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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
July 7, 2009.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HENRY CUELLAR 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: O God, our Source of life, liberty, and everlasting happiness, our weekend celebration of this Nation's Independence Day was filled with parades; religious services; family events; and a wonderful Capitol concert of music, song, and fireworks on the West Lawn of this Capitol building.

Citizens of this land of promise were inspired to rededicate themselves to Your service and to work for the justice and freedom of all Your people.

Called to be representative of the people, Congress must stand together to solidify the Nation's security and meet fiscal responsibilities of our day.

Give all Your grace, prudence, and perseverance to address the needs of our times.

We make our prayer with gracious humility and deepened faith in the power of Your Holy Name, and Your Kingdom come 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 gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina 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.

### ADMINISTRATION MISREAD HISTORY

(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, Vice President JOE BIDEN recently admitted that the Obama administration misread the economy when drafting their nearly trillion dollar spending bill. Meanwhile, the American people have long known, and House Republicans have long argued, that this administration actually misread history when putting together their massive borrowing bonanza.

Had Democrats followed the example of former Presidents Kennedy and Reagan, they would have implemented the type of broad tax relief for American families and small businesses that has a proven record of stimulating the economy and creating jobs. Today's continued decline in jobs is a symptom of the slow, bureaucratic-driven spending this administration put in place.

Our economy will recover, but small businesses will be far better vehicles of job creation than big government expansion. By saddling future generations with such massive debt while

threatening Social Security and encouraging the potential for hyperinflation and higher interest rates, this administration has misread history, misplaced its priorities, and misspent American tax dollars.

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

### TO DIE OR NOT TO DIE—THAT IS THE GOVERNMENT QUESTION

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, British Government medical ethics advisor Baroness Warnock proclaimed that people who suffer from dementia have a patriotic duty to die. She said: "The care dementia requires is very expensive and drains the government resources for health care." This government decision maker said that people will soon be licensed to put other people down if they are unable to look after themselves. If that wasn't bad enough, she went on to say: "If you're demented, you're wasting government resources."

Human beings are a drain on the government; so they need to be put to death? Mr. Speaker, that sounds like a rather sick and demented idea to me.

Government-run medicine like in England puts the government's welfare above the welfare of the people. Government always values itself more than anyone or anything. It's the nature of the beast.

Recently, the President said at a town hall meeting we could save money on health care in America by putting a stop to expensive procedures for people who have been diagnosed with terminal diseases. He said: "Maybe you're better off not having the surgery, just taking the painkiller."

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Now, is our government going to adopt the English system and determine who lives and who dies? It doesn't sound like a healthy health care plan to me.

And that's just the way it is.

**PASS THE COOPER-WOLF SAFE COMMISSION BILL TO SAVE AMERICA'S FUTURE ECONOMY**

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

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, our economic house is crumbling. We are being bought piece by piece by China and Saudi Arabia. We owe these and other countries billions. And in a few years, because of this crushing debt and our huge mandated entitlement programs, we will have no money for research to find cures for cancer, Alzheimer's disease, autism, or other diseases. No money for science advances or for education. This Congress cannot abandon the American people and leave our children and grandchildren to shoulder these awful burdens.

There is a way to solve this dilemma. We can pass the bipartisan Cooper-Wolf SAFE Commission bill to save America's future economy.

This Congress, this Congress that we serve in now, is failing, is failing the American people.

**ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND FOSSIL FUELS**

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

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, the week before last we passed the crap-and-trade bill, which is a terrible bill. It's a tax.

Then we celebrated Independence Day. And the week before Independence Day, we became more dependent on foreign countries for our fossil fuels.

We have fossil fuels in the United States, and we need them. Next year we're going to spend \$552 billion buying oil from overseas.

I think it's time that this Congress accepts the fact that we have to have fossil fuels for the bridge to the future in order to have the ability to provide power for this country. Let's do the right thing for this Nation.

**HEALTH CARE**

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, Democrats in Washington are pushing hard for a government takeover of health care. The result will be devastating for patients across the country.

In countries that already have government-run health care, like Britain and Canada, bureaucrats are put in charge of intimate health care decisions and critical care is denied.

Look at the story of one woman from Great Britain, Sarah Anderson. Her father suffers from a kidney tumor that could be treated by a drug approved throughout most of Europe. But, sadly, Britain's National Health Service is denying Sarah's father this lifesaving treatment.

This case is not unique as patients across Great Britain are denied the care they need by the government's health care service. In much of Canada, patients are even banned from paying for private health care.

The Democrats' health care reform would be a bad prescription for the American people.

Republicans have a better health care reform that provides high-quality health care coverage to every American and that doesn't put bureaucrats between patients and the care they need.

**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:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, July 7, 2009.

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 July 7, 2009, at 10:37 a.m.:

That the Senate passed with an amendment, requests a conference with the House, and appoints conferees, H.R. 2918.

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 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

**UTAH RECREATIONAL LAND EXCHANGE ACT OF 2009**

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1275) to direct the exchange of certain land in Grand, San Juan, and Uintah Counties, Utah, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1275

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

*This Act may be cited as the "Utah Recreational Land Exchange Act of 2009".*

**SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

*In this Act:*

(1) **FEDERAL LAND.**—The term "Federal land" means the land located in Grand, San Juan, and Uintah Counties, Utah, that is identified on the maps as—

(A) "BLM Subsurface only Proposed for Transfer to State Trust Lands";

(B) "BLM Surface only Proposed for Transfer to State Trust Lands"; and

(C) "BLM Lands Proposed for Transfer to State Trust Lands".

(2) **GRAND COUNTY MAP.**—The term "Grand County Map" means the map prepared by the Bureau of Land Management entitled "Utah Recreational Land Exchange Act Grand County", dated May 14, 2009, and relating to the exchange of Federal land and non-Federal land in Grand and San Juan Counties, Utah.

(3) **MAPS.**—The term "maps" means the Grand County Map and the Uintah County Map.

(4) **NON-FEDERAL LAND.**—The term "non-Federal land" means the land in Grand, San Juan, and Uintah Counties, Utah, that is identified on the maps as—

(A) "State Trust Land Proposed for Transfer to BLM"; and

(B) "State Trust Minerals Proposed for Transfer to BLM".

(5) **SECRETARY.**—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

(6) **STATE.**—The term "State" means the State of Utah, as trustee under the Utah State School and Institutional Trust Lands Management Act (Utah Code Ann. 53C-1-101 et seq.).

(7) **UINTAH COUNTY MAP.**—The term "Uintah County Map" means the map prepared by the Bureau of Land Management entitled "Utah Recreational Land Exchange Act Uintah County", dated May 14, 2009, and relating to the exchange of Federal land and non-Federal land in Uintah County, Utah.

**SEC. 3. EXCHANGE OF LAND.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—If the State offers to convey to the United States title to the non-Federal land, the Secretary shall—

(1) accept the offer; and

(2) on receipt of all right, title, and interest of the State in and to the non-Federal land, convey to the State all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the Federal land.

(b) **CONDITIONS.**—The exchange authorized under subsection (a) shall be subject to—

(1) valid existing rights;

(2) except as otherwise provided by this section—

(A) section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716); and

(B) any other applicable laws;

(3) all costs of land exchanges under this Act, including but not limited to appraisals, surveys, and related costs, shall be paid equally by the Secretary and the State; and

(4) any additional terms and conditions that the Secretary and the State mutually determine to be appropriate.

(c) **TITLE APPROVAL.**—Title to the Federal land and non-Federal land to be exchanged under this section shall be in a format acceptable to the Secretary and the State.

(d) **APPRAISALS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The value of the Federal land and the non-Federal land shall be determined by appraisals conducted by 1 or more independent appraisers selected jointly by the Secretary and the State.

(2) **APPLICABLE LAW.**—The appraisals conducted under paragraph (1) shall be conducted in accordance with section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716).

(3) **APPROVAL.**—The appraisals conducted under paragraph (1) shall be submitted to the Secretary and the State for approval.