

budget. That means that more than 80 percent of the Federal Government will continue to grow under this so-called freeze.

A freeze that allows the vast majority of programs to stay on the path of unsustainable growth will not solve our budget problems. And so this budget predicts another year of record deficits. More than one in three dollars spent by the Federal Government next year will be borrowed. With such astonishing deficits and debt, we need much more than a freeze on one-eighth of government spending.

We should be taking a hard look for underperforming areas where we can reduce spending. Congress could also start tackling our debt problem by immediately passing strict budget caps that will limit Federal spending each year. Unfortunately, this looks unlikely to happen also. Instead, Democrats in Congress, along with President Obama, appear to be dead set on pushing a trillion-dollar government takeover of health care and another multi-billion-dollar stimulus plan.

Just last week, Democrats in Congress showed their true colors by passing a \$1.9 trillion increase in the national debt limit, making way for more deficit spending. After all, reckless spending requires reckless borrowing. Federal spending on so-called discretionary programs increased 84 percent over the past 2 years. These increases have been financed entirely by new debt. The time has come to stop these out-of-touch spending increases so we don't have to keep jacking up the national debt.

The President's budget lacks the sort of spending accountability Americans want from Washington. It contains more spending, more debt, and more taxes, which will not restore our economy or help the unemployed in North Carolina and around the country find work. Government growth and exploding debt are just more of the same big government policies that Americans are weary of watching in Washington. While President Obama's budget does get some things right, it unfortunately gets most things wrong. As North Carolina taxpayers continue to tighten their belts, we can do better than \$1.6 trillion in new debt for more wasteful Washington spending.

Republicans are ready to go line by line through the Federal budget to cut wasteful spending. The debts Congress is racking up are not going to go away if we don't get a handle on spending. And during a time of double digit unemployment, the American people want solutions that will encourage economic growth and help create jobs, not just more debt for our children and grandchildren to pay off.

Madam Speaker, we cannot borrow, spend, and tax our way back to a growing economy.

#### COPPER BASIN JOBS PROJECT AND FOUR FORESTS RESTORATION INITIATIVE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Arizona (Mrs. KIRKPATRICK) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona. Madam Speaker, as we face the challenges of a stalled economy and a record debt, it is critically important that we find ways to create jobs without spending millions of dollars. I rise today in support of large scale job creating projects in greater Arizona that would require Federal action, not Federal money: the Copper Basin Jobs Project and the Four Forests Restoration Initiative.

The Copper Basin Jobs Project will create more than 1,000 well-paying, 21st century jobs in District 1, jump-starting our recovery and diversifying our economy. The Four Forests Restoration Initiative would create more than 600 jobs across greater Arizona, revitalizing key industries while preserving our environment and protecting our communities from wildfires.

These projects will produce new opportunities for our families, and serve as economic engines for my district and the entire State. They will attract new businesses and investment, creating jobs, not handouts. That is why they have both earned support from across the region, across the State, and across party lines.

Last week I had the opportunity to share the value of these projects with U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. We traveled across greater Arizona to meet with stakeholders on each project and visit with folks in the communities that will benefit from these projects. It was a real milestone for our efforts. Arizonans were able to make their voices heard on the projects and let the Secretary know about the positive impact they could have on our economy.

Along with the communities, I would like to thank the Secretary for his time. I hope his trip helped him gain a better understanding of these projects and what they can do for Arizona. Efforts like these will help in the downturn and get folks back to work. Creating jobs has to be our top priority. And these projects are my top priority.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 41 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 2 p.m.

#### PRAYER

Chaplain Phillip Lee, Marine Forces Reserve, New Orleans, Louisiana, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, Supreme Judge of the world, thank You for our military members, for the security they provide to our Nation and the hope they bring to hurting places on distant shores. Give each one clear ears, sharp eyes, a keen mind and a heart full of courage to accomplish the mission they are assigned. Heal them when they are injured; sustain their families and friends as they too endure war's tragedies and tensions caused by spiritual wickedness in high places and the darkness of this world.

Today help us to silence the roaring lions and charging bears who seek to rule the globe with terrorism. Empower us by every righteous means to foster peace on Earth and good will to all. Guide those entering this room today to be faithful, and full of faith, while performing their duties on behalf of the American people. And as weariness tugs at the soul, may each person mount up as on the wings of an eagle.

We ask that You give particular comfort to the family of John Murtha today, former Marine and citizen Congressman for 14 terms who passed away yesterday.

By Your grace, anchor us now in the Rock who leads us to be holy, reconciling us to Your purposes and ways. Remind us never to forget that we are Americans promoting freedom, responsible for our actions, and dedicated to the principles that make us free; free indeed. Keep us trusting in You, God, and then the United States of America.

We ask You all this, Supreme and Eternal Commander in Chief, because Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Semper Fi. 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 pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Washington (Mr. LARSEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LARSEN of Washington 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.

#### PROVIDING FOR AN ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE TWO HOUSES

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, I send to the desk a privileged

concurrent resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the concurrent resolution, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 235

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),* That when the House adjourns on any legislative day from Tuesday, February 9, 2010, through Saturday, February 13, 2010, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 2010, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the Senate recesses or adjourns on any day from Wednesday, February 10, 2010, through Sunday, February 14, 2010, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand recessed or adjourned until noon on Monday, February 22, 2010, or such other time on that day as may be specified in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 2. The Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate, or their respective designees, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House and the Minority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the House and the Senate, respectively, to reassemble at such place and time as they may designate if, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT TO FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2010

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today on a motion offered pursuant to this order, it adjourn to meet at 1 p.m. on Friday, February 12, 2010, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in House Concurrent Resolution 235, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Washington?

There was no objection.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the order of the House of today, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 11 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, February 12, 2010, at 1 p.m., unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its adoption of House Concurrent Resolution 235, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

6049. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting Report to Congress on Head Start Efforts to Prevent and Reduce Obesity in Children; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

6050. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report on the Community Services Block Grant Act Discretionary Activities for Fiscal Year 2005, pursuant to Section 680 of the Community Services Block Grant Act of 1981 as amended; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

6051. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 122-09, certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad, pursuant to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6052. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 093-09, certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad, pursuant to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6053. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 052-09, certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement to include the export of technical data, and defense services, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6054. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's semiannual report from the office of the Inspector General for the period April, 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6055. A letter from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting the Board's report on competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6056. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting a report on the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act Usage of Act's Antitrust Laws Exemption; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts (for himself, Mrs. CAPPS, and Ms. MATHS):

H.R. 4619. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to create a pilot program to bridge the digital divide by providing vouchers for broadband service to eligible students, to increase access to advanced telecommunications and information services for community colleges and head start programs, to establish a pilot program for discounted electronic books, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MCNERNEY:

H.R. 4620. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage hiring unem-

ployed individuals; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. MALONEY (for herself, Mr. TOWNS, and Mr. CLAY):

H.R. 4621. A bill to protect the integrity of the constitutionally-mandated United States census and prohibit deceptive mail practices that attempt to exploit the decennial census; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona):

H.R. 4622. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for enhanced penalties for certain Federal officials who are alien smugglers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SESTAK:

H.R. 4623. A bill to extend for 2 years the Emergency Contingency Fund for State Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SOUDER (for himself, Mr. VISCLOSKEY, Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana, Mr. PENCE, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, and Mr. ELLSWORTH):

H.R. 4624. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 125 Kerr Avenue in Rome City, Indiana, as the "SPC Nicholas Scott Hartge Post Office"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. THORNBERRY:

H.R. 4625. A bill to establish a commission to conduct a study and make recommendations concerning ways to improve the civil service and organization of the Federal Government; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LARSEN of Washington:

H. Con. Res. 235. Concurrent resolution providing for an adjournment or recess of the two Houses; considered and agreed to. considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CAO (for himself, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. MELANCON, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. HARPER, Mr. TURNER, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. NUNES, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Ms. FUDGE, Ms. RICHARDSON, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. HONDA, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. TAYLOR, and Mr. BONNER):

H. Res. 1079. A resolution congratulating the National Football League Champion New Orleans Saints for winning Super Bowl XLIV and for bringing New Orleans its first Lombardi Trophy in franchise history; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. SCALISE (for himself, Mr. CAO, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. ROSKAM, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BONNER, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TERRY, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. MELANCON, and Mrs. BONO MACK):

H. Res. 1080. A resolution congratulating the New Orleans Saints upon their winning Super Bowl XLIV; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.