

Tom Brokaw, when he gave Ford's eulogy, talked about the Greatest Generation who enlisted in the war and they went and they fought and they came back and they reenlisted. They reenlisted in this country. That's what I'm asking us to do, all of us. Let us reenlist like they did and make a difference and we can do it.

Thank you so much. I'm obviously humbled by the award. Everyone here could get, I recognize that. I thank you for it. I want to thank especially my family whom I dearly love and who has been with me all the way.

Thank you very much.

Mr. RHODES. Lou, thank you. It's leadership that our young people are looking for. With the efforts of people such as you and the people that you work with and the people you work with here, hopefully we are positioning ourselves to be able to assist in providing that leadership. A lot of the programs that you have instituted which we have been privileged to participate in, and I am particularly speaking of the civics education program and the webcasts, I think we have a very, very unique opportunity to reach young men and women who really are hungry to be told, not what to do but why they are free and why they have the opportunities that they have. And it is because of you and efforts of people like you that we are going to make that effort.

We thank you very much.

I now have a portion of the program that we will go through. It's not a happy one, but I will read to you the names of our former colleagues who have passed away during the course of the past year. Each of us probably knows at least some of these names, and some may know all of them. During the past year, the following individuals have gone to a greater reward:

Glenn Andrews of Alabama
 Robert Cornell of Wisconsin
 Tim Hall of Illinois
 Frank Harrison of Pennsylvania
 Jesse Helms of North Carolina
 Jack Kemp of New York
 David King of Utah
 Horace Kornegay of North Carolina
 Dan Kuykendall of Tennessee
 Raymond Lederer of Pennsylvania
 Clem McSpadden of Oklahoma
 Bill Orton of Utah
 William Patman of Texas
 James Pearson of Kansas
 Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island
 Carl Pursell of Michigan
 Matthew Rinaldo of New Jersey
 Paul Rogers of Florida
 John Seiberling of Ohio
 Paul Todd of Michigan
 Stephanie Tubbs-Jones of Ohio
 Lionel Van Deerlin of California
 Jerome Waldie of California
 Lyle Williams of Ohio
 Wendell Wyatt of Oregon.

I ask all of you, including those in the gallery, if you would rise for just a moment of silence to pay respect to their memories.

Thank you.

A new addition to our annual meeting is a memorial breakfast where we will further celebrate the lives and contributions of our past former colleagues. The breakfast is tomorrow morning at 9 a.m. at the Capitol Hill Club. Chaplain Coughlin will join us and it would be very nice to see as many of you there as possible. We are going to give opportunities for us to share memories, if we will, of some of those with whom we were particularly acquainted who have gone on.

Before I conclude, I need to make mention of the fact that we have two former parliamentarians from Canada who have joined us. Lou Duguay is my counterpart in the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians and Murad Velshi is a former member of the Ontario legislature. We are honored that you have joined us and hope that you will participate in the rest of our programs.

I want to thank other members of our executive committee: Vice President Hertel; Treasurer Morella; Secretary Kennelly; and our immediate Past President, Jim Slattery. I also want to pay special recognition to our special immediate Past President, Jack Buechner. When Mr. Slattery left Washington to go back to Kansas to run for the Senate, we were lacking an immediate Past President who is a valuable member of the executive committee, and we were able to prevail upon Jack to fill in, which he did, he did very ably and contributed very much to the Association's efforts during the course of time that Jim was not here. As we know, Mr. Slattery fell short in his campaign for the Senate and has returned to Washington and has resumed his duties as immediate Past President. But, Jack, thank you for your help. We needed it and we appreciate it.

I think that it would be appropriate for me to take a moment to recognize our staff. These are very, very talented professional, hardworking, dedicated people, and they work for us and they work very, very well for us. A lot of the things that we get accomplished we couldn't do without the assistance of our five staff personnel. They are:

Esra Alemdar, Jr., Program Officer
 Whitney Novak, Member Services Manager

Tracy Fine, Democracy Officer
 Sudha David-Wilp, International Programs Director

Pete Weichlein, Executive Director.

Our thanks to all of you for everything you do for us.

That is the end of my report. I want to thank Leader HOYER and Leader BOEHNER for giving us the opportunity to be here on the floor today and Speaker PELOSI for making the Chamber available to us.

Mr. HERTEL. The Chair wants to thank the president of our association, the gentleman from Arizona, for all his hard work and leadership, especially in these difficult times. He does have this extra burden to carry since the gen-

tleman from Kansas ran for the Senate and it's been in difficult times, especially in this economy. It's much harder to get the people to volunteer to contribute money. As we thank Lou Frey for his leadership all these years, it goes to such wonderful programs as our Congress to Campus Program but to Jay Rhodes for carrying this heavy load.

I also wanted to recognize Mr. Buechner who has done such a wonderful job as President and Past President in leading our group and with advice. And also Matt McHugh, our former President of the Association who is here; and Phil Ruppe from my State of Michigan. Because of all these gentlemen, we've had such a great opportunity. We have also had women before as Lindy Boggs, one of our outstanding Presidents before of our association. What a difference they have made in getting people to participate and bringing these programs to fruition. I have to also thank Barbara Kennelly, our treasurer, and Connie Morella for all their hard work and all the time they devoted, especially in this last year.

The Chair again wishes to thank all the former Members of the House for their presence here today. Before terminating these proceedings, the Chair would like to invite those former Members who did not respond when the roll was called to give their name to the Clerk for inclusion on the roll. The Chair wishes to thank the other former Members of the House for their presence here today and all of their work in contributing to all the programs that we have been talking about for the last hour and a half. As Lou Frey said, it's only with the former Members that we can continue to participate and have these programs work internationally and in over 40 campuses around our country. And now with the Wounded Warriors addition to make that disabled sports program so successful. Thank you again. We appreciate all the work that you have done.

The meeting is adjourned.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HOLDEN) at noon.

PRAYER

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

Lord God, Who knows the truth when it is still hidden from our mind's eye, and Who reads our hearts, filled with hidden desires, we bring our needs to You in prayer.

Sometimes we are simply elated by hope. Often we are overwhelmed by the reality of daily concerns. Occasionally we are totally blinded by the emotional force field around us. Yet, we try to clear the air with our prayer.

Help us, Lord, to humbly admit that at times we are not fully conscious of what is our greatest need.

Dealing with issues that are beyond psychological admission or sociological determination or political timing, Lord, we are led to a deeper confidence that You know us better than we know ourselves.

You will help us if we simply call upon Your Holy Name, and will answer our deepest needs, even if we cannot name them ourselves, for You are the Creative One and Savior of Your people, 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 gentleman from California (Mr. HERGER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HERGER 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.

WAR SUPPLEMENTAL

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

Mr. KUCINICH. We're destroying our Nation's moral and fiscal integrity with the war supplemental. Instead of ending wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan now, by appropriating only enough money to bring our troops home, Congress abdicates its constitutional authority, defers to the President and asks for a report. That's right. All we're asking for is a report on when the President will end the war.

There's money, too, for the IMF, presumably to bail out private European banks, billions for the IMF so they can force low- and middle-income nations to cut jobs, wages, health care and retirement security, just like corporate America does to our constituents.

And there's money to incentivize the purchase of more cars, but not necessarily from the U.S. because a "Buy America" mandate was not allowed. Another \$106 billion, and all we get is a lousy war. Pretty soon, that's going to be about the only thing made in America: war.

ELECTING CERTAIN MINORITY MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 548

Resolved, That the following Members are, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committee:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES—Mr. McKeon, to rank before Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Platts.

Mr. PENCE (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

BREAKING DOWN THE UNINSURED

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, earlier today, and in the many days before, we heard our colleagues talk over and over and over again about how we have so many people in this country who do not have access to health care. That's not accurate. They have access to health care. What they're talking about is people who are uninsured.

But let me talk about the numbers that make up what they're talking about as 45.7 million Americans who are uninsured. That's not true either; 9.5 million of those are noncitizens; 12 million of them are eligible for public programs such as Medicaid and Medicare; 7.3 million have incomes over \$84,000 and choose not to purchase health insurance; and 9.1 million are only temporarily uninsured. That brings us down to 7.8 million American citizens, lower income, long-term uninsured, a much different figure from the 45 million they tout all the time. And a preliminary report by CBO says that they want to spend \$1 trillion on this.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SENIOR AIRMAN ASHTON GOODMAN

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

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a fallen hero who was laid to rest in my district earlier this month.

Senior Airman Ashton Goodman was killed by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan on May 26. Her ultimate sacrifice is a stark reminder of the human cost of war. However, it is Ashton's life that should serve as a shining example of American achievement in Afghanistan.

While tasked with protecting vital reconstruction teams, Ashton worked to win over the hearts and minds of the Afghan people. She regularly mentored Afghan women, providing them with the guidance and skills needed to stand up against oppression and violence. Because of Ashton, many women are now combating the economic and social conditions that breed extremism.

Through her exceptional support of Afghan women and her sacrifice on behalf of her country, she has set a lasting example for our military and for all Americans.

THE CALIFORNIA CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRE PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION ACT OF 2009

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

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, today, I'm introducing legislation to address the dire situation facing my district and the State of California with respect to accumulation of forest fuels and the threat of catastrophic wildfires.

The California Catastrophic Wildfire Prevention and Community Protection Act of 2009 seeks to implement hazardous fuels reduction and other forest-thinning projects on Federal land that have been collaboratively developed and identified within a community's wildfire protection plan or county fire plan.

Since 2003, California has witnessed three of its worst fire seasons ever. This legislation would help address the only aspect of wildfire we can control: accumulation of forest fuels. Without action, our communities remain at risk to catastrophic wildfire.

I urge my fellow Members to support this commonsense solution.

AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE FOR EVERYONE

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

Mr. KAGEN. Mr. Speaker, we've come to a point in time in American history when it's past time for us to guarantee access to affordable health care for everyone.

Last week, Thursday, President Obama came to Green Bay, Wisconsin, and he didn't have to travel very far to find a health care story. At the airport restaurant there's Jeff. And Jeff is working 65 hours a week, two different jobs, and he doesn't have the health care coverage that he needs. He can't get health care coverage because he has a preexisting medical condition.

It's time for this House, on both sides of the aisle, to understand that Jeff isn't the only one who needs our help.

We need to have choices. We need to have the care that we require just to get through the day, and we have to have health care at a price we can all afford to pay. And we must guarantee that no citizen shall suffer any discrimination due to any preexisting medical conditions.

And I'll ask you this question: Isn't it time that we have a Federal standard, a standard health benefit plan, that's available to each and every American citizen and legal resident?