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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Because You are the Lord God, all relate to You, each in his or her own way. Because You are the Creator of the heavens and all on Earth, from the beginning, even until now everything and everyone is interrelated and held by You. Teach us, Lord, how to relate to one another.

Guide all in this Nation, especially the Members of this Chamber, how to relate to the problems and the human concerns that confront the family of nations. Your word tells us, Lord: "In Your relations with one another, clothe yourself with humility because I, Your Lord God, am stern with the arrogant but to the humble I show kindness."

Let us bow humbly under Your hand, O Lord, that in due time You may lift our heads high with joy. Humbly let us cast all our cares on You because You care for us 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.

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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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 Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan 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 bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1610. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 East Ritchie Avenue in Marceline, Missouri, as the "Walt Disney Post Office Building".

H.R. 1882. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 South Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando, Florida, as the "Arthur 'Pappy' Kennedy Post Office".

H.R. 1883. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1601-1 Main Street in Jacksonville, Florida, as the "Eddie Mae Steward Post Office".

H.R. 2075. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1905 West Blue Heron Boulevard in West Palm Beach, Florida, as the "Judge Edward Rodgers Post Office Building".

H.R. 2254. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1101 Colorado Street in Boulder City, Nevada, as the "Bruce Woodbury Post Office Building".

H.R. 2309. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2300 Redondo Avenue in Long Beach, California, as the "Stephen Horn Post Office Building".

H.R. 2328. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located

at 2001 East Willard Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Robert A. Borski Post Office Building".

H.R. 2396. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1210 Highland Avenue in Duarte, California, as the "Francisco A. Martinez Flores Post Office".

H.R. 2452. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 339 Hicksville Road in Bethpage, New York, as the "Brian C. Hickey Post Office Building".

H.R. 2533. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10701 Abercorn Street in Savannah, Georgia, as the "J.C. Lewis, Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 2746. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 141 Weston Street in Hartford, Connecticut, as the "Barbara B. Kennedy Post Office Building".

H.R. 3011. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 135 East Olive Avenue in Burbank, California, as the "Bob Hope Post Office Building".

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1405. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 514 17th Street in Moline, Illinois, as the "David Bybee Post Office Building".

S. 1590. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 315 Empire Boulevard in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, New York, as the "James E. Davis Post Office Building".

S. 1659. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 57 Old Tappan Road in Tappan, New York, as the "John G. Dow Post Office Building".

S. 1718. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3710 West 73rd Terrace in Prairie Village, Kansas, as the "Senator James B. Pearson Post Office".

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain ten 1-minutes on each sides.

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BREAST CANCER AWARENESS
MONTH

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

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, as we come to the close of October, I wanted to remind Members that October is designated as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Each year in the United States, breast cancer is diagnosed in more than 170,000 women. Several recent critical advances, sequencing of the human genome and the development of high throughput techniques for identifying DNA-sequence variants, have accelerated the pace of research aimed at preventing and curing breast cancer.

Drugs such as Tamoxifen have helped to successfully treat thousands of women with breast cancer. Even more advanced, third-generation aromatase inhibitors are challenging Tamoxifen, the current gold standard of care, and providing more satisfying results in this field.

Groundbreaking research is yielding important findings on reducing the recurrence of breast cancer in women who have previously been treated. This is all the more important, because with breast cancer, unlike other malignancies, the symptom-free intervals in some women may be decades.

With these great advances in science and medicine, the medical community is more able to accurately diagnose and treat women with breast cancer. But with over 40,000 women who will die of this disease this year, our work is clearly not done. This month we are reminded of how far we have come, but how far we have to go in fighting in this deadly disease.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS
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(Ms. CARSON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and I rise to address the issue of the early detection and prevention of breast cancer.

Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in women in the United States, aside from cancers of the skin. Both its cause and cure remain undiscovered.

In my home State of Indiana, the American Cancer Society estimates that 5,000 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed and approximately 900 women will die of breast cancer in 2003.

With early detection, breast cancer can be treated effectively with surgery that preserves the breast, followed by radiation therapy. Local therapy is often accompanied by chemotherapy and/or hormonal therapy.

Raising awareness and promoting the continuation of breast cancer research

has contributed to more than 2 million breast cancer survivors in the United States today.

In Indianapolis, we have benefited by the 2003 Komen Indianapolis Race for the Cure that registered 37,000 individuals and the BMW Ultimate Drive to donate one dollar on each mile driven during BMW test-drives.

We must continue to raise awareness and support legislation that will aid in the prevention and eventual development of a cure for breast cancer.

ECONOMIC GROWTH

(Mrs. MILLER of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow is Halloween, which means tricks and treats for every American. Today, our economy received a treat of its own, thanks to President Bush's pro-jobs agenda and economic growth tax cuts. For instance, the economy grew at a staggering 7.2 percent in the third quarter, the fastest pace since 1984. In addition, consumer confidence is on the rise, thanks in large part to a more favorable job market and a belief that this trend will continue.

These are some pretty good treats for the American people and for our economy. But the Democratic candidates for President are offering some pretty frightening tricks. For example, every one of them wants to repeal some or all of the Bush tax cuts. That trick on our people will take the steam out of our robust recovery and kill new job growth.

To the American people I say, be very careful when you are examining who should lead our Nation, because the tricks being offered up are downright scary. Happy Halloween.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BILLS

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

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two pieces of important legislation that I would like to reintroduce today regarding Domestic Violence Awareness Month. I believe the two bills will help end violence against women.

In the United States, nearly 2 million women are victims of domestic violence. Every 30 seconds, a woman is beaten by her aggressor. This is why there is a continuing need to address this issue.

The Domestic Violence Court Assistance Act will provide grant money from the Violence Against Women Act to establish specific domestic violence courts and provide for important functions of a domestic violence court, such as translation and interpretation services for women whose first language may not be English.

The Domestic Violence Prevention, Education and Awareness Act would help bring much-needed attention to racial and ethnic minority and immigrant communities that are often overlooked and underserved by providing grants to develop informational media outreach campaigns to address specific communities that currently are underserved.

It is our responsibility to give a voice to those who cannot speak for themselves, and I urge my colleagues to support these two legislative efforts.

TRIBUTE TO POLK COUNTY
NATIVE

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

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man of honor and a dear friend, a man who touched so many lives and dedicated himself to making Polk County, Florida, a better place.

Charles Richardson rose from humble beginnings in Polk County and helped to integrate what is now Bartow High School. He began his political career on the Winter Haven City Commission, and rose to be, as a Republican, the first African American ever to serve on the Polk County commission.

He was described as a family man and a jovial leader, with a keen intellect and an extraordinary wit and wisdom. He was also known as a strong role model for young people, who encouraged them to get an education and to go to college and achieve the American Dream. He is survived by his wife, Karen; two daughters, Ericka and Janine; and two sons, Charles, Jr., and Elden.

Mr. Speaker, even after being diagnosed with pancreatic and liver cancer, Charles Richardson continued to perform his county commission duties right up to the night he passed. Charles Richardson blessed our community through his hard work and generous nature, and our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

VIETNAM CRACKS DOWN ON UNIFIED
BUDDHIST CHURCH OF
VIETNAM

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

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my outrage over the government of Vietnam's recent crackdown on the United Buddhist Church of Vietnam.

I just concluded a telephone conversation with the Venerable Thich Tue Sy, a senior monk in that church, who was just sentenced to 2 years of administrative detention for exercising the basic right of freedom of religion, as were six of his colleagues.

Earlier this month, the United Buddhist Church of Vietnam held a meeting to discuss church affairs, to elect