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## House of Representatives

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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
September 8, 2009.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STEVE DRIEHAUS 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: Lord God, creator of the Earth, the sea and the sky, everything is of Your making and all gives You glory.

This holiday weekend urges us to beg Your blessing upon our labors. Whether our work is handcrafted or managed by computer or machine, harvested from the field or designed in a laboratory, whether our service takes shape in public form, in aerospace or private industry, whether in courtroom, hospital, school, home, or in the halls of government, Lord, bless the work of Your people. Bless this Nation.

Our human labor drains our energy, fixes our mind, and uncovers our creativity. Daily work adds dignity and accomplishment to daily life and all human effort. When our work is expanded to others, hopefully it benefits our brothers and sisters. When offered to You as an act of worship, it becomes holy. Grant success to the work of our hands, Lord, 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,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, August 4, 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 August 4, 2009, at 12:01 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 774.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 987.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1271.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1397.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2090.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2162.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2325.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2422.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2470.

Appointments:

Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

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

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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 August 4, 2009, at 3:14 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 748.

That the Senate passed S. 1211.

That the Senate passed S. 1314.

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, August 5, 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 August 5, 2009, at 10:03 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H.J. Res. 44.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE  
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OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
*Washington, DC, August 5, 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 August 5, 2009, at 4:47 p.m.:

That the Senate passed with an amendment, requests a conference with the House, and appoints conferees H.R. 2997.

That the Senate passed S. 475.

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, August 6, 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 August 6, 2009, at 9:59 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 713.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1275.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2938.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 171.

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, September 3, 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 September 3, 2009, at 10:42 a.m.:

Appointments:

Public Interest Declassification Board

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 resolutions were signed by Speaker pro tempore HOYER on Thursday, August 6, 2009:

H.R. 774, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 46-02 21st Street in Long Island City, New York, as the "Geraldine Ferraro Post Office Building"

H.R. 987, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 8th Street in Freedom, Pennsylvania, as the "John Scott Challis, Jr. Post Office"

H.R. 1271, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2351 West Atlantic Boulevard in Pompano Beach, Florida, as the "Elijah Pat Larkins Post Office Building"

H.R. 1275, to direct the exchange of certain land in Grand, San Juan, and Uintah Counties, Utah, and for other purposes

H.R. 1397, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 41 Purdy Avenue in Rye, New York, as the "Caroline O'Day Post Office Building"

H.R. 2090, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 431 State Street in Ogdensburg, New York, as the "Frederic Remington Post Office Building"

H.R. 2162, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 11th Avenue South in Nampa, Idaho, as the "Herbert A Littleton Postal Station"

H.R. 2325, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 Matamoros Street in Laredo, Texas, as the "Laredo Veterans Post Office"

H.R. 2422, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2300 Scenic Drive in Georgetown, Texas, as the "Kile G. West Post Office Building"

H.R. 2470, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19190 Cochran Boulevard FRNT in Port Charlotte, Florida, as the "Lieutenant Commander Roy H. Boehm Post Office Building"

H.R. 2938, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project

H.R. 3435, making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for the Consumer Assistance to Recycle and Save Program

H.J. Res. 44, recognizing the service, sacrifice, honor, and professionalism of the Noncommissioned Officers of the United States Army

S.J. Res. 19, granting the consent and approval of Congress to amendments made by the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact

CONGRATULATING AMY McBROOM,  
2009 RURAL TEACHER OF THE  
YEAR

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

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Amy McBroom of Grand Canyon, Arizona, who has been named the 2009 Rural Teacher of the Year by the National Rural Education Association.

As the only art teacher at the Grand Canyon Unified School District, Amy teaches students from kindergarten to twelfth grade. She founded a juried art show for students and led efforts to bring new international baccalaureate programs to our schools.

Like so many of our teachers, Amy's work educating our kids does not stop when the school year ends. She spends her summers helping Native American children experience different cultures, and she has led field trips to Europe and Washington, D.C.

A quality education is more important than ever to succeeding in today's global economy, and getting a quality education takes great teachers like Amy McBroom. Northern Arizona is lucky to have her.

Congratulations to Amy for this recognition for her work.

WE NEED HEALTH CARE REFORM  
THAT PUTS PATIENTS FIRST

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, it was a long, hot August for many Members of Congress who returned home to face the displeasure of constituents fed up with Washington's tin ear syndrome.

Over the past month I have heard from more people than I can count who have had enough of the explosion of Washington-style big government. And of course it was no comfort that in the middle of August the White House announced that they expect \$9.1 trillion in new government debt over the next 10 years. So how is it that the American people are expected to stomach a new government-run health care proposal that is estimated to cost up to \$1.6 trillion?

Let's scrap the Democrat government-run health care proposal and return to the drawing board for a plan like ones that Republicans have offered that puts patients, not government, first.

CALIFORNIA DROUGHT

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, Congress has come back here in September and the primary focus is on health care, as it should be. But I rise today to speak