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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Johann Arnold, Church Communities International, Rifton, New York, offered the following prayer:

Lord, we thank Thee for another day and for another chance to serve Thee and our beloved Nation.

Before Thee we are like little children who do not know how to carry out our duties. Therefore, we ask, like King Solomon, not for long life, not for wealth for ourselves, not for the death of our enemies, but for discernment to administer justice and to distinguish between right and wrong. Let us together heed the words of the Apostle John: "If we love one another, God dwelleth in us." Let us hope that this spirit will become the order of the day right here in Washington.

We pray for our President, for our Madam Speaker, and for all our brothers and sisters in the House and in the Senate, for our servicemen and -women and their families. We pray for our beloved Nation. May it always be under the rulership of God. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. HINCHEY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. HINCHEY. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Florida (Mr. KLEIN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KLEIN of Florida 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 Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1129. An act to provide for the construction, operation, and maintenance of an arterial road in St. Louis County, Missouri.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 276n of title 22, United States Code, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, appoints the following Senator as Chairman of the United States-China Interparliamentary Group conference during the One Hundred Tenth Congress:

The Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE).

The message also announced that pursuant to section 276n of title 22, United States Code, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, appoints the following Senator as Vice Chairman of the United States-China Interparliamentary Group conference during the One Hundred Tenth Congress:

The Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS).

The message also announced that pursuant to section 276d-276g of title 22, United States Code, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senator as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group conference during the One Hundred Tenth Congress:

The Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR).

WELCOMING REVEREND JOHANN CHRISTOPH ARNOLD

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

Mr. HINCHEY. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure and honor to introduce a dear friend of mine and a very respected member of our community, Johann Christoph Arnold, for his opening prayer as the guest chaplain of the House of Representatives today.

Pastor Johann Christoph Arnold and his wife, Verena, are senior pastors of Church Communities International, an international movement that is dedicated to peace around the world. They work very diligently and very effectively with families, with individuals, with veterans, and a host of other people to bring them the kind of counseling and conciliation they need in many communities.

Pastor Arnold and his wife, Verena, are the parents of eight children and 34 grandchildren. For over 35 years as family counselors, they have advised thousands of couples in our community and in many other places here in the United States and around the world. People have come to expect sound advice from this award-winning author, whose books have sold over 350,000 copies in English and have been translated into 19 other languages.

It is a great pleasure and an honor to have Johann Christoph Arnold, his wife, Verena, and other members of

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