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The House met at 9 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord God, Father of us all, You feed Your people from the fruit of this land. You protect Your children from war and from disaster both by government and by military. You are ever faithful and always ready to forgive.

Bless all fathers of this assembly and across this Nation. May they prove their strength in their gentleness and understanding of their children. May they teach by example and be God-fearing men who are strong in virtue, and faithful in marriage and in prayer.

Reward them for the sacrifice of their labor and the time offered to the enjoyment of their families.

May they, their children and their children's children come to know Your everlasting love for them both now and for all eternity. 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 Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LATOURETTE 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.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five 1-minute speeches on each side.

### DELTA AIRLINES CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST PASSENGER FLIGHT

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

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning on behalf of the entire United States Congress to commend and give special recognition to Delta Airlines on the celebration of its 75th anniversary. Exactly 75 years ago on June 17, 1929 at 8 a.m., Delta's very first passenger flight took off from Dallas Airport in Dallas, Texas, heading for Jackson, Mississippi with intermediate stops in Shreveport and Monroe, Louisiana.

That initial passenger service trip took 5 hours to cover those 471 miles. And today, 75 years later, Delta now has 2,000 flights all across this country and carries a daily load of passengers of 300,000. What a remarkable story of American free enterprise. Delta Airlines, with 75 years of distinguished service, has grown the reputation of being the world's leading airline, but they did not get that way easily. They had to go through many challenges.

Mr. Speaker, to all of the 100,000 individuals that work at Delta, we in the Congress of the United States want to say congratulations on your 75th anniversary.

### UNDECLARED DRAFT

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

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, in all of the confusion of transition in Iraq, it is easy to forget that people are still dying there. Our troops are dying on a daily basis, and this President has instituted an undeclared draft, but he will not tell Members unless he is re-elected.

Do Members think they need proof, last month 20,000 U.S. soldiers were told, not asked, they were not going home after a year in Iraq. Mr. Rumsfeld liked something called the stop-loss policy because the military can conscript soldiers to just keep fighting. More soldiers are staying behind because there are not enough in Iraq to begin with.

From the beginning, professionals in the Armed Forces told this President and the civilians that 300,000 soldiers would be needed in Iraq. The President and his civilians denied it, and they fired anyone who dared to disagree. So now the administration calls the draft a stop-loss order, and they are using it because they need more soldiers.

Mr. Speaker, make no mistake, a draft arrives in 2005 if this President remains in office. They just deny, deny, deny, just another day in the Bush administration.

### BUSH ADMINISTRATION CONSISTENTLY WRONG

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

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, just yesterday President Bush in the cabinet room said, "This administration never said that the 9/11 attacks were orchestrated between Saddam Hussein and al Qaeda." Really?

Let me read what National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice said in September, 2002, "We clearly know that there were in the past and have been contacts between senior Iraqi officials and members of al Qaeda going back for actually quite a long time."

Mr. Speaker, 1 year later the National Security Adviser in September 2003 said, "We have never claimed that Saddam Hussein had either direction or control on 9/11."

On Monday night, Vice President CHENEY, who has long maintained and

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