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

PRAYER

Dr. Ted Traylor, Olive Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida, offered the following prayer:

Lord, God, the great I am, we confess and acknowledge today that it all comes from You. You have made us and not we ourselves. Our very breath is from You, and our sustenance, happiness, and existence as a nation. Unto You we give thanks, Almighty God.

Thank You for this wonderful land called the United States of America. Thank You for our liberty and all who defend it. Thank You for our rule of law and all who keep it, and we pray Your safety on those that enforce it this day.

Lord, forgive us and deliver us from any sort of reliance on ourselves. Forgive us when we become proud and self-righteous with hearts as hard as stone. Thank You for Your forgiveness when we call upon Your name.

Lord, I would beg You today that You would send spiritual awakening in our Nation. I pray, God, that You would bless America and that America would, indeed, bless You.

And now, God of all wisdom, I bring our Representatives before You. Refresh each of them with Your mercy for the day ahead. Cause truth and justice to triumph over personal preference, and direct every decision of this body. I am keenly aware that they also have individual needs, and we pray that by Your favor, You will help them as they carry their personal burdens as well as the burden of a nation.

I ask all of this through the merits of Jesus Christ, Your son and our Savior. 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 California (Mr. LOWENTHAL) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LOWENTHAL 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 DR. TED TRAYLOR

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

There was no objection.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to welcome to the House today Dr. Ted Traylor, who has been the pastor at Olive Baptist Church since 1990. His weekly radio and television ministry, "At the Heart of Things," reaches thousands of homes along the Gulf Coast and through weekly podcasts and streaming. Dr. Traylor's bold and practical preaching brings people to a fresh understanding of God's Word and challenges them to become bondservants for Christ.

He is known for his uncompromising stand on Biblical issues and strong defense of the Christian faith. He has preached extensively throughout the United States in conferences and revivals. Emanuel University in Oradea, Romania, has honored him by placing his name on the chair of Pastoral Leadership.

Dr. Traylor's family is his proudest accomplishment. He has been married to his beautiful wife, Liz, for 38 years. They have two children, Rachel and Bennett. Rachel is married to Brad

Hinote, and they have two daughters, Kathryn and Elizabeth.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DONOVAN). The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

THE NUMBERS

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

Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I have tried, through words, to demonstrate the severity of our country's mental health crisis. Today I will try it again with numbers:

67,130, the number of Americans who have died from mental health issues since we passed the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act;

0.006 percent, the percentage of Americans who will suffer from addiction and are able to get help. That is six out of every 1,000;

1,625, the number of Americans who have died by suicide since September 1, the first day of Suicide Prevention Month.

A final question as we close the week. If the Senate adjourns without passing H.R. 2646 to be signed into law, what clumsy, beltway babble will be used to comfort the thousands of families who will be told, "We just didn't have time"? No words, no excuses work to bring someone back from the dead. Where there is no help, there is no hope.

TRANSPARENCY AROUND ENERGY PRODUCTION

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