

exercise the authority granted under the Act to purchase, or commit to purchase, troubled assets up to the limit of \$350 billion outstanding at any one time.

Sincerely,

GEORGE W. BUSH.

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#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, November 18, 2008.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
*The Speaker, The Capitol, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on November 18, 2008, at 1:54 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5714.

That the Senate agreed to the House amendment S. 602.

Appointments: Congressional Oversight Panel (2).

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk of the House.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills and joint resolution were signed:

By Speaker pro tempore VAN HOLLEN on Monday, October 6, 2008:

H.R. 4010, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 West Percy Street in Indianola, Mississippi, as the "Minnie Cox Post Office Building".

H.R. 4131, to designate a portion of California State Route 91 located in Los Angeles County, California, as the "Juanita Millender-McDonald Highway".

H.R. 5159, to establish the Office of the Capitol Visitor Center within the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, headed by the Chief Executive Officer for Visitor Services, to provide for the effective management and administration of the Capitol Visitor Center, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6197, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7095 Highway 57 in Counce, Tennessee, as the "Pickwick Post Office Building".

H.R. 6469, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize increased Federal funding for the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network.

H.R. 6558, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1750 Lundy Avenue in San Jose, California, as the "Gordon N. Chan Post Office Building".

H.R. 6834, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service lo-

cated at 4 South Main Street in Wallingford, Connecticut, as the "CWO Richard R. Lee Post Office Building".

H.R. 6902, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 513 6th Avenue in Dayton, Kentucky, as the "Staff Sergeant Nicholas Ray Carnes Post Office".

H.R. 6982, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 210 South Ellsworth Avenue in San Mateo, California, as the "Leo J. Ryan Post Office Building".

H.R. 7222, to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 100, appointing the day for the convening of the first session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress and establishing the date for the counting of the electoral votes for President and Vice President cast by the electors in December 2008.

On Tuesday, October 7, 2008:

S. 3197, an act to amend title 11, United States Code, to exempt for a limited period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable JOHN A. BOEHNER, Republican Leader:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, October 1, 2008.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC.*

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: Pursuant to Section 333(a)(2) of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-229), I am pleased to appoint Mrs. Rosa J. Correa of Bridgeport, Connecticut as a voting member to the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino. Dr. Aida Levitan, Key Biscayne, Florida, previously appointed, shall also be a voting member.

Both Dr. Levitan and Mrs. Correa have expressed interest in serving in this capacity and I am pleased to fulfill the requests.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
*Republican Leader.*

#### MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES

The SPEAKER. The Chair would ask all Members to rise for the purpose of a moment of silence.

The Chair asks that the House now observe a moment of silence in remembrance of our brave men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our Nation in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in our Armed Forces.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, November 19, 2008.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a facsimile copy of a letter received from Ms. Pat Wolfe, Elections Administrator, Office of the Secretary of State, State of Ohio, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held November 18, 2008, the Honorable Marcia L. Fudge was elected Representative to Congress for the Eleventh Congressional District, State of Ohio.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk.*

OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE,  
Columbus, OH, November 19, 2008.

Re: *Ohio's 11th Congressional District—unofficial results of special election of November 18, 2008.*

Hon. LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MS. MILLER: Per your request, this is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, November 18, 2008, for Representative to Congress from the 11th Congressional District of Ohio, indicates that the Honorable Marcia L. Fudge received 8,450 votes.

Ms. Fudge was the only candidate for the office. Therefore, it appears from the unofficial results that Ms. Fudge has been elected as Representative to Congress of the 11th Congressional District of Ohio.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, which must be no later than December 19, 2008, the official Certificate of Election will be prepared and transmitted as required by law.

Sincerely,

PATRICIA WOLFE,  
*Elections Administrator.*

#### SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE MARCIA FUDGE, OF OHIO, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentlewoman from Ohio, the Honorable MARCIA FUDGE, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

Her certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to her election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will Representative-elect FUDGE and the members of the Ohio delegation present themselves in the well.

Ms. FUDGE appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against

all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now a Member of the 110th Congress.

#### WELCOMING THE HONORABLE MARCIA FUDGE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker and Members of the House, obviously this is a great moment of joy for our country and for our delegation. Congresswoman MARCIA FUDGE will become an outstanding Member of this House. She is an attorney, a businesswoman, and a mayor—indeed, the first female mayor, and first African American mayor of Warrensville, Ohio—since the year 2000. That alone constitutes major accomplishments.

She has her law degree from Cleveland State University, and she will become the ninth female Member ever elected to this Chamber from the great State of Ohio, and only the second African American woman ever to be elected from our State.

As Mayor of Warrensville, Ohio, she has been heavily involved in economic development. In fact, she said, "I believe people started to feel really good about where they lived because of the results of our economic development efforts, and I think when people feel good about where they live, that pride transitions into so many positive things."

Congresswoman FUDGE formerly served our beloved colleague Representative Stephanie Tubbs Jones as her Chief of Staff during her early years. She also worked early in her career on Carl Stokes' Cleveland bid for mayor, as a teenager, heading up Young Folks for Stokes.

She has been a law clerk; a tax attorney; county prosecutor's office attorney; held Cuyahoga County Budget, Tax, and Finance positions; and she is Immediate Past President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, serving from 1996 to 2000. We know what a powerhouse that is.

She's also a board member of the famous Cleveland Public Library and, perhaps most important of all, she's a member of the Baptist Glenville Church of God. We know she's come this far by faith.

We welcome her here today and join her among our Buckeye ranks.

I would be pleased to yield to the fine dean of our delegation from the Republican side of the aisle, Congressman RALPH REGULA, who we will say good-

bye to as a Member this year, but not as a former Member, and we expect to see him and his beautiful wife, Mary, very often.

Mr. REGULA. I thank the gentlelady for yielding. It's certainly with pleasure that I rise today as the dean of the Ohio delegation to welcome our newest Member, the Honorable MARCIA FUDGE, of the 11th District. We will all sadly recall our delegation and this House unexpectedly lost our friend and colleague, the Honorable Stephanie Tubbs Jones, this past August. While we all miss Stephanie's warmth and friendship, today we welcome Congresswoman FUDGE to this body.

As my colleague from Toledo has said, she has an outstanding record of achievements, and I know she will be a very strong contributing Member to this body. Of course, she has the great experience of serving as the Mayor of Warrensville Heights. Any of you that have experienced local government, particularly as a mayor or a council person, you know that you have to learn to accommodate, compromise, reach across the aisle, and do a lot of things that will make for success in this body.

Also, she is a product of Ohio's fine schools. She has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the Ohio State University. Go Bucks. She has a law degree from the Cleveland Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of my colleagues on my side of the aisle, and colleagues generally, we are happy to welcome Ms. FUDGE as one of our Members and wish her a long and successful career as a Member of this body. It's a great honor to serve in the United States Congress. I think all of us can attest to that.

I thank the gentlelady for yielding.

□ 1330

Ms. KAPTUR. I thank the gentleman, and know that Congresswoman FUDGE will be a valued member of our delegation. We have our work cut out for us.

We welcome you.

Madam Speaker, we yield back our remaining time.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. FUDGE) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Ms. FUDGE. Thank you.

Madam Speaker, Leader BOEHNER, Representative KAPTUR, Representative REGULA, the Ohio delegation, Members of the 110th Congress, it is, indeed, my pleasure and my privilege to be with you here today.

I want to first just thank my mother and my family and my staff, my friends, the members of my great sorority—Delta Sigma Theta—all of the residents of Warrensville Heights, Ohio, where I served for so many years as mayor, and all of the people of the 11th District for the confidence they placed in me in the last three elections that I have been in over the last 6

weeks. I, as well, would like to thank my predecessors on whose shoulders I stand today—the Honorable Louis Stokes and my very dear friend, the Honorable Stephanie Tubbs Jones.

To all of my colleagues, I say to you that I look forward to working with you because there is much work to be done, and I am certainly up to the task. I am a person who you can count on. I will work hard because I know what my job is, and my job is to serve the people who put me here. I know that my job is to do the most for those who have the least, and so I will work hard because I have promises to keep. I have made promises not only to myself and to the people of the 11th District but to my departed friend. So count on me because I do, indeed, have a promise to keep.

Thank you so much.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath of office to the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. FUDGE), the whole number of the House is 435.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. UDALL of Colorado) at 3 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.

#### DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS TODAY

Mr. WELCH of Vermont. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with today.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Vermont?

There was no objection.

#### ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Ms. Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by Speaker pro tempore, Mr. VAN HOLLEN on October 6, 2008:

H.R. 4010. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 West Percy Street in Indianola, Mississippi, as the "Minnie Cox Post Office Building".