

albinism in East Africa, Mr. Speaker, condemning their murder and mutilation, and advocating remedies to bring an end to this heinous and misguided behavior.

FISCAL DISCIPLINE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Arizona (Mrs. KIRKPATRICK) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, our national debt is setting new records each week, and Washington cannot ignore it any longer. Unless we take action, the debt could bring our recovery to a standstill, and raise interest rates for our families. Allowing excessive spending to continue is not an option.

In 2010, we must draw the line and put fiscal discipline at the top of our agenda. This Congress should develop and execute a plan to start paying down the debt and ensure sustainable spending levels for the long term. We can and should continue smart investments that create jobs, develop our critical infrastructure, and help new industries grow.

But at the same time, we have to start cutting waste and demanding efficiency. Government programs should be actively searching for ways to do more with less. And if they won't, Congress has to step up and do it for them.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 38 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MORAN of Virginia) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord God Almighty, the legacy of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., lives on in our day.

As we witness the horrible tragedy of Haiti on television and we become more attuned to the heartbeat, sympathy, anxieties, and hopes of America, the House of Representatives might call to mind the image Dr. King used. His prophetic call was for people everywhere to transcend race, class, nation, and religious differences to embrace a vision of a "World House."

Here and now, let us do our part to embrace his image and work to fulfill his dream for a universal dwelling on Earth as it is in heaven. Lord, we want

a place for every person in our society where all have equal justice.

We pray for a home where conflicts may be resolved in a spirit of love and forgiveness, without violence, and wounds can be healed.

Lord, let Dr. King's vision and promise for the future resonate in every human heart until it becomes a way of living, living up to Your design for us.

This we pray 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 Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. BORDALLO 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.

HEALTH CARE REDUX

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

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, as the health care negotiations have droned on for months behind closed doors led by REID and PELOSI without the participation of the American people, Republicans and even many Democrats, what do we have to show for it?

We have the Louisiana Purchase, the Corn Husker Kickback, backroom deals with special interests, protection of the trial lawyers, and, finally, an embarrassing deal with the unions that allows them to be exempt from a 40 percent excise tax on "Cadillac" health care plans that the rest of the Nation will be subject to.

To my colleagues: Have you no shame?

What happened to the President's promises of open debate on C-SPAN and inviting Members of Congress to come to the White House to go over the health care bill "line by line"?

I submit today that we scrap the flawed documents under consideration and immediately begin a bipartisan discussion on how to truly reform health care in this country in a way that does not involve higher taxes, higher costs to policyholders, and even more governmental interference in our daily lives.

GOVERNOR CHRISTINE TODD
WHITMAN HIGHLIGHTS THE
PROBLEM WITH BACKROOM
HEALTH CARE NEGOTIATIONS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to ad-

dress the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Congress and this administration continue pushing a job-killing health care takeover. Brokered in back rooms, the bill includes \$518 billion in new job-killing taxes that will hurt small businesses, and squeezing Medicare threatens senior citizens.

Backroom deals in Washington is politics at its worst, and it is high time that the American people were given a seat at the negotiations table.

The President promised the American people eight different times health care would be public. C-SPAN has offered to broadcast the negotiations. In Politico, former New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman highlights Speaker PELOSI's brushoff of the request, saying that the President stood for a number of things while on the campaign trail.

I encourage the Speaker to encourage the President to keep his promise of open discussions by letting C-SPAN show the American people what is going on behind closed doors. We need change in Washington.

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

AMERICANS SEE MEDIA AS BIASED, LIBERAL, TOO POWERFUL

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

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Americans see the media as biased, liberal, and too powerful, according to a new Rasmussen survey.

Just two in ten Americans say reporters try to offer unbiased coverage of political campaigns. More than seven in ten say reporters try to help the candidate they want to win.

Furthermore, a majority of voters believe, "The average reporter is more liberal than they are." And two-thirds think the media have too much power and influence over government decisions.

This is the fourth public opinion poll in the last few months that has found that Americans don't trust the media. If the national media want to restore Americans' confidence, they should report the facts and not tell people what to think.

PUT GOVERNMENT IN ITS PLACE

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, according to the 10th Amendment, any power not specifically granted to the Federal Government is reserved to the people and to the States.

Those that demand government take over health care have yet to provide a constitutional example for such government oppression. Further, it doesn't

say anywhere in the Constitution the Federal Government can force anybody to buy anything, including health insurance. It is not there.

Some have said, what about car insurance? The States, not the Feds, regulate car insurance so drivers can pay for third-party injuries. And driving is a privilege, not a right.

A better example would be if the Feds forced the people to buy a car from GM. "Government Motors" would pick the car they want the citizens to buy, then tax them to pay for it. That is unconstitutional. So is forcing people to buy health insurance.

Thomas Jefferson said, "The Federal Government is our servant, not our master." It is about time we put government in its place.

And that's just the way it is.

ARMY SPECIALIST KYLE WRIGHT

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

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Army Specialist Kyle Wright, a 22-year-old from Romeoville, Illinois, who was killed in combat on January 13 while serving our country during his first tour of duty in Afghanistan.

Specialist Wright followed in his father's and grandfather's military footsteps by enlisting in the Army, and did so out of a strong desire to advance the freedoms and liberties of women in Afghanistan, a cause very close to my heart.

He joined the Army after graduating in 2006 from Romeoville High School, where, even as a young man, he demonstrated his love for this country by serving in the Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps.

He was passionate, honorable, and loved by all who knew him, his family, his girlfriend, and his fellow soldiers. His dedication to women's rights in Afghanistan was inspired by his sisters, his mother, stepmother, and grandmother. And his dedication to upholding the American ideals and freedoms he believed in knew no bounds.

I would like to extend my deepest condolence to the Wright family and to all who knew this brave soldier. Our Nation lost a true hero with Specialist Wright's passing. He will be missed.

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.

CASTLE NUGENT NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE ESTABLISHMENT ACT OF 2010

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3726) to establish the Castle Nugent National Historic Site at St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3726

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 "Castle Nugent National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2010".

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) **HISTORIC SITE.**—The term "historic site" means the Castle Nugent National Historic Site established in section 3.

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

SEC. 3. CASTLE NUGENT NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE.

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established as a unit of the National Park System the Castle Nugent National Historic Site on the Island of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, in order to preserve, protect, and interpret, for the benefit of present and future generations, a Caribbean cultural landscape that spans more than 300 years of agricultural use, significant archeological resources, mangrove forests, endangered sea turtle nesting beaches, an extensive barrier coral reef system, and other outstanding natural features.

(b) **BOUNDARIES.**—The historic site consists of the approximately 2,900 acres of land extending from Lowrys Hill and Laprey Valley to the Caribbean Sea and from Manchenil Bay to Great Pond, along with associated submerged lands to the three-mile territorial limit, as generally depicted on the map titled "Castle Nugent National Historic Site Proposed Boundary Map", numbered T22/100,447, and dated October 2009.

(c) **MAP AVAILABILITY.**—The map referred to in subsection (b) shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

(d) **ACQUISITION OF LAND.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Secretary is authorized to acquire lands and interests in lands within the boundaries of the historic site by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or exchange.

(2) **U.S. VIRGIN ISLAND LANDS.**—The Secretary is authorized to acquire lands and interests in lands owned by the U.S. Virgin Islands or any political subdivision thereof only by donation or exchange.

SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall administer the historic site in accordance with this Act and with laws generally applicable to units of the National Park System, including—

(1) the National Park Service Organic Act (39 Stat. 535; 16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.); and

(2) the Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666; 16 U.S.C. 461 et seq.).

(b) **SHARED RESOURCES.**—To the greatest extent practicable, the Secretary shall use the resources of other sites administered by the National Park Service on the Island of St. Croix to administer the historic site.

(c) **CONTINUED USE.**—In order to maintain an important feature of the cultural landscape of the historic site, the Secretary may lease to the University of the Virgin Islands certain lands within the boundary of the historic site for the

purpose of continuing the university's operation breeding Senepol cattle, a breed developed on St. Croix. A lease under this subsection shall contain such terms and conditions as the Secretary considers appropriate, including those necessary to protect the values of the historic site.

(d) **MANAGEMENT PLAN.**—Not later than three years after funds are made available for this subsection, the Secretary shall prepare a general management plan for the historic site.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) and the gentleman from Utah (Mr. BISHOP) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair now recognizes the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO).

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Guam?

There was no objection.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3726, sponsored by my good friend and colleague from the Virgin Islands, DONNA CHRISTENSEN, establishes the Castle Nugent National Historic Site as a new unit of the National Park System on the island of St. Croix in the United States Virgin Islands.

The lands to be included in this new historic site represent the largest undeveloped natural area remaining on the island, and there is very strong local support for protecting it as parkland for future generations.

The new park, Mr. Speaker, encompasses about 11,500 acres, three-quarters of which are submerged lands containing one of the largest and healthiest coral reef systems in the region. The National Park Service has studied the site and testified that it meets their criteria for addition to the system.

Congresswoman CHRISTENSEN is to be commended for her commitment to preserving the unique history and the culture of the beautiful island of St. Croix. So we urge our colleagues to support passage of H.R. 3726.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

We have concerns with H.R. 3726. As of today, the National Park Service has yet to complete the congressionally authorized study of this proposal. In fact, the agency has asked that we defer consideration until the study is completed.

These studies are not without cost in both personnel and funds, and they take several years to complete and can drain as much as \$500,000 from the Park Service budget. What use are these feasibility studies if we simply choose to ignore them, or, in this case, rush to pass legislation before the study can be finalized? Typically, these studies contain information that could be useful in crafting better legislation.