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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Dear God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

We ask Your special blessing upon the Members of this people's House. They face difficult decisions in difficult times with many forces and interests demanding their attention.

We are grateful, O God, that You have given to them the goals of justice and the designs of freedom. Remind each Member that it is their work to develop the strategies of achieving those goals and designs, being mindful of the prompting of Your spirit.

You have given to each of them, and to us all, the abilities to do good works. So we pray that we will be faithful in our tasks, responsible in our actions, and fervent in our desire to serve.

Bless us, O God, this day and every day to come. May all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

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. HECK of Nevada. 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. HECK of Nevada. 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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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. CONAWAY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CONAWAY 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 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

SAVE THE CHRISTIANS FROM GENOCIDE ACT

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

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation declaring the Christians and Yazidis of Syria, Iraq, Pakistan, Iran, Egypt, and Libya as targets of genocide. This bill will make them eligible for expedited refugee and visa processing for entry into the United States and give them priority over other applicants.

The Save the Christians from Genocide Act is imperative at this time. The alarm bell is ringing. Ancient long-standing communities of Christians in the Middle East are being murdered individually and en masse, targeted for extinction. Under President Obama's

leadership, our government has stood by impotently and watched this crime against humanity.

I call on my colleagues and Members of this House to join me in cosponsoring this bill to save the Christians from genocide. Hundreds of thousands of Muslims are finding safety and economic handouts in Europe, but what about the true targets of genocide? Where is their safe haven?

I ask my colleagues to join me to support the Save the Christians from Genocide Act to prioritize our immigration and refugee policy to save these Christians from facing brutal extinction.

I rise now and will ask my colleagues to join me in cosponsoring this bill. I, at this moment, will submit it to Congress for consideration.

ROYALS 2015 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

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

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to be here this morning.

On Sunday, November 1, the Kansas City Royals took game five of the World Series from a very good New York Mets team. They beat them in the 12th inning, and they bring the Commissioner's Trophy back to Kansas City for the first time in 30 years.

The Royals' championship season had the best record in the American League: 95 wins, defeated the Astros in five games, defeated the Blue Jays in six, and defeated the Mets in the World Series in five games. These unheralded comeback kids scored 51 runs in the seventh inning or after in the postseason, shattering the previous record by 15 runs.

It was made clear on Tuesday that this championship was not only about the Royals, but about their loyal fan

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