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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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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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