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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Dr. K. Eric Perrin, Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, Columbia, South Carolina, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, Father of all who love You, this Nation owes You our liberty. Your truth shaped our law. Generation after generation You delivered us from enemies. For Your goodness, receive our thanks.

Now we confront new terrors. Clouds of war rise on the Middle Eastern horizon. We need Your help. Yet in many ways we have forgotten You. We are confused as to who You are. We have difficulty discerning good from evil in our private lives. We are often unjust in our relationships, corrupt in our commerce, self-interested in our pursuit of the Nation's welfare.

Forgive us, Lord. Turn our hearts to seek You, our minds to know You, our wills to serve You. Guide the men and women of this honorable House. Bless the President of these United States. Aid those who defend us. Save us through Your mercy, by the grace of Christ, our Sovereign. 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. McNULTY. 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. McNULTY. 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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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 Florida (Mr. FOLEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FOLEY 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 an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 4628. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 4628) "An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. EDWARDS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. KYL, Mr.

INHOFE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. THOMPSON, and Mr. LUGAR, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed without amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 458. Concurrent resolution recognizing and commending Mary Baker Eddy's achievements and the Mary Baker Eddy Library for the Betterment of Humanity.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) is recognized for 1 minute; then there will be 15 1-minute speeches on each side.

WELCOMING REVEREND DR. K. ERIC PERRIN

(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, I am so pleased to welcome Pastor Rick Perrin from the Irmo community of South Carolina as our guest chaplain. Pastor Perrin has been the senior pastor of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church for 11 years. He has been married to Barb Perrin for 30 years, and they have three wonderful sons. Scott Perrin serves with the Secret Service in Georgia; Tim Perrin, who worked for my mentor and predecessor, Floyd Spence; and Chris Perrin, who now works for my colleague, the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. WATTS).

Pastor Perrin started the Community Roundtable, a group of leaders who have come together to lead and deal with at-risk youth. He also started the Human Relations Committee to promote harmony with racial and demographic changes in the community.

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Pastor Perrin is the chairman of the World Reform Fellowship which connects churches and ministry organizations around the world to build partnerships. Pastor Perrin has demonstrated consistent leadership over the years, and I count his family as friends.

It is a great honor for all South Carolinians to have Pastor Perrin perform the prayer today in the United States House of Representatives.

THE NEED FOR A HOMELAND SECURITY BILL

(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 woke up this morning to a lot of noise on my TV set as two prominent Senators were berating the President of the United States, so I tuned in to listen and find out what all the fuss was about.

It turned out there was a concern echoed by the President that there is a national homeland security bill that left this Chamber in July. In July. We had promised the American public action on this critical legislation before the anniversary of the terror attacks in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania on September 11.

So I thought to myself, why would our President, our Commander-in-Chief, be outraged? Why would he be concerned, and why would we hear such volume from the Senate? Well, he is concerned about the life of every American living here in the United States who wants a safe homeland.

We passed our bill. I cannot urge action on the other body, it is prohibited by the rules of the House. But I would at least hope that the American people would speak out loud and clear about the need for a homeland security bill, about the need to protect our national security.

CODE ADAM ACT

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

Mr. LAMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Code Adam Act. Code Adam is a proven, successful program that has saved lives in the retail environment. It is time to bring that same measure of safety to children in Federal buildings.

Since the Code Adam program began in 1994, it has been a powerful preventive tool against child abductions and lost children in more than 25,000 stores across the Nation. The House and Senate versions of the Code Adam Act would require the implementation of this protocol in all Federal buildings.

Wal-Mart started this fantastic program in the name of Adam Walsh, John and Reve Walsh's son, who was abducted from a mall and murdered in Florida about 20 years ago. Every day I

see children walking through the Halls of Congress and in Federal buildings back home in Texas. God forbid, if a child would go missing in one of these buildings, this bill would make sure that a plan was in place to secure that building and find the child before something tragic could occur.

Join me, the gentleman from Puerto Rico and many of our other colleagues in supporting this great piece of legislation.

URGING ACTION ON HOMELAND SECURITY

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

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, we are at war. Homeland security legislation passed this body in July, as the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FOLEY) just mentioned, and yet the Senate has not acted.

The President wants the tools that he thinks are necessary to protect every man, woman and child in this country, and yet the Senate has not acted.

He wanted it done before September 11, the anniversary of the tragedy that happened in New York, here in Washington, D.C. and in Pennsylvania, but the Senate has not acted.

It is almost October. We are about to get out of here, and the Senate has not acted.

The other body wants to give the President less authority over national security than any other agency of government, and that is wrong. He needs the tools to protect this country, and yet the Senate has not acted.

Let me just say to the leaders of the Senate who were raising Cain yesterday: Get on the ball, protect America, support our President, and protect all the people who want to be protected in this country. We do not need another attack of terror.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). Members are to be reminded that they should not characterize inaction or action of the Senate.

ILL-CONCEIVED CUTS IN MEDICARE

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

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, seniors back at home have been waiting for years for Congress to pass a prescription drug benefit as part of Medicare. Each month, many choose between buying medications and paying rent. I am not exaggerating. They are desperate.

To make matters worse, many seniors were told by their doctors this

year that they had to go somewhere else for care. This is because an arcane formula arbitrarily cuts the fees Medicare pays physicians. The administration says there was nothing they could do.

Now seniors in my district will be told they cannot get other health care, like a pacemaker or a pint of blood, because Medicare is cutting these rates also. And this time it is not because of some formula. The administration is actually doing this on purpose. This will hurt our already stretched seniors.

This will also get in the way of efforts to prepare for bioterrorism. Hospitals depend upon Medicare to help pay the bills. These cuts will mean our hospitals will be even more strapped for resources and less prepared.

I urge the administration to reject this ill-conceived idea and support our seniors, our doctors and our hospitals.

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BANKRUPTCY REFORM BILL UNDERMINED BY TAINTED AMENDMENT

(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, some proponents of the current bankruptcy reform bill have claimed they want to stop violence. Well, we already know that fines and judgments for violent acts cannot be discharged in bankruptcy, so we have been arguing that the amendment added in conference committee is really out to stop peaceful, nonviolent protestors at abortion clinics.

Well, last week the Senator who wrote the amendment said on MNPR, and I quote, "They'd pay their fine and go back and stand in front of the clinic again. And they'd pay their fine and go back and stand in front of the clinic again; and they'd pay their fine and go back and stand again. They were taking the law into their own hands; in a peaceful way, but a very serious way, that led us to write the law."

Well, there we have it, right from the horse's mouth. Peaceful, pro-life protestors are the target of that amendment.

Madam Speaker, the current bill discriminates against pro-life Americans for no other reason than for what they believe. That is not right, not in America; and as much as I want to vote for bankruptcy reform, I cannot support the bill with this harmful language restricting first amendment rights of pro-lifers.

HONORING ALEXANDER LOPEZ FOR HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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