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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 22, 2009.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ED PASTOR 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:

Almighty and ever-living God, as we reflect upon the past, give us a grateful spirit that will rejoice in the love that has graced our days and provide us with the wisdom to learn from our mistakes.

Remove blame and shame from our minds, that we can better discern the crises of today.

As we strain our vision and take control of our wandering hearts to embrace the future, give us confidence in Your divine providence, Lord, and endow us with gifted instincts to prepare us for what lies ahead.

Free us from prejudices and greed which narrow our perspective and rob us of our true potential as a people.

Help us to seize the present moment and make choices that will assure the progress of Your people and give You glory.

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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Mrs. DAHLKEMPER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. DAHLKEMPER 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 10 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SERGEANT DAVID W. WALLACE, III

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

Mrs. DAHLKEMPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life of Sergeant David W. Wallace, III, of Sharpsville, Pennsylvania. Sergeant Wallace was killed in January 2009 while deployed to Afghanistan with the 2nd Combat Engineers Battalion, 2nd Marine Division.

This morning, the Sharpsville community gathers to dedicate the Sergeant Wallace Memorial Bridge, where Sergeant Wallace used to fish on the Shenango River. The bridge is a fitting tribute, and the people of Sharpsville do a great service to the memory of Sergeant Wallace and his family in its dedication.

Sergeant Wallace was only 25 years old when his life was taken in Afghanistan. He leaves behind his wife, Erica;

his stepson, Landon; his daughter, Brooklyn; and a host of family and friends who dearly miss their brave soldier.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Sergeant David Wallace and commending the people of Sharpsville for honoring his service to our country.

God bless his family, and God bless the troops.

CUT MEDICARE PARTS A, B, C AND D TO FUND "PART E"?

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

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, the House may attempt to rebrand their \$1 trillion government health care plan as something they will try to call Medicare Part E. To save their own brand, they are willing to cheapen Medicare's. Medicare currently cares for seniors, but under this bill, Medicare will attempt to cover millions more with much less money.

Look at CBO's accounting of the Senate bill. It shows what the House plans to do. To fund a new government health care bill, Congress will cut Medicare Parts A, B, C and D. CBO reports they will cut Medicare Part A for hospitals \$128 billion; Medicare Part B for doctors, \$130 billion; Medicare Part C, Advantage, \$133 billion; Medicare Part D, drugs, \$20 billion. The bill also raises \$424 billion in taxes in the teeth of the great recession.

All of this to fund a new government health care program that will not care for a single senior, but will use their health care dollars to help support a government program Congress attempts to call Medicare Part E.

Do you think seniors will be fooled by this?

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50TH ANNUAL FORT LAUDERDALE
INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW

(Mr. KLEIN of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the occasion of the 50th annual Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show. Running from October 29 through November 2 in locations across Fort Lauderdale, the boat show will have a major impact on south Florida's economy. In previous years, the impact has been as high as \$500 million.

Tourism and the marine industry are critical to our local economy, and the annual boat show is a major draw, with more than half of the visitors coming from outside our area.

Families from around the world come to visit south Florida to enjoy our sunshine, our beautiful beaches and the remarkable quality of life. The boat show puts all of these qualities on display while also supporting the marine industry, which provides 134,000 high-paying jobs in our community.

The Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show is the biggest and best show in the world and has been so for many years. I would like to thank the organizers and the community leaders of this world-class event and wish them well during their golden anniversary boat show.

HISTORIC TOWN HALLS

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, over the weekend, I hosted the first congressional town halls ever held at Barnwell High School for Barnwell and Aiken Counties; at North High School for Orangeburg, Calhoun and Southern Lexington Counties; and at Wade Hampton High School in Varnville for Hampton, Allendale and Jasper Counties.

At each town hall, I was inspired by the enthusiastic and concerned citizens who support health insurance reform such as H.R. 3400, but they oppose a big government health care takeover. They see the administration's efforts as an attack on senior citizens and small businesses. They are shocked at bills that would kill jobs in communities with record unemployment.

I am grateful for the historic record-setting turnouts at town halls across the Second Congressional District in Columbia, Lexington, Beaufort, and Hilton Head. I look forward to the town hall this Saturday at Oakwood-Windsor Elementary School for citizens of Aiken County.

Town hall participation is making a difference, limiting government. And expanding freedoms.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

SHOWING THE NATION WHAT
CLEAN ENERGY IS ALL ABOUT

(Ms. PINGREE of Maine asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, this beautiful picture is of the Kibby Mountain Wind Project, which went online last week and became the largest wind power development in Maine's growing wind energy industry. This is just one example of how Maine is becoming a leader in wind energy.

Also last week, the Obama administration selected Maine to become the home for a national deepwater offshore wind research center. Our State has committed to building 3 gigawatts of land-based wind power and 5 gigawatts of offshore wind power in the Gulf of Maine, developing new technology and creating new jobs in the process.

All across Maine, small and large wind power developments are popping up. This summer, I watched along with my friends and neighbors as three turbines have gone up in our island community, a project that will make my town energy independent and save us money over the long run.

Maine is showing the Nation what clean energy is all about. We can create homegrown solutions to our energy problems, freeing us from our dependence on foreign oil, making us self-sufficient, and creating good-paying jobs that can't be exported.

A SCOURGING PLAGUE

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, there are families in America where assault, violence and terror at home are a way of life.

Yvette Cade got a restraining order against her abusive husband, a man that she daily and dreadfully feared. But a Virginia judge lifted that protective order when her husband, Roger Hargrave, promised he would seek counseling.

Soon after the order was lifted, Yvette went off to her job at a T-Mobile store. Her husband later walked in the store, doused her with gasoline and set her on fire. A customer boldly put out the fire that resulted in third-degree burns over 60 percent of Yvette's body.

That was 4 years ago. Yvette, a survivor, has spent 92 days in the hospital and she has had 14 surgeries. She lives in daily turmoil and pain, pain inflicted on her by her worthless, wretched husband.

Mr. Speaker, October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Brutality at home cannot remain a dark secret any longer. Domestic violence is a national health care issue; a crime and a scourging plague on a nation's culture.

And that's just the way it is.

DENOUNCING THE CUBAN REGIME

(Mr. SIREs asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SIREs. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to denounce the deplorable and dangerous actions of the Cuban regime.

On Monday, The Miami Herald reported that in the 6 months after the attacks of September 11, dozens of Cuban spies walked into our embassies all over the world and sent our officials on wild goose chases disguised as terrorist threats. These intelligence agents fabricated threats to deliberately pull our officials away from their work of identifying and preventing more attacks.

I cannot stress the underhanded and malicious nature of the regime in Cuba. These actions directly undermined our national security. These agents repeatedly, before and after 9/11, visited embassies. They posed as defectors to get our intelligence to waste time and resources. These visits to embassies increased dramatically after 9/11, and Cuban agents specifically used our sensitivity to terrorist threats to mislead our officials.

The Cuban regime deceived us when we were most vulnerable, in the months after the deadliest attacks on American soil.

Mr. Speaker, I am outraged by this news, and I hope my colleagues are, also.

A SCARY TIME FOR THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE

(Mr. BONNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, Halloween is just around the corner, but unfortunately, the Democrats who control both sides of Pennsylvania Avenue, if they have their way, there will be no treats, but only tricks, for small businessmen and -women and other hardworking taxpayers in the form of higher taxes, more government regulation and even more debt to be saddled on to the backs of our children and grandchildren.

News that our Speaker has all but guaranteed her caucus that there will be a robust public option in any health care bill to pass Congress is a code word for this, Mr. and Mrs. Taxpayer. If you think government is too big now, just wait.

Sadly, there is a reason why so few Americans have any confidence, much less respect, for the leaders here in Washington. It is because our so-called leaders have shown absolutely no respect to the hardworking taxpayers of this country, with a spending and borrowing spree unlike anytime in American history.

Halloween or not, this is a scary time for American taxpayers.