

State and local officials the opportunity to make the tough decisions that are before them.

I hope we can pass this bill out today, Mr. Speaker, and finally begin to turn the corner on this very serious public policy problem.

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#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. There being no further requests for morning business, pursuant to clause 12, rule I, the House will stand in recess until 11 a.m.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 27 minutes a.m.) the House stood in recess until 11 a.m.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 11 a.m.

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#### PRAYER

The Reverend Ruth Ward Heflin, Mount Zion Fellowship, Jerusalem, Israel, offered the following prayer:

Holy are You, O Lord; just and righteous in all Your ways. You are awakening and healing our Nation by Your Presence in this crucial hour, in this strategic day, for Your Presence heals, creates and effects change, not only in our Nation but in all the nations of the world.

We declare the hastening and fulfillment of Your plans and purposes for our great Nation through these yielded men and women who have been given authority by You and the people of this country. Be unto us wisdom, knowledge and understanding, and establish peace, justice and righteousness in all our dealings. Let Your love be shared among us. Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory. May Your glory fill these chambers. Hallelujah! In Your name I pray. Amen.

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#### 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.

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#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. CHRISTENSEN 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 an justice for all.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will recognize Members this morning for 10 1-minute speeches per side.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. KINGSTON].

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#### REPUBLICAN CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

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

Mr. KINGSTON. 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 this.

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 have done this; a new crime package to stop violent criminals—we are doing this now; 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; senior 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.

This is our Contract With America.

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#### SUPPORT OUR NATION'S LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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

Mr. MANTON. Mr. Speaker, New York City Police Officer Anthony R. Ottoman, captain of the 100th Precinct in Queens, recently wrote an article for New York Newsday about his upcoming visit to the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial in Washington. In his moving and reflective article about police officers who have been killed in the line of duty, Captain Ottoman says, "There is no adequate compensation for their sacrifice \* \* \*. The living can do no less than pay them homage and ensure that their memories are etched forever \* \* \* in our hearts."

As we continue to consider legislation to amend last year's crime bill, we can pay homage to those fallen heroes by heeding the calls of their families and their brave colleagues who remain on the front line in the war on crime.

Mr. Speaker, our law enforcement officers support tough and enforceable penalties for convicted criminals, they

strongly support funding to put 100,000 more cops on the street, and they overwhelmingly favor a ban on the sale and production of semiautomatic assault weapons.

Mr. Speaker, as a former New York City Police Officer, when I vote on crime legislation, I will be guided by the wisdom, experience and knowledge of these police officers.

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#### THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Mrs. MORELLA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, today we mark the 75th anniversary of the League of Women Voters. Each of us has undoubtedly had some personal connection with the league, whether it is taking part in a candidates forum, or interacting with local League members who have reached consensus in a study group.

Historically the league grew out of the women's suffrage movement. In 1920 the founding of the League of Women Voters coincided with the ratification of the 19th amendment which gave women the right to vote.

Although only 26 percent of the women voted in that first election, the league immediately tackled this problem with measures such as initiating "Know Your Government Studies," and with an active role on issues that are important to women and all people. In those early years this meant issues such as the welfare of mothers and children, equal compensation for women which culminated in the Civil Service Reclassification Act of 1923, as well as child labor law. The passage of the motor-voter bill last year is a tribute to their historical position of increasing voting participation.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of my membership in the League, and I hope others will join in celebrating the 75th anniversary of the League of Women Voters.

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#### MORE POLICE FOR WEST VIRGINIA UNDER LAST YEAR'S CRIME BILL

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

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the bill that is on the floor that calls itself a crime bill because it undoes the real crime bill that was passed last year.

One of the good parts of that crime bill came true last week in West Virginia which we saved 118 new police officers for communities across our State, bringing to a total of 170 police officers that have already come to our State and with hundreds more scheduled to come. Our own State police received 13 police officers. Yet under this bill they would not be eligible for additional officers.