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The House met at 10 a.m.

Chaplain Marc Unger, California State Military Reserve, attached to the 1-184th Infantry, California Army National Guard, Exeter, California, offered the following prayer:

O God, You have been our refuge in every generation. I thank You, Lord, for granting truths self-evident, and endowing us, our Creator, with certain unalienable rights: Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, our freedom.

Help this body, O Lord, to remember that our freedom was bought with a price, the blood of our heroes. And defense of our freedom comes at the same terrible price.

Grant the Members of this body: Wisdom as they legislate; freedom from partisan politics; unity, not division; and remembrance that they serve "of the people, by the people, and for the people" under God.

Help each Representative, Lord, to represent the people, not politics; morality, not mores; sacrifice, not self-interest; right, not flight; defense, not defeat.

Lord, please comfort the families of our fallen. Grant the troops defending our precious freedoms would: Live under the protection of the Most High, be Your servant for good, and be granted overwhelming victory in the global war on terror.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. ALTMIRE 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.

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.

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. 2080. An act to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to conform the District charter to revisions made by the Council of the District of Columbia relating to public education.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 33. An act to redesignate the Office for Vocational and Adult Education as the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education.

S. 375. An act to waive application of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to a specific parcel of real property transferred by the United States to 2 Indian tribes in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 105 (adopted April 13, 1989), as amended by S. Res. 149 (adopted October 5, 1993), as amended by Public Law 105-275 (adopted October 21, 1998), further amended by S. Res. 75 (adopted March 25, 1999), amended by S. Res. 383 (adopted October 27, 2000), and amended by S. Res. 355 (adopted November 13, 2002), and further amended by S. Res. 480 (adopted November 20, 2004), the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, announces the appointment of the following Senators to serve as members of the Senate National Security Working Group for the One Hundred Tenth Congress:

The Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) (Democratic Co-Chairman).

The Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) (Democratic Co-Chairman).

The Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) (Democratic Co-Chairman).

The Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY).

The Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN).

The Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN).

The Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON).

The Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN).

The Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) (Majority Administrative Co-Chairman).

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO BOARD OF VISITORS TO UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), the Chair appoints the following Members of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy:

Mr. HINCHEY, New York
Mr. HALL, New York
Mr. MCHUGH, New York
Mr. TIAHRT, Kansas

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

IT'S TIME TO STOP PRICE GOUGING BY BIG OIL

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, while Memorial Day is the traditional beginning of the summer vacation and travel season for all Americans, it's going to

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