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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Greg Surratt, Pastor, Seacoast Christian Community Church, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, offered the following prayer:

Father, thank You for the privilege of being an American and of living in a country that values liberty and justice for all people. We pause to remember those who, in a very real way, are defending those rights for ourselves and for others. Protect our soldiers in Iraq today, and in Afghanistan and other parts of the world. We pray for peace with our enemies and understanding from our allies.

Thank You for the gifts You have given us; the ability to lead, to choose, to decide, and to govern. Help us to use them wisely in the administration of our government today. May we debate with civility and decide with certainty the issues that lie before us. We ask for Your wisdom in areas that we lack it.

Most importantly, may our focus today be upon Your priorities for us: That we do justly, that we love mercy, and that we walk humbly before You. It is in Your name that we gather, 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.

Mr. TERRY. Mr. 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. TERRY. Mr. 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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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 New Jersey (Mr. PASCRELL) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PASCRELL 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 GREG SURRATT

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

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I welcome Pastor Greg Surratt of the Seacoast Church of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, to Washington, D.C.

Pastor Surratt is the founder and senior pastor of Seacoast Christian Community Church, which began in February 1988 with approximately 65 members meeting in an apartment. Seacoast Church has blossomed into nine campuses and over 7,000 attendees around the State of South Carolina and Savannah, Georgia.

Pastor Surratt and his wife, Debbie, dreamed of building a church that would speak the language of the modern culture and encourage nonbelievers to investigate Christianity at their own pace, free from traditional trappings of religion that tends to turn them away. That dream is now a reality. At Seacoast, you can be sure to find a special place just for you. Whether you are a child, student, mar-

ried or single, Seacoast is a program with your needs in mind.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Greg on the fine job he is doing for so many people at Seacoast Church, and thank him on behalf of the people of the First Congressional District of South Carolina for coming to Washington and sharing his time and prayers with us. I ask him to please continue to keep this body in his prayers daily. May God bless him and the entire Seacoast family.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GILCREST). The Chair will entertain 10 one-minute speeches on each side.

### REPUBLICANS SOLVE \$4 BILLION PROBLEM WITH \$150 BILLION EXPENDITURE

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, well, it promises to be yet another hot muggy day in Washington, D.C., so the Republican leadership are rushing to drag out a bloated tax give-away bill and rush it through before it begins to stink too badly in the heat and the light of day. It is rumored to be 4,400 pages long, but there are no printed copies available to Members of Congress, the general public, only lobbyists who wrote the bill.

It is a \$4 billion problem, and it will be solved with a \$150 billion burden on the American taxpayer. Only in Washington, D.C. It has to do with U.S. corporations' taxes overseas, but this bill addresses Eskimo whalers, fishing tackle manufacturers, \$9 billion for tobacco growers, and it is going to privatize tax collections in the United States, giving our most private information to the private sector bill collectors. Only in America do we solve a \$4

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billion problem with a \$150 billion expenditure; only in a Republican America.

#### FATHER'S DAY

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

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, we have all heard the story about the visiting room in prisons that are packed on Mother's Day but empty on Father's Day.

This simple story illustrates the oftentimes unrecognized power of fatherhood as a force for the good in the lives of our children. In fact, almost three-fourths of means-tested welfare aid goes to children in homes without fathers. Children without fathers are more likely to become involved in crimes, fail in school, abuse drugs, and end up on welfare as adults.

Children raised in household structures without fathers are subject to significantly increased risks of harm. Social science overwhelmingly demonstrates that children do far better when they are raised by two married parents in a stable family relationship.

So this weekend we honor our Nation's fathers, and we should do so with the understanding of the enormous, yet sometimes silent and almost unrecognized impact that our fathers make on society at large.

As a society, we should recognize that we undervalue fathers at our peril. We should honor our fathers. I know I honor mine. Thank you, dad.

#### CONGRESS OWES THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BETTER

(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, later today the House will vote to solve a \$4 billion tax problem with a \$150 billion solution. My Republican colleagues actually wonder why they lost the South Dakota and Kentucky special elections.

This legislation and the energy bills we just passed have two things in common: They are filled with tax breaks and giveaways to the biggest special interests and donors in this town. While corporate tax rates are at their lowest level in decades, and as our workers are experiencing the slowest wage growth since World War II, this bill is a special interest gift that keeps on giving.

Here are some of the handouts: \$14 billion to the energy, big oil companies; \$10 billion for a Federal buyout of tobacco; \$519 million for small aircraft companies; \$92 million for suspension of duties on ceiling fans; \$169 million for makers of Puerto Rican rum.

Mr. Speaker, think about this, \$10 billion for a tobacco buyout, and we cannot finish a highway and mass tran-

sit bill that puts millions of Americans to work. Maybe what we should do is pave the roads with tobacco around here. All the while, Americans are suffering with rising health care costs and college tuition that has increased by a third. We owe the American people better than what we are going to do today.

#### TIME MAGAZINE'S MISTAKE

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, in a review of the book "Prelude to War," Time Magazine saw fit to detail, as the book does, the location of the secret bunker used by Vice President CHENEY in the aftermath of 9/11. Both the book's author and Time Magazine were wrong to reveal the location of this site. This is not tabloid material, a photographer catching a celebrity on vacation.

Vice President CHENEY did not go to this site to relax, he went there in case our President was attacked and killed by terrorists. He went there to be ready to take control when our Nation was under attack.

Identifying this site is unacceptable and wrong. By detailing the complex and its location, the book and the magazine have combined to compromise a part of our national security. They compromised the ability to protect the man who is first in line for the Presidency. That was wrong.

#### HAMILTON IMAGE SHOULD REMAIN ON \$10 BILL

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

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to affirm my support for the image of Alexander Hamilton to remain on the face of the \$10 bill. Paterson, New Jersey, a city characterized by its Great Falls, is a great city that was transformed by Hamilton to serve as one of America's first industrial centers. I have lived there all my life. I still live there.

I would like to share some of the knowledge that I have obtained about Alexander Hamilton. He arrived in America as a poor immigrant from the Caribbean island of Nevis. He attended school in New York and became involved in the American Revolution, was a great general in the battles of Trenton, Princeton, and Monmouth, and indeed at the battle of Yorktown, which was the turning point of the Revolutionary War. For those who read history, George Washington turned to him. He was his trusted aide.

Hamilton wrote 51 of the Federalist Papers. In 1789, Hamilton served in George Washington's administration, and was the first Secretary of the Treasury. His innovative mind afforded him the opportunity to use his new position to provide Americans with financial machinery, including banks.

Ronald Reagan, our dearly beloved former President, was correct when he called Alexander Hamilton "a man of enormous intellectual capacity and courage."

Mr. Speaker, I challenge those proponents who want to change the image on the \$10 bill not to a duel, but for a little sanity here on the floor of the House.

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#### ECONOMY ON THE UPSWING

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

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, there is a little secret that our friends on the other side of the aisle do not want the American people to know, and that is that the dark clouds that have been hanging over our country and over our economy are beginning to blow out and a blue sky is on the horizon, 1.4 million new jobs just in the last 9 months. Homeownership, the American dream that we all learned about, is at the highest level under this President in the history of our country.

There is another little secret they do not want the American people to know, and that is that millions of Americans are taking advantage of a new prescription drug provision to Medicare by calling the 1-800 Medicare hotline and learning how they can save up to 25 percent at the register in savings on their prescription drugs.

The little old secret they do not want the American people to know is that if the American people understand this, the only dark clouds will be on their vote totals on November 2.

#### FSC/ETI BILL

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I find some small amount of irony with my friend on the other side of the aisle talking about secrets that somehow we do not want the American people to know. The American people can judge for themselves about the extent of this economic recovery who wins and who loses; and the prescription drug benefit, the seniors of this country have seen through the sham that it is.

But for them to talk about secrets, I find particularly ironic, because Members of the minority party have to come to the floor today in the 1-minute to talk about the important FSC bill, because that is a secret; and we are voting on it in a few minutes. There is not a printed copy that is available. Only the lobbyists are aware. There will not be adequate time for debate, a meaningful debate, in 30 minutes. They will not allow amendments. They will not even allow the bipartisan alternative to be voted on on the floor.

I find a great deal of irony about their concern for secrecy. I think they