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The House met at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. Ken Massey, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Waco, TX, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, bless Your servants in Congress today. Grant them clear vision and immutable wisdom. Help them speak and act truthfully in a world of lies. Keep them true to Constitution and conscience.

I ask, O Lord, that You protect and sustain them as they seek to govern with integrity. As they turn to You, guard them from fear and grant them faith. Protect them from cynicism and give them courage. Save them from pride and lead them to authentic servanthood.

I especially ask You to bless those who work for peace today: Among warring nations, cultures in conflict, cities in crisis, families divided. Bless those who promote peace in this House and in Your house. 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.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, I would inquire of the Chair, will there be any limitations on 1-minutes today?

The SPEAKER. The Chair is informed that we have talked with Members on the gentleman's side of the aisle, and if there is no Journal vote,

the Chair will entertain 20 1-minute speeches on each side.

Mr. VOLKMER. I thank the Chair.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Texas [Mr. EDWARDS] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. EDWARDS 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.

THE REVEREND DR. KEN MASSEY

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

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, it is my personal pleasure and privilege to introduce our guest chaplain of today, Dr. Kenneth Massey of my hometown of Waco, TX, a personal friend and my wife's pastor.

He is a native of Beaumont, TX, graduated from Baylor University in 1978. In 1984 and 1987 he received a master's and doctoral degrees from Southwestern Seminary in Forth Worth.

He pastored in Garland, TX and Marks, MS, and has been at Calvary Baptist in Waco since 1990.

He is married to Sara Miller Massey and has three wonderful children, Kristen, Aaron, and Adreana.

He enjoys hunting, golf, and reading and, in addition to a great pastorhood for Calvary Baptist, he has reached out to the community of Waco, TX, with his religious beliefs and convictions to all of the people of our great city.

REPUBLICAN CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

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

Mr. GUNDERSON. Mr. Speaker, our Contract With America states the following:

On the first day of Congress, a Republican House will:

Require Congress to live under the same laws as everyone else; cut committee staffs by one-third; and cut the congressional budget.

We have done that.

It goes on to state that in the first 100 days, we will vote on the following items: a balanced budget amendment—we have done this; unfunded mandates legislation—we have done this; line-item veto—we are doing that today; a new crime bill to stop violent criminals; welfare reform to encourage work, not dependence; family reinforcement to crack down on deadbeat dads and protect our children; tax cuts for families to lift Government's burden from middle income Americans; national security restoration to protect our freedoms; seniors citizens' equity act to allow our seniors to work without Government penalty; Government regulatory reform; commonsense legal reform to end frivolous lawsuits; and congressional term limits to make congress a citizen legislature.

Mr. Speaker, this is our Contract With America.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 66, A COMPROMISE ON TERM LIMITS

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

Mr. DEAL of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, soon this body will be considering the issue of term limits. It is an issue that

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