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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We recognize, O God, that we as a people have been blessed with means both spiritual and material, that we have been given knowledge and insight into the workings of the world and the revelations of the human spirit. Yet, we know too that we have not always aspired to use our resources in ways that strengthen our land and give vision and hope to every person. May Your word, O God, speak to us, may Your spirit inspire us, and may Your grace encircle us this day and every day. 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Missouri [Ms. MCCARTHY] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. MCCARTHY 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate agreed to the following resolution:

S. RES. 234

Whereas, the Senate fondly remembers former Secretary of State, former Governor

of Maine, and former Senator from Maine, Edmund S. Muskie;

Whereas, Edmund S. Muskie spent six years in the Maine House of Representatives, becoming minority leader;

Whereas, in 1954, voters made Edmund S. Muskie the State's first Democratic Governor in 20 years;

Whereas, after a second two-year term, he went on in 1958 to become the first popularly elected Democratic Senator in Maine's history;

Whereas, Edmund S. Muskie in 1968, was chosen as Democratic Vice-Presidential nominee;

Whereas, Edmund S. Muskie left the Senate to become President Carter's Secretary of State; and

Whereas, Edmund S. Muskie served with honor and distinction in each of these capacities: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable Edmund S. Muskie, formerly a Senator from the State of Maine.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Senator.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed without amendment concurrent resolutions of the House of the following titles:

H. Con. Res. 146. Concurrent resolution authorizing the 1996 Special Olympics Torch Relay to be run through the Capitol Grounds; and

H. Con. Res. 147. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the fifteenth annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 4) "An act to grant the power to the President to reduce budget authority."

The message also announced that the Senate had passed a concurrent resolu-

tion of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 49. Concurrent resolution providing for certain corrections to be made in the enrollment of the bill (H.R. 2854) to modify the operation of certain agricultural programs.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will recognize 15 Members on each side for 1-minute.

UNION BOSSES ATTACKING THE PREFERRED REPUBLICAN VISION OF THE FUTURE

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, most working men and women in this country prefer the Republican vision of the future. They support a change in the way the Federal Government works and operates, they want a change in the way the welfare system operates, they want an end to race and gender preferences on the job and in our schools, and they want to decide who spends their money and on what. Yet, the self-proclaimed champions of "working men and women" resist this popular agenda at every turn.

On Monday, a group of elite, liberal, big union bosses levied a \$35 million tax increase on the men and women of the AFL-CIO, money they will use to attack the pro-family, pro-middle-class agenda of change offered by this Republican-led Congress. Despite their efforts, the union bosses better be wary, because it is only a matter of time before the rank and file throws them out and replaces them.

HEALTH REFORM DOES NOT HELP THE JOBLESS

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House

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