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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 19, 2007, at 10 a.m.

House of Representatives

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2007

The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Martin B. Lavengood, Wesley Enhanced Living at Evangelical Manor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, we thank You for giving us the means to govern ourselves as free people. Keep us ever mindful of the rights and liberties which hallow our life. Watch over and protect all those who serve to defend them.

We pray especially for our Representatives who serve in this Chamber. Endow them with Your wisdom to choose the issues we must face; give them the courage and the strength to make the difficult decisions; fill them with Your charity that they may enter into a spirit of compromise; give them the grace to work for the higher good in their deliberations with other bodies. In all their efforts, may they remember both the rich and the poor whom they are called to serve; shield them from the temptations of power which beckon incessantly; and at the end of the day may they enter into Your rest, Lord God of Hosts.

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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms.

SCHWARTZ) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. SCHWARTZ 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.

WELCOMING THE REVEREND MARTIN B. LAVENGOOD

(Ms. SCHWARTZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, it's my pleasure to welcome Reverend Martin Lavengood and to thank him for the prayer he just delivered, and to welcome his family and many residents of the Evangelical Manor who are here today.

Reverend Lavengood has a long and honorable history of service to the community. Prior to being ordained in 1991, Reverend Lavengood taught high school English in New York. Shortly after his ordination, he studied in Jerusalem as the first Roberta Rudin Scholar for Jewish-Christian Studies. After his experience in Israel, the reverend returned to the United States and became active in prison ministry while serving in parishes in New York and Indiana.

In 2003, Reverend Lavengood moved to Philadelphia where he became a chaplain at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital. While working there, he developed an interest in ministering to people of all ages, especially the el-

derly. This interest led him to his current position as chaplain of the Wesley Enhanced Living at Evangelical Manor in Philadelphia, where he's honored, he says, to serve members of the World War II generation.

I commend Reverend Lavengood for his service to seniors and for taking time to come to Washington and offering this prayer before the House of Representatives.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 10 further 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE COOPERATION ACT OF 2007

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

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to salute the House of Representatives for passing H.R. 980, the Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2007.

Now, more than ever, public safety employees are being stretched to capacity. With the deployment of our National Guard to Iraq, our local communities are being asked to respond to emergencies with often depleted resources and manpower.

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