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The House met at 2 p.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: The Lord draws near. Come, let us worship.

My brothers and sisters, know that the Lord desires to be close to you. You have prayed, "Thy kingdom come!"

Let the Lord's justice now guide all your judgments. Let the Lord's peace penetrate your hearts. The Lord God Himself will come and establish a new beginning in our humanity.

In you and through you, the Lord will lead people to true freedom.

Love the Lord with all your heart and with all your strength; then from within you, the Lord will rebuild the Nation.

The Lord draws near. Prepare the way for the Lord, for He comes. Prepare your people to meet the Lord your God. 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Florida (Mr. HASTINGS) come for-

ward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HASTINGS 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:

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TRENT LOTT, *Chairman*.

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