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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

Dr. Tony Foster, Restoration Worship Center, Greenwood, South Carolina, offered the following prayer:

Our gracious Heavenly Father, thank You for this great Nation that we have the honor to call home. Thank You for the blessings of this Nation for 247 years. The Bible declares: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

Forgive us Lord, as a nation, that we have not always lived up to Your word or Your ways. But nevertheless, the Bible declares in 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If My people, who are called by My name, would humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven, and forgive their sins, and heal the land."

Only You our God, through the power of Your spirit, can heal our land.

I pray for our leaders today in the U.S. House of Representatives, that we would become again one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. DAVIDSON. 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. DAVIDSON. 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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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 gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. DEAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania 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 GUEST CHAPLAIN DR. TONY FOSTER

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. DUNCAN) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to welcome today's guest chaplain, Reverend Dr. Tony Foster of Restoration Worship Center in Greenwood, South Carolina.

Dr. Foster, a personal friend of mine, has faithfully served in Christian ministry for more than 29 years. In that time, he has preached the gospel in the United States and around the world, ministering in the United Kingdom, Canada, India, and other countries.

Pastor Foster is cofounder and copastor of Restoration Worship Center, which began in 2003 with just 25 members and the goal of being a place for the community to worship God while growing in their faith.

He is partnered in ministry by his wife, Joanie, who is watching from the gallery today. Pastor Tony and Joanie also have two sons, James and Trey.

His ministry seeks to equip Christians to stand for righteousness in the nations of the world.

Outside of the pulpit, Pastor Tony lives out his faith and his commitment to helping troubled youth become all God wants them to be by serving on the South Carolina Juvenile Parole Board.

Dr. Foster also serves on the board of directors for the Charter Institute at Erskine, as well as president of Restoration Bible College. Most recently, he took another step to serve the community being sworn in as a magistrate judge in Greenwood County, South Carolina.

I am proud to have Pastor Tony Foster here as the guest chaplain of the people's House. I am grateful for his service to God and our country and especially the youth of South Carolina.

I pray that God continues to bless him and his family, the State of South Carolina, and the United States of America.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

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

GOP OVERSIGHT STATS

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

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 118th Congress for restoring the oversight function of the House.

Since winning the majority, House Republicans have held 565 oversight hearings, compelled Biden officials to testify 561 times, sent 862 letters to the administration, and issued 45 subpoenas, and we are just getting started.

Our Founders never intended for a President to be able to bypass Congress

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