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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SERRANO).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 25, 2007.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOSÉ E. SERRANO to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord of the heavens and the Earth, the skies over California are red and black. We beg You to drown the fires that beset thousands with Your compassionate love.

You, O Lord, with gentle winds of mercy and the mighty force of nature, combined with the bravery and ingenuity of firefighters from across this Nation, can put an end to this hellfire.

Then, may this crucible of the Golden State become the ultimate sign of commitment by this Nation. Lead us through global warming to become a leader in the world community clearing the heavens and providing hopeful vision for all Your people to praise You for Your creative glory both now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on

agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. FLAKE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FLAKE 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING THE SKILL, DEDICATION AND SACRIFICE OF OUR NATION'S FIRST RESPONDERS

(Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the skill, the dedication and the sacrifice of our Nation's first responders. In particular, I would like to honor and thank all of the first responders who are on the front line perilously

right now fighting the fires in Southern California.

We rely on our first responders to help us survive the most difficult and the most challenging experiences that we face. I am proud that when we passed H.R. 1 this year, Congress took critical steps to provide Federal support for our Nation's first responders. These steps included increasing the amounts of funding available to States and localities for hazardous preparedness funding, what we are facing in California right now, and establishing a stand-alone communications interoperability grant program so that our first responders could speak to each other as they were on the front line in these emergencies.

The Federal Government must continue to provide States and localities with all the resources that they need to effectively respond to these emergencies. Please keep all of our first responders and the residents who have been affected by the Southern California fires in your thoughts and prayers.

PUTTING SUPERBUGS ON THE DEFENSIVE

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

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. This Tuesday, a Wall Street Journal article written by Theo Francis started off by saying, "Hospitals are prime breeding grounds for antibiotic-resistant 'superbugs' that kill tens of thousands of Americans each year. But most people have had no way of knowing how well their hospital keeps these bacteria—and infections in general—under control."

Nineteen States have some version of requiring reporting of infection rates in hospitals, but there is no overall plan for this, and thus there is a great

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deal of confusion. That is why I introduced H.R. 1174, the Healthy Hospitals Act, to help our Nation's citizens understand the infection rates in hospitals and get these under control.

Here are today's sad statistics. So far this year 1.6 million people have developed an infection in a hospital. There have been 73,000 deaths and a cost of over \$40 billion. It is time we get these under control, and I ask my colleagues to help support by signing on as cosponsors of H.R. 1174. Let's stop these deadly diseases that are killing so many in our hospitals.

SCHIP

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great privilege to be able to rise on the floor of the House today to challenge all of our colleagues to stand for our children. We are going to do it again, and that is to put on the floor of the House the Children's Health Insurance Program, \$35 billion for 10 million children.

Forty days in Iraq will equal insuring 10 million children in giving them and providing uninsured low-income children with health care, insuring the lowest income children, pregnant women will be covered. Parents will not be covered. Mental health will be covered. Preventative care, saving the lives of our children, giving them the opportunity for a vigorous and prosperous future. Protecting our soldiers on the front lines when they can't pay for their children's health insurance. This has to be the road we take, the journey to help our children. Let us do it in a bipartisan manner, joining with two Houses, putting it on the desk of the President of the United States. What will this Nation do for her most precious resource? I hope we will pass the SCHIP bill together, united for all of our children.

SCHIP

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, it seems like we have a fact and fiction problem that is taking place right here in the body of the House. It is about SCHIP 2.0 that is coming before us today. Well, here are the facts. SCHIP 2.0 will not prevent illegal immigrants from receiving children's health care benefits. It will not prevent adults from receiving children's health care funding, and it will not prevent the government from crowding out 2 million people from the private health care market.

The bill actually covers 400,000 fewer children than SCHIP 1, and it spends 500 million, yes, a half billion dollars more and still leaves out 800,000 eligi-

ble children. Yet under SCHIP 2, adults will constitute 10 percent of all SCHIP enrollees in fiscal year 2012 when the program has a major funding problem. Under SCHIP 2.0, 2 million people would lose their health care coverage, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

Let's get straight on the facts. Let's vote against SCHIP 2.0 and make certain we put the children of the working poor first.

THE CITY OF SCHERTZ, TEXAS

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

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Schertz for being named one of the top 100 best places to live by Money Magazine. The city of Schertz was founded in 1843. It is the largest city in Guadalupe County, which encompasses part of my 28th Congressional District. Schertz is located between the areas of San Antonio and Austin but has retained its small town community feel, which was noted by Money Magazine.

Schertz is the home to over 34,000 Texans. Part of the growth we have seen in this city is attributed to the city's vibrant economy, its schools, and the quality of life enjoyed by the residents and its leadership. It is clear why Schertz was named 40th in the top 100 best places to live by Money Magazine, and the State of Texas is ranked number 1 as the place to live.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the city of Schertz for being named one of the top 100 best places to live by Money Magazine.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 158, nays 220, not voting 54, as follows:

[Roll No. 1001]

YEAS—158

Aderholt	Boozman	Crenshaw
Akin	Boustany	Davis (KY)
Alexander	Brady (TX)	Davis, David
Bachus	Brown (GA)	Deal (GA)
Baird	Buchanan	Dent
Baker	Burgess	Diaz-Balart, L.
Barrett (SC)	Burton (IN)	Diaz-Balart, M.
Bartlett (MD)	Camp (MI)	Doolittle
Barton (TX)	Campbell (CA)	Drake
Biggert	Cannon	Duncan
Bilirakis	Cantor	Ehlers
Bishop (UT)	Capito	Emerson
Blackburn	Carter	English (PA)
Blunt	Chabot	Everett
Boehner	Coble	Fallin
Bonner	Cole (OK)	Feeney
Bono	Conaway	Ferguson

Flake	Linder	Rogers (KY)
Forbes	Lucas	Rogers (MI)
Fortenberry	Lungren, Daniel	Rohrabacher
Fox	E.	Ros-Lehtinen
Frelinghuysen	Mack	Roskam
Garrett (NJ)	McCarthy (CA)	Royce
Gerlach	McCauley (TX)	Ryan (WI)
Gingrey	McHenry	Saxton
Gohmert	McHugh	Schmidt
Goodlatte	McKeon	Sensenbrenner
Gordon	McMorris	Sessions
Granger	Rodgers	Shadegg
Graves	Mica	Shimkus
Hall (TX)	Miller (MI)	Shuster
Hastert	Miller, Gary	Simpson
Hastings (WA)	Moran (KS)	Smith (NE)
Heller	Murphy, Tim	Smith (NJ)
Hensarling	Myrick	Smith (TX)
Herger	Neugebauer	Stearns
Hobson	Nunes	Sullivan
Hoekstra	Pearce	Terry
Hulshof	Pence	Thornberry
Inglis (SC)	Petri	Tiahrt
Johnson (IL)	Pickering	Tiberi
Johnson, Sam	Pitts	Upton
Jordan	Platts	Walberg
Keller	Poe	Walden (OR)
King (IA)	Porter	Walsh (NY)
King (NY)	Price (GA)	Wamp
Kingston	Pryce (OH)	Weldon (FL)
Kline (MN)	Putnam	Weller
Knollenberg	Radanovich	Wicker
Kuhl (NY)	Regula	Wilson (NM)
Lamborn	Rehberg	Wilson (SC)
Latham	Reichert	Wolf
LaTourette	Reynolds	
Lewis (KY)	Rogers (AL)	

NAYS—220

Ackerman	Ellison	Loebsack
Allen	Ellsworth	Lofgren, Zoe
Altmire	Emanuel	Lowey
Andrews	Eshoo	Lynch
Arcuri	Etheridge	Mahoney (FL)
Baca	Fattah	Maloney (NY)
Bachmann	Frank (MA)	Markey
Baldwin	Giffords	Marshall
Barrow	Gilchrest	Matheson
Bean	Gillibrand	Matsui
Becerra	Gonzalez	McCarthy (NY)
Berkley	Goode	McCotter
Berman	Green, Al	McDermott
Berry	Green, Gene	McGovern
Bishop (GA)	Grijalva	McIntyre
Bishop (NY)	Gutierrez	McNerney
Blumenauer	Hall (NY)	McNulty
Boswell	Hare	Meek (FL)
Boyd (FL)	Harman	Meeks (NY)
Boyda (KS)	Hastings (FL)	Melancon
Brady (PA)	Herseth Sandlin	Michaud
Braley (IA)	Higgins	Miller (FL)
Brown (SC)	Hill	Miller (NC)
Brown, Corrine	Hinojosa	Miller, George
Brown-Waite,	Hirono	Mitchell
Ginny	Hodes	Mollohan
Butterfield	Holden	Moore (KS)
Capps	Holt	Moore (WI)
Capuano	Honda	Murphy (CT)
Cardoza	Hoolley	Murphy, Patrick
Carnahan	Hoyer	Murtha
Carney	Inslee	Nadler
Castle	Israel	Napolitano
Castor	Jackson (IL)	Neal (MA)
Chandler	Jackson-Lee	Oberstar
Clarke	(TX)	Oliver
Clay	Johnson (GA)	Ortiz
Cleaver	Jones (NC)	Pallone
Clyburn	Jones (OH)	Pascarell
Cohen	Kagen	Pastor
Conyers	Kanjorski	Paul
Cooper	Kaptur	Payne
Costa	Kennedy	Perlmutter
Costello	Kildee	Peterson (MN)
Courtney	Kilpatrick	Pomeroy
Cramer	Kind	Price (NC)
Crowley	Kirk	Rahall
Cuellar	Klein (FL)	Ramstad
Davis (AL)	Kucinich	Rangel
Davis (IL)	LaHood	Reyes
Davis, Lincoln	Lampson	Richardson
DeFazio	Langevin	Rodriguez
DeGette	Lantos	Ross
Delahunt	Larsen (WA)	Rothman
DeLauro	Larson (CT)	Roybal-Allard
Dicks	Lee	Ruppersberger
Dingell	Levin	Rush
Doggett	Lewis (GA)	Ryan (OH)
Donnelly	Lipinski	Salazar
Edwards	LoBiondo	