that we shall always remember, admire and respect, Miss Julia Fairfax.

FIXING BROKEN BANKRUPTCY LAWS

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

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, for more than 5 years Congress has been working to fix our Nation's broken bankruptcy laws. And now when we are just 1 yard from the line, one Senator's extremist views on abortion have placed this bill in jeopardy. I still have not found anyone who can explain to me what abortion has to do with bankruptcy. Nevertheless, there it is, right in the middle of the bill, language that would single out peaceful, nonviolent pro-life protesters for unique punishment while leaving other debtors unaffected.

Mr. Speaker, this is completely wrong. We believe in treating people equally in this country, no matter what their politics, no matter what they believe.

Well, no one should be surprised that this bill is now in jeopardy. Fifty-five of us have been on record since May saying that we could not support this bill if it contained the Senate's poison pill.

Mr. Speaker, we need to fix this bill first by taking out the abortion language and then pass it.

WHAT IS SADDAM HUSSEIN HIDING?

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, since the end of the Persian Gulf War, Iraq has violated U.N. sanctions and resolutions 16 times. Sixteen times they have thumbed their nose at the United Nations and their resolutions.

Now, I commend President Bush on addressing these issues with the United Nations last Thursday. It is time to enforce all United Nations resolutions, and it is time to put weapons inspectors back in Iraq with unfettered access. This hard line must be taken.

Iraq cannot be given another decade to comply. All U.N. resolutions must be enforced, and this cannot be negotiable.

Mr. Speaker, if Iraq has no weapons of mass destruction, then what are they afraid of? If Iraq complied with the United Nations' resolutions, sanctions would be lifted; and they could make \$120 billion a year in their oil sales; but Saddam Hussein has foregone \$120 billion a year to hide something. We must have U.N. inspectors inside Iraq, and they must have complete access to see everything to see just what Saddam Hussein is hiding from the rest of the world.

NO MORE IRAQI OIL

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

Mr. REHBERG. Mr. Speaker, America is at war against terrorists; yet, we