

As you can see, Mexico is a country in transformation. This is making us an even more strategic partner for the future prosperity of the American people. The world is more global and more interconnected every day. It is also divided into large economic regions. Those regions that maximize their comparative advantages will be the ones that succeed. And we both need to compete with Asia and with Europe. Mexico and the United States are stronger together than they are apart. Our economic ties have made both economies stronger, and together, we can renew our partnership to restore stronger and faster economic growth on both sides of the border. A stronger Mexico means a stronger United States. Let us not forget, Mexicans are the second-largest foreign buyers of American goods in the world. And a stronger United States, of course, means a stronger Mexico. So I invite you to work with Mexico and consolidate North America as the most competitive region in the world. I believe in that. Let us create more jobs for American workers and more jobs for Mexican workers.

Members of Congress, I am not a President who likes to see Mexicans leave our country searching for opportunities abroad. With migration, our communities lose their best people, the hardest working, the most dynamic, the leaders of the communities. Each migrant is a parent who will never see his children again.

Quiero decirles a los migrantes, a quienes estan trabajando aqui por la grandeza de este pais, que los admiramos, que los extranamos, que estamos luchando por sus derechos y que estamos trabajando duro por Mexico y por sus familias.

I want to say to the migrants, all those who are working really hard for this great country that we admire them, we miss them, we are working hard for their rights, and we are working really hard for Mexico and for the families. Today we are doing the best we can do in order to reduce migration, to create opportunities, and to create jobs for Mexicans in our own country, where their homes are and where their families are. As many jobs as we can. And Mexico will one day be a country in which our people will find the opportunities that today they look for outside of the country. Until then, Mexico is determined to assume its responsibility. For us, migration is not just your problem. We see migration as our problem as well.

My government does not favor the breaking of the rules. I fully respect the right of any country to enact and enforce its own laws. But what we need today is to fix a broken and inefficient system. We favor the establishment of laws that work and work well for us all. So the time has come for the United States and Mexico to work together on this issue. The time has come to reduce the causes of migration and to turn this phenomenon into one

of legal, ordered, and secure flows of workers and visitors. We want to provide the Mexican people with the opportunities they are looking for. That is our goal, that is our mission as government; to transform Mexico into a land of opportunities, to provide our people with jobs and opportunities, to live in peace and to be happy.

I want to recognize the hard work and leadership of many of you in the Senate, and in the House, and of President Obama, who are determined to find responsible and objective answers to this issue. I am convinced that comprehensive immigration reform is also crucial to secure our common border. However, I strongly disagree with the recently adopted law in Arizona. It is a law that not only ignores a reality that cannot be erased by decree but also introduces a terrible idea: using racial profiling as a basis for law enforcement. And that is why I agree with President Obama, who said the new law “carries a great amount of risk when core values that we all care about are breached.” I want to bridge the gap of feelings and emotions between our countries and our peoples. I believe in this. I believe in communications, I believe in cooperation, and we together must find a better way to face and fix this common problem.

And finally, the well-being of both our peoples depends not only on our ability to face regional challenges but global ones as well. That is the case of climate change. That is the case, for instance, of nonproliferation of nuclear weapons in the world. Climate change is one of humanity’s most pressing threats. Global warming demands the commitment of all nations, both developed and developing countries. That is why Mexico was the first developing country to commit to emissions reduction targets and programs. As host of the upcoming COP 16, we are working hard to make progress in the fight against climate change. Because of your global leadership, we will need your support to make the meeting in Cancun next November a success.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Vice President, Honorable Members of the United States Congress, Mexico is a country in deep transformation, indeed. We are building the future our people deserve, a future of opportunity, a future of freedom, of equality, of the rule of law, a future of security in which families and children can go out to work, study, and play without fear, and most of all, a future in which our children and their children will see their dreams come true. I have come here as your neighbor, as your partner, as your ally, and as your friend. Our two great nations are joined by geography and by history, but more important, we are joined by a shared brilliant future. I believe in the future of North America as the strongest, most prosperous region in the world. That is possible.

President Franklin Roosevelt once said that “the only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts

of today. Let us move forward with strong and active faith.” And I say, let us work together with a strong and active faith in order to give our people the future they deserve.

Thank you very much for your invitation. God bless America. Viva Mexico.

(Applause, the Members rising.)

At 11 o’clock and 52 minutes a.m., His Excellency Felipe Calderon Hinojosa, President of Mexico, accompanied by the committee of escort, retired from the Hall of the House of Representatives.

The Majority Floor Services Chief escorted the invited guests from the Chamber in the following order:

The Members of the President’s Cabinet;

The Acting Dean of the Diplomatic Corps.

JOINT MEETING DISSOLVED

The SPEAKER. The purpose of the joint meeting having been completed, the Chair declares the joint meeting of the two Houses now dissolved.

Accordingly, (at 11 o’clock and 54 minutes a.m.), the joint meeting of the two Houses was dissolved.

The Members of the Senate retired to their Chamber.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The House will continue in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BLUMENAUER) at 1 o’clock and 1 minute p.m.

PRINTING OF PROCEEDINGS HAD DURING THE RECESS

Ms. MARKEY of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the proceedings had during the recess be printed in the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to ten 1-minute per side.

DEPENDENT CARE COVERAGE EXPANSION

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

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, on May 7 the largest private employer in

the State of Connecticut, United Technologies Corporation, announced a decision to implement dependent coverage up to age 26 for their 30,000 employees and families. They took advantage of an IRS ruling which was issued April 23 to implement this change, which will make a huge difference for adult children of their workforce.

Too often at commencement ceremonies, which are taking place all across the country, kids are given a diploma and then a notice that they are coming off their parents' health insurance plan. With the health insurance reform bill, this is now a thing of the past, and UTC has set a great example for employers all across the country to implement this change as soon as possible.

Yesterday, Mohegan Sun Casino, with 10,000 employees, issued the same decision for its employees. This is going to make a difference for families and adult children. I spoke to a mother of a 22-year-old who has been hospitalized numerous times, and she was in tears. She was so excited that her daughter will be able to continue to receive the care that she needs, which otherwise would never have been available if we had not passed the health care reform bill.

STOP BAILING OUT COUNTRIES, STATES, AND COMPANIES

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

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, recently the IMF announced a giant bailout to keep Greece from defaulting, defaulting on its own debt, debt for its socialistic economy. The U.S. is the largest contributor to the IMF; therefore, we are the largest bailout source for this. That's right, Mr. Speaker, the U.S. taxpayer is now in the business of rescuing Greece from its debt crisis, which was brought on by reckless borrowing and spending to fund welfare programs.

While the U.S. is putting itself on the hook for another bailout, liberals in Washington are working hard to copycat the Greek model: taxing, spending, borrowing, and increasing entitlement programs across the board. Behind Greece are other European countries on the verge of default. Are we going to bail them out, too? And that's not to mention States like California and the many companies this government has already bailed out. Who will bail out our country when we can't borrow our way out of trouble?

Mr. Speaker, let's stop bailing out countries, States, and companies, and hold all entities, including ourselves, accountable for runaway spending.

PASS WALL STREET REFORM

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

Ms. MARKEY of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge this Con-

gress to pass meaningful Wall Street reform to protect American taxpayers from ever again being forced to bail out Wall Street banks. It's time to end "too big to fail" financial firms whose irresponsible behavior almost crashed our entire economy. And it's time to end predatory lending practices with tougher enforcement.

We must pass a bill that will end bailouts and ensure that banks and taxpayers are never again on the hook for Wall Street's risky gambles. We must act to protect families' retirement funds, college savings, homes, and small businesses, and bring transparency and accountability back to a financial system run amok.

I wasn't in Congress while some Wall Street banks were running our financial system into the ground, but I came here to clean up the mess and get America's economy back on track. So I ask my colleagues, whose side do you stand on? Do you stand with the reckless Wall Street banks or will you stand with American families? I urge my colleagues to pass this bill.

FLORIDA IS STILL OPEN FOR BUSINESS

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday the U.S. Coast Guard announced that the tar balls discovered on the Florida Keys shoreline were not linked to the gulf oil spill. What does this mean? It means that Florida is still open for business.

Mr. Speaker, public beaches in my congressional district of Miami Beach and the Florida Keys are open. Their waters are warm and inviting. Charter boat captains eagerly await the opportunity to take tourists deep sea fishing. Similarly, dive shops stand by to take visitors on a tour of some of the greatest underwater treasures in this world, the Florida Keys coral reef.

For those outside of Florida, it is important to note that fresh-caught fish from our Sunshine State is just as fresh as ever, as are our stone crabs, spiny lobster, and shrimp. Recent news reports have caused a premature panic for visitors. And while it is important that coastal communities prepare for the possibility of oil coming ashore, Florida is open for business.

Come on down; the water's fine.

ARIZONA'S MISGUIDED LAW

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

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, America's immigration system is broken. Congress' failure to act has opened the doors for laws like Arizona SB 1070 that are inspired by hate and racism. Sadly, this misguided law hurts everyone who looks different, whether they are American citizens, lawful immigrants, or undocumented immigrants.

Everyone deserves the right to live free from unwarranted suspicion, but Arizona SB 1070 legalizes racial profiling, taking away our basic freedoms.

Later today, I will introduce legislation in the House to fight this law that clarifies the role of the Federal Government as the sole enforcer of immigration laws.

I urge all of you who value fairness and justice to join me in an economic boycott of Arizona and wear a red and yellow wristband in opposing this hateful law.

YOUNG CUT

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

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, every day all across America right now families are sitting down at the dinner table trying to figure out how to make ends meet. Many of them have lost their jobs. Others have seen that their mortgage payments have gone up, their utility costs are going up. And you know what they are having to do? They are having to sit down and revise their budget. They are trying to figure out instead of taking a vacation if they need to go and fix the car.

What we have seen is the American people are realizing that you can't borrow and spend, borrow and spend, that someday there is a day of reckoning. And they are wondering why their government hasn't figured that out.

Last week, Republicans gave the American people an opportunity to voice their opinion about whether we should cut expenses or not; 280,000 people said we should start cutting spending. And they are going to be given an opportunity this week to express themselves as well.

Mr. Speaker, what they wonder is why Congress doesn't get the message. We saw today that the jobless rate is up to 471,000 people. People are out of work, Mr. Speaker. We need to get Americans back to work and we need to cut the spending. We need to listen to the American people.

THE SMALL BUSINESS INTERMEDIARY LENDING PILOT ACT

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

Ms. KILROY. Mr. Speaker, when I talk to people in my community, the thing that they are most concerned about are jobs and the economy. When we took office, when I was sworn in last January, we were losing jobs at an atrocious rate, over 600,000 jobs per month. Now we are seeing months of job growth and adding jobs to our economy. That's the good news.

We must continue to stay on this pathway. That's why I have supported bills like the HIRE Act to help employers add more people to their businesses, and recently filed the Small Business