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The House met at 1 p.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Eternal Father of all, You teach by touching human hearts, which is far beyond simply changing minds or forming new language.

By converting deepest desires, You shape priorities of true concern and focus attention on lasting ideas that have penetrating consequences.

Your presence in our midst is manifested by marvelous deeds which consume debatable words.

Send now Your spirit upon the Members of the House of Representatives, that they may see beyond present dilemmas and know in their hearts what is the right course for our future as a Nation in this world community. Remove the clouds of fear and confusion. Instead, by Your spirit guide all to right judgment.

And may Your people discover an inner freedom which confirms their decisions and provides a joy in serving You, now and forever. 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 Illinois (Mr. SHIMKUS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SHIMKUS 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 PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Ms. Wanda Evans, one of his secretaries.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER. One-minute requests will be at the end of business today.

HUMAN CLONING PROHIBITION ACT OF 2003

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 105 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 105

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 534) to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit human cloning. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The bill shall be considered as read. No amendment shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. All points of order against such amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and re-

port the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SWEENEY). The gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

On Wednesday, the Committee on Rules met and granted a structured rule for H.R. 534, the Human Cloning Prohibition Act. As an original cosponsor of this legislation, I am very pleased to see it is one of the first top priorities of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, this is a fair rule which will permit a thorough discussion of all of the relevant issues. The first of these issues is the Greenwood substitute which allows human cloning for medical purposes.

I personally oppose the Greenwood amendment because it is wrong to create human embryo farms, even for scientific research.

Research cloning would contradict the most fundamental principle of medical ethics, that no human life should be exploited or extinguished for the benefit of another. Anything other than a total ban on human cloning would be virtually impossible to enforce.

I understand there is no way to control actual implementation of these fetuses into a woman's uterus, so cloning of children could still happen.

The Justice Department submitted testimony explaining that once countless human embryos are created by

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