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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Charles L. Moseley, Pastor, Great Bridge Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Virginia, offered the following prayer:

Our heavenly Father, today we come into Thy presence with thanksgiving and praise for the privilege of calling upon Thy name. Through Thy Son Jesus Christ, we lift this assembly to Thee asking for divine wisdom and Thy leadership upon each one. We thank Thee, O God, for the dedication and sacrifice of these who serve, realizing the tremendous burden upon each one in the decisions that must be made day by day.

Help us to remember the heritage that is ours and make us an example to the world of what freedom and democracy are all about. Let us never forget the price that has been paid, and help us to always honor those who have gone before, making this day possible.

God bless the President, the congressional leaders, and God bless America to make us great because we have kept the faith.

In the name of Christ we pray. 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. BURNS. 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. BURNS. 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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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 Texas (Mr. BURGESS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BURGESS 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 bill of the House of its following title:

H.R. 2826. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1000 Avenida Sanchez Osorio in Carolina, Puerto Rico, as the "Roberto Clemente Walker Post Office Building".

The message also announced that pursuant to provisions of Senate Resolution 98, agreed to July 25, 1997, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, announces the appointment of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) to the Global Climate Change Observer Group.

WELCOMING THE REVEREND CHARLES L. MOSELEY

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

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to welcome my friend and pastor, Reverend Charles Moseley, as guest chaplain of the United States House of Representatives. We are

thankful for his presence today and for his humble ministry to God.

In over 30 years of service at Great Bridge Baptist Church in Chesapeake, Virginia, Reverend Moseley has steadfastly led his congregation in the footsteps of Christ, touching thousands of lives with the joy and peace of the Lord. Through the many years that my family and I have attended Great Bridge Baptist, I have come to know Reverend Moseley as a model of selfless service and great spiritual leadership. He has also been my pastor for over 30 years.

Reverend Moseley came to Great Bridge Baptist Church from South Carolina in 1969 and has served as pastor ever since. He and his wife, Lou, are devoted to their five children and six grandchildren, to each other, and to their extraordinary faith in the Lord. Through this great faith, Reverend Moseley has given countless people hope, inspiration, and spiritual strength.

We are honored to have Reverend Moseley with us today and we warmly welcome him. I thank him for his prayer today and for his spiritual guidance.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. OSE). The Chair will entertain 10 one-minute speeches from each side.

PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN ACT OF 2003

(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, today the House will vote on a historic bill, the conference report on the partial-birth abortion ban. As a physician who has delivered over 3,000 babies, I am personally opposed to abortion, but in

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particular the only reason to select the partial-birth abortion procedure is to ensure that the baby is dead when delivered. As a physician, I recognize that serious complications can occur during the last trimester of pregnancy. However, if the mother's health dictates that the pregnancy must be concluded and a normal birth is not possible, the baby may be delivered by C-section. Whether the infant lives or dies depends upon the severity of the medical complications and the degree of prematurity, but that outcome is dictated by the disease process itself. The fate of the infant during the partial-birth abortion procedure is predetermined by the nature of the procedure performed and is uniformly fatal.

In 1995, a 12-doctor panel representing the American Medical Association recommended banning partial-birth abortion, referring to it as, and I quote, basically repulsive, close quote. I agree with the AMA's panel. The procedure is repulsive and after today will be illegal.

FREEDOM RIDERS

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

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Immigrant Workers' Freedom Ride and its participants.

On September 20, hard-working men and women from every corner of this country set off on a journey in support of immigrant workers' rights. These men and women support our economy through their work. Men and women who support all of us with their dedication, their taxes, their skills. Men and women who are involved in their communities, in our communities.

Much like the freedom riders of years past, they are calling for what many would consider to be just basic rights. They are calling for family reunification. They are calling for the restoration of labor protections for all workers in the U.S. They are calling for our country to acknowledge their civil rights.

These men and women are as much a part of our Nation's history as they are a part of our Nation's present and future. For years they have proven their dedication to our country. They deserve more than a simple tour of our country. They deserve our respect.

HONORING THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR

(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, it is a wonderful time of the year in South Carolina. It is a time when families from all over the State bring their children and friends to the State Fair in Columbia. The tradition of our State Fair dates back 134 years,

when it started as an agricultural convention sponsored by the State Agriculture and Mechanical Society of South Carolina, raising funds for charities. Its facilities are a great resource for expositions and conventions year-round.

Today, the Fair attracts almost 600,000 people who come to enjoy educational exhibits, arts and crafts, livestock, games, rides and popular entertainment. I am proud to have attended the Fair since my childhood, and I am proud to recognize this as an example of the American spirit of community. I want to thank Society President Cante Heath and Fair Manager Gary Goodman for their hard work in making this year's Fair a tremendous success.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in wishing the people of South Carolina a safe and enjoyable time at this year's State Fair.

In conclusion, may God bless our troops.

IMMIGRANT WORKERS FREEDOM RIDE

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

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome and salute the Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride.

Inspired by the 1961 freedom rides that sought to integrate bus terminals in the South, today's riders are visiting cities and towns across the country. They are raising awareness about the plight of immigrant workers and advocating for comprehensive change to our immigration system. Like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., these Americans refuse to believe, and I quote, that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity in this great Nation.

Let me share the story of one of those Americans. Salvador Guillen is the proud leader of the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union, Local 681. He is the father of three children and has worked as a housekeeper at Disneyland's Paradise Pier Hotel for over 15 years. Salvador was born in Zamora, Michoacan, and has lived in the United States for 18 years. He is now a proud citizen of the United States.

In his own words, Salvador states: "I want workers like my two sisters who have not been able to legalize and who are forced to work jobs where they are abused, overworked and underpaid to have the same opportunity."

Together we can implement sensible immigration policies that bring all immigrants one step closer to the American dream.

COMMENDING MEDICAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA AND FORT GORDON COMMUNITY FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO FIGHT TERRORISM

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

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURNS. Mr. Speaker, in the wake of the September 11, 2001, attacks, the Medical College of Georgia, the U.S. Army Signal Center and the Southeast Regional Army Medical Command at Fort Gordon have joined together to train military and civilian personnel in disaster response, emergency medical response and emergency response coordination. I commend them for their efforts to develop the Training Center for Disaster Medicine Preparedness and a Disaster Response Simulation Center.

These three organizations combine to include world-class medical education facilities, faculty and advanced communications infrastructure, ensuring well-trained and prepared personnel in the event of a natural disaster or a terrorist attack serving not only east Georgia but indeed the entire Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I commend MCG and the Fort Gordon community for their efforts on behalf of our Nation.

MONEY-MAKING OPPORTUNITIES IN IRAQ

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

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I remember the time that this administration came to the Congress and asked us to support the troops and then turned around and cut veterans benefits by \$25 billion. Today, while we are being told to vote for \$87 billion for Iraq to support the troops, we find that those who will benefit financially from the war are the armies of lobbyists who have ties to this administration.

In yesterday's Hill, a column by Josh Marshall points out, and this is a quote, "The President's right-hand man quits his government job just before the bombs start falling. He sets up shop in the offices of one of the biggest GOP lobbyists in town. And he starts selling his services to clients who want a piece of the big Iraqi reconstruction contracts pie—the pie his old bosses are in charge of slicing up."

From today's Washington Post: "Getting the rights to distribute Procter & Gamble products would be a gold mine," said one of the partners at New Bridge who did not want to be named. "One well-stocked 7-Eleven could knock out 30 Iraqi stores; a Wal-Mart could take over the country," he said.

Here we are with a hostile takeover led by our men and women whom we pride. Stop this administration from using troops to justify a war and war profiteering. Get out of Iraq.

PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN ACT

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