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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LARSEN of Washington).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 2, 2009.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RICK LARSEN 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: God eternal, Creator of unending light, give that same kind of light to all who call upon Your Holy Name.

May our minds and hearts be purified of all self-centered wishes and judgments.

So, freed enough to be attentive to Your Word and Holy Inspirations, enable this Congress to accomplish Your purpose for this country and do what is best, not only for ourselves but for those most in need. This will give You lasting 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona 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.

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
Washington, DC, May 22, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
*The Speaker, 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 May 22, 2009, at 9:55 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 663.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 918.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1284.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1595.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 133.

That the Senate passed S. Con. Res. 19.
With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

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
Washington, DC, May 26, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
*The Speaker, 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 May 26, 2009, at 10:03 a.m.:

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 2346.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHIEF OF STAFF, THE HONORABLE PETER VISCLOSKY, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Charles E. Brimmer, Chief of Staff, the Honorable PETER VISCLOSKY, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 1, 2009.

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a grand jury subpoena for documents issued by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

After consultation with counsel, I will make the determinations required by Rule VIII.

Sincerely,

CHARLES E. BRIMMER,
Chief of Staff.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE PETER VISCLOSKY, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 1, 2009.

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

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PETER J. VISLOSKY,
Member of Congress.

HONORING THE LIVES OF JOHN BROWN, JR. AND THOMAS CLAW

(Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the lives of two American heroes. In May, we lost two of the last surviving Navajo Code Talkers, John Brown, Jr., of Crystal, New Mexico, and Thomas Claw of Chinle, Arizona.

Navajo Code Talkers saved the lives of countless Americans in World War II and Korea by using DINE to communicate without risk of interception.

Mr. Brown was among those who developed the original code. At the 2001 ceremony, where the original 29 Code Talkers received Congressional Gold Medals, he said, "As Code Talkers, as Marines, we did our part to protect freedom and democracy. It is my hope that our young people will carry on this honorable tradition as long as the grass shall grow and the rivers flow."

I hope for just as long, we remember to honor the memory of Mr. Brown, Mr. Claw and all those DINE who served our Nation.

SAVING PLANET EARTH TAX

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the new carbon energy tax is about to nail all Americans who use energy. It's about old-fashioned, central planning control that would make the now-defunct Soviet Union green with envy.

In the name of saving Planet Earth, the taxacrats want to control every dollar spent on energy in America. They also want control over who can use it and how. So they came up with the mother of all mandates: The cap-and-trade national tax on energy consumption. This scheme will bankrupt manufacturing businesses and cost American families thousands of dollars a year in new taxes.

If you use electricity or natural gas in your home, you've got another tax. If you drive your car, the gasoline tax will go up. It's all about government control over our lives.

And the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said the cap-and-trade boondoggle will be a major tax increase or a massive expansion of government, or both. And they also told the Senate last week that it won't have any impact on the Earth's temperature. Now isn't that lovely.

And that's just the way it is.

CONCERN FOR THE DOLLAR

(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 dollars in your wallet are about to become less valuable, a lot less valuable.

Over the last several months, the Federal Reserve has been lending money to the Federal Government using "monetized" assets. That's Washington-speak for printing money we do not have. To date, the Fed has printed over \$130 billion by just running a virtual electronic printing press on its balance sheet. Most Americans do not know this is happening. Most Chinese do.

The dollar-printing policy of Chairman Bernanke and Secretary Geithner should worry every American. High interest rates and inflation are the enemy of homeowners with a mortgage and senior citizens on a fixed income. Nothing sinks a middle class faster than inflation.

Concern for the dollar is also front page news in China. China's leaders approved over \$1 trillion in lending to the U.S. And if the Fed continues printing money, then China's dollar-denominated loans will lose considerable value.

As co-chair of the China Working Group, I led a mission to China, where I heard about deep concern in China. It's a concern that we should all listen to for our own sakes, as well as our international trade.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF LIEUTENANT LEEVI K. BARNARD

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in solemn remembrance of the life of a fallen hero, 1st Lieutenant Leevi Khole Barnard, of the North Carolina National Guard. Lieutenant Barnard was killed while serving his country in Iraq on May 21 when an improvised explosive device targeted his unit in Baghdad.

Lieutenant Barnard joined the North Carolina National Guard in 2004 after graduating as a Distinguished Military Graduate from the Advanced Individual Training Class at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. His unit, the 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, was recently deployed to Iraq this April.

Lieutenant Barnard graduated from UNC Charlotte, where he participated in the university's ROTC program. This selfless American patriot, who paid the heaviest price for his country, will be remembered forever as a young man whose life was overflowing with potential and whose personality filled other people's lives with joy. His tragic death in the line of duty is an irre-

placeable loss for his family and friends, his community and his country.

Today we mourn with those who mourn. And we pay tribute to and honor this soldier and his inspiring life that was cut short while he was serving his country. His country owes him an immeasurable debt of gratitude for his 5 years of service and his great sacrifice on the battlefield.

May God's peace be with Lieutenant Barnard's family, friends and all those who continue to mourn his death and remember his life.

CAP-AND-TRADE OR CAP-AND-TAX

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

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, the cap-and-trade bill currently working its way through the House is nothing more than a national energy tax. The right to emit carbon would essentially be auctioned off to generate revenue for more government spending programs, amounting to a major tax increase for all American consumers.

This proposed cap-and-trade is actually a cap-and-tax system that will increase taxes, eliminate jobs, or drive them offshore, and raise the cost of energy and the price of purchasing any product or service dependent upon energy. Many sources have looked at this and said that it will cost about \$4,000 per household, if not more. Even the President expects energy prices to rise, and describes them as skyrocketing. This national energy tax will be disastrous, particularly in light of our Nation's current economic circumstances.

As an alternative, I support an "all of the above" energy policy to end our dependence on foreign oil. I support increasing domestic exploration for oil, investing in biofuels, alternative fuels, clean coal and nuclear technology.

HONORING THE SACRIFICE OF ARMY FIRST SERGEANT BLUE C. ROWE

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

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of America's bravest, First Sergeant Blue Rowe, who sacrificed his life in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

In 1994, after graduating from Siloam Springs High School, Blue enlisted in the Army. He served honorably all over the world, and earned several military awards, including the Meritorious Service Medal and Posthumous Combat Action Badge, and a Bronze Star.

Blue's family and friends describe him as funny, compassionate, hard-working and 100 percent Arkansan. A lifelong Razorback fan, it wasn't out of the ordinary for Blue to leave Northwest Arkansas with a bag full of new