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HOUSE

Friday, April 13, 1945.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The following prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Wood of Augusta: "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit! Let us pray!

Almighty and Ever-living God, before whom the Nations rise and fall, we worship Thy Divine Majesty, for Thou alone art God.

We acknowledge Thy sovereign will and right, both to give and to take away as seemeth good in Thy sight, and though we may not understand the mystery of Thy ways nor fathom the depth of Thy dark providence, do Thou help us to put our trust in God. Consider, oh Lord, in pity, a Nation called to mourn the death of its Chief Executive and Great Leader, who, by the mandate of a sovereign people, has for these four times been called to serve in the highest office of the land.

We thank Thee, oh God, for a great life, a great soul; and as his body will be returned to its native earth, so we commend his immortal spirit to Thy divine and eternal keeping.

Humbly we pray, oh Lord, God of an infinite pity, for Thy sympathy and Thy help for the be-

reaved family of our late President. Let them be comforted with a Christian faith and hope.

Hear us now in our supplication for the man who has been thus suddenly summoned to assume the tremendous responsibilities of the great office of the President of these United States. Imbue him with a spirit of wisdom. Guide and guard him in ways of righteousness, so our Country may continue to make its contribution to the accomplishments of victory in this World War and to the achievement of a just and lasting peace.

Hear Thou our prayer and let Thy blessing rest upon this House and Thy servant who presides here, to the glory of Thy name and the welfare of the people, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

SPEAKER BARNES: Members of the House: Yesterday afternoon, death came, as death comes to all men, to the President of our Country and the Commander-in-Chief of our armed forces.

In this solemn moment in our Nation's history, its people pause in a common grief which transcends lines of creed and party alike. We face the future united as never before, with a calm determination to emerge from the present world crisis victorious, strong, and committed to a golden era of peace.

By unanimous motion and by unanimous vote, I declare this House adjourned until four o'clock next Monday afternoon.