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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Michael E. Robinson, Head of Upper School, St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School, offered the following prayer:

O God, You have so revealed Yourself in the glory of the heavens and in the many faces of the nations, in the still small voice and in the might of the forces of nature. Make us aware of Your presence as You come in judgment through the events of our time. Help us to discern through the many competing claims, the right and the just by using the tools of reason, compassion and wisdom. Help us to be good citizens, to work for the common good, to be willing to sacrifice whatever it takes to work with You, and to remake this world into Your kingdom, the place where Your will is done, where Your children may know no other way but the way of righteousness, justice, and peace. This we ask, anxious yet calm in You; unsure, yet certain in You; weak, yet strong in You; through Him who is the saviour of us all, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 gentleman from Maryland (Mr. BARTLETT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland 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 had passed bills of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 314. An act to provide for a loan guarantee program to address the Year 2000 computer problems of small business concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 447. An act to deem as timely filed, and process for payment, the applications submitted by the Dodson School Districts for certain Impact Aid payments for fiscal year 1999.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 4355(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the United States Military Academy—

the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM), from the Committee on Armed Services; and

the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON), from the Committee on Appropriations.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 6968(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the United States Naval Academy—

the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), from the Committee on Armed Services; and

the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), from the Committee on Appropriations.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 9355(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the United States Air Force Academy—

the Senator from Colorado (Mr. AL-LARD), from the Committee on Armed Services; and

the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS), from the Committee on Appropriations.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as amended by Public Law 99-7, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki)—

the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON);

the Senator from Michigan (Mr. ABRAHAM); and

the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK).

WELCOME TO REV. MICHAEL E. ROBINSON

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

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BENTSEN) and I take great pleasure in introducing to the House today the Reverend Michael Robinson.

The gentleman from Texas and I are proud parents of children at St. Patrick's Day School here in the District of Columbia. The Reverend Robinson is the Upper School director for St. Patrick's and has just done an incredible job. He and his wife Frances and their two children are members of the St. Patrick's community in every way, whether it be the church or through the school. I saw him this morning directing traffic, shepherding students and parents in. He will be doing the same thing this evening, as well as guiding them spiritually and educationally throughout the day. I think it is a tribute to Reverend Robinson that he is always the teacher. He is accompanied today by the St. Patrick's Student Council as well.

Reverend Robinson will leave St. Patrick's and join the St. Nicholas

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