

Eighty-five percent of Americans support no fly, no buy gun legislation and more than 90 percent support universal background checks. Yet, Speaker RYAN has refused to bring these two measures up for a vote, shutting out the voices and views of the American people. He is opposing popular commonsense legislation.

Mr. Speaker, you have the power to allow people to take the vote on the floor. Mr. Speaker, you have the power to make sure that people in this country will be safe with commonsense laws to prevent gun violence.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 26 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

Reverend James R. Shaw, Agnus Dei Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, Virginia, offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, grant unto those gathered, representing all people of this great Nation:

Knowledge to pursue the good when the outlook seems dark;

Wisdom to vote for what is best for all;

Courage to choose the unpopular, but better;

Boldness to go where creativity has never gone;

Love to care for the poor and needy;

Faith to step forward and lead the misguided;

Understanding to provide for what is truly needed;

Mercy to forgive those who have transgressed;

Hope for a prosperous future as opportunities unfold;

The eyes of a child to approach life's work with diverse wonderment;

Ears to hear the still small voice of God;

Hands to set free the persecuted and the oppressed;

A sense for those things hidden which may prove dangerous;

And a vision of joy for all languages and cultures.

In Thanksgiving for Your providence, we pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's pro-

ceedings 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 South Carolina (Mr. RICE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. RICE of South Carolina 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.

WELCOMING JAMES R. SHAW

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BRAT) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. BRAT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce to my colleagues our guest chaplain for the U.S. House of Representatives today, Reverend James R. Shaw. Pastor Shaw serves the Agnus Dei Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

After working for a Fortune 500 company in the IT management division, Reverend Shaw graduated summa cum laude from Concordia University in Wisconsin and proceeded to obtain his Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Reverend Shaw accepted a call to Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Decatur, Illinois, in February 2008. He is now serving as missionary at large on behalf of the United Lutheran Mission Association at Agnus Dei in the Spotsylvania/Fredericksburg area of Virginia.

He has gone on to serve congregations as a pastor, currently serving a small startup, Agnus Dei Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, Virginia. He also serves as VP of administration, CIO/CTO, and professor of church history and ethics at Walther Theological Seminary, Decatur, Illinois.

Mr. Speaker, Agnus Dei Lutheran Church is a church that is indeed alive. Reverend Shaw and the entire church family minister each day through worship services, daily prayer, and by serving those in need through ministries that support families by providing grief and crisis counseling.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues today to welcome Reverend Shaw, his wife, Peggy, and the rest of his family who have joined him today. May God bless his family and may God bless the church family at Clearwater's Calvary Baptist Church as well as our country today.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

CONGRATULATIONS TO COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

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

Mr. RICE of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am so excited to rise today to congratulate a small university of 10,000 students in Horry County, South Carolina: Coastal Carolina University.

Coastal Carolina may be small in size, but it is huge in achievement. CCU has had a couple of remarkable achievements in the last several weeks. You see, Coastal Carolina is the alma mater of 2016 U.S. Open champion, Dustin Johnson, and the home of the 2016 NCAA World Series champion, Coastal Carolina University Chanticleer baseball team.

After falling behind in game one, the Chants came back to win the final two games in a nail-biting best-of-three series. The Arizona Wildcats were an admirable opponent and came to play, but the perseverance, dedication, and true love of the game carried the Chants to victory.

Year after year, the Chants field remarkable athletes in every sport, and their achievements are often oversized. But this year's Chanticleer baseball team ran the table, and when the last pitch was thrown in Omaha, they brought the national title home. Not only is this the first NCAA title for CCU baseball, it is the school's first national title in any sport.

I want to recognize a few players who hail from the Seventh District of South Carolina: infielder and pitcher, Jordan Gore; first baseman, Kevin Woodhall, Jr.; and the all-star designated hitter, G.K. Young.

Of course, this team's success wouldn't be possible without the leadership of head coach Gary Gilmore and his remarkable coaching staff. A graduate of CCU himself, Coach Gilmore has led the Chants baseball team for 22 successful seasons.

This national title is a win for all the players, the coaches, CCU, and all fans across South Carolina. Congratulations, Coastal Carolina University. Go, Chants.

THE NRA HAS SPOKEN

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

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, on the Fourth of July in my district I held a sit-in at a local movie theater to declare our independence from the NRA.

The gun lobby doesn't have a single vote in this House. Or does it have 247?

I ask that question because we can't even get a vote on the floor—just a vote—to prevent suspected terrorists who can't buy a plane ticket in the United States, but they can go out and buy a gun, no questions asked.

The NRA has spoken. Only a bill that would require the FBI to establish by