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The House met at 9 a.m.

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

Eternal Father, strong to save, because You have revealed even in our days, the faith of our brothers and sisters, we give You thanks. Here in the House of Representatives, You have gathered those who have a unique love of Your people and a genuine care for their future. Your Divine Providence has brought them here. So now guide them as they complete the work of the 108th Congress.

May the deeper unity of this Nation arise above partisanship and the inner strength of America's goodness and gratitude emerge from its lament and

self-centered nature to find authentic expression of heartfelt prayer on our national feast of Thanksgiving.

All of us, Lord, are truly grateful for the many blessings You bestow upon us as families and as a Nation.

We thank You, 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 gentleman from Florida (Mr. HASTINGS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five 1-minute speeches on each side.

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ROBERT W. NEY, *Chairman*.

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