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The House met at 10 a.m.

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

My brothers and sisters, let the words spoken through the prophet Ezekiel stir in your hearts so that the impending days may lead to an even deeper trust in the Lord:

"The nations shall know that I am the Lord, says the Lord God, when in their sight I prove my holiness through you. I will sprinkle clear water upon you to cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols I will cleanse you. I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you, taking from your bodies your stony hearts and giving you natural hearts."

Lord God of prophets and politicians, through the campaigns surface out fiction and malicious thoughts that Your people may be led to America's common concerns and the truth upon which to build anew. Deepen convictions in all contestants that their hearts may be naturally transformed by the response of the people and Your holy inspirations. We pray for civility in debates and peaceful resolve across the Nation, both 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 Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MCGOVERN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic 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 Ms. Curtis, 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. 2250. An act to award a congressional gold medal to Dr. Norman E. Borlaug.

S. 2491. An act to award a Congressional gold medal to Byron Nelson in recognition of his significant contributions to the game of golf as a player, a teacher, and a commentator.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain 10 1-minutes on each side.

NIE

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I have deep concerns over the recent politicizing of the intelligence reports while our country is in the midst of a global war on terror. This is irresponsible when it comes to classified intelligence. Politics should be the last thing involved in the intelligence community. It is not surprising to see a leak come right out before the elections and Democrats using it as a campaign tool.

The New York Times story was based upon selective information and that was distorted and inaccurate when taken out of its full context. Information is classified for a reason, but it is too late, and the damage is done.

Just after the President declassified the information to show that progress in the war on terror was being made through our intelligence service, Al Jazeera's Web site immediately posted a link to the document for their audi-

ence, which may include terrorists to review. Now they know sensitive aspects of our intelligence community's assessment of the war on terror.

Releasing this intelligence compromises our success in the war on terror and the safety of our troops. If this inspires one terrorist, and it most certainly will, the cost is far too high.

IRAN

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

Mr. KUCINICH. Iran should not have nuclear weapons; and, along with the United States as a signatory to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, should work with the community of nations to abolish all nuclear weapons, as is the express intent of the NPT.

However, this administration is trying to create an international crisis by inflating Iran's nuclear development into another Iraq WMD hoax. There they go again.

Today, the House will consider a bill which will give the administration a pass on covert activities it has already undertaken in Iran to attempt to destabilize the government. Additionally, today's bill will enable another Rendon type propaganda machine to feed the U.S. media a steady stream of lies, all to set the stage for a war against Iran.

Think about it; this, without a single hearing on Iran in this Congress. Think about it; this, while the State Department and DOD is ducking even classified briefings.

There is a Chinese proverb that says: Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me. Will Congress be fooled again into supporting still another war against still another nation, which is not an imminent threat and which has no intention nor capability of attacking the United States?

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