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The House met at 12:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HINOJOSA).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

Washington, DC, June 14, 2010.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RUBÉN HINOJOSA to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to 30 minutes and each Member, other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip, limited to 5 minutes.

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 31 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 protempore (Mr. TEAGUE) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

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

Eternal God, ever-present to the least in our midst, increase our awareness that You are with us as a Nation. Today we celebrate America's unity and purpose, symbolized by the flag of the United States of America.

Through all our wars, international misunderstandings, and natural disasters, over the dust and destruction, we rejoice when we see this flag wave in noble rescue and recovery.

On this Flag Day, we take pride as American women and men in military service hoist this flag on ships at sea, on national bases, or in campgrounds around the world.

We are humbled as senior citizens salute and children pledge with their hearts in classrooms or any citizen with hand over heart is moved by a parade of this flag.

Across this land this year, Lord, increase intelligent patriotism and honest dialogue, as You keep at bay fear, cynicism, and a lack of virtue.

With strong voice let America pledge itself anew to a oneness that builds a spirit-filled people committed to bring liberty to all and peace to the world both now and ever, we pray. 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 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BRIGHT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BRIGHT 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, June 11, 2010.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,

The Speaker, U.S. Capitol, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the

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 June 11, 2010 at 10:19 a.m.:

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 3360.

Appointments:

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by the Speaker on Friday, June 11, 2010:

S. 3473, to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to authorize advances from Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

WHO IS THE WHITE HOUSE TO GIVE ADVICE ON BORDER SECURITY?

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Israel actually believes in and secures

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its border from criminals, terrorists and anyone else trying to illegally sneak into Israel for any purpose. Israel doesn't allow ships to go into the terrorist-run area of Gaza without first being searched for contraband.

However, in light of the recent unsuccessful attempt of six ships to run the Israeli blockade into Hamas-controlled Gaza and in an apparent attempt to placate the Palestinians, the White House is giving Israel advice on border security. "Don't be so tough," seems to be the message. If Israel followed America's border security plan, they would be crippled by terrorist attacks. If Israel followed America's border security plan, they would be overrun by rock-throwing illegals, drug smugglers, human traffickers, and increased border violence. Anyway, it's none of our business what Israel does. And who are we to give advice?

America needs to be more concerned about our own disastrous border security than giving anyone else bad advice about their border security.

And that's just the way it is.

ADOPT A BUDGET, AND THEN KEEP IT

(Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, we are setting new records here in this Congress and in this government. We are now approaching, if we haven't already leaped over it, the \$14 trillion mark for the national debt.

Fourteen trillion dollars. It doesn't just kind of trip off your tongue. It's a huge number. It's a number that is difficult to contemplate. And yet we sit here, working very diligently on suspension calendar bills, doing virtually nothing about the national debt except adding to it day after day after day.

If you were to have a household income, and you were trying to determine what to do with your debt, it seems to me the first thing you would do is you would adopt a budget. You would adopt a budget to try and figure out your income, your expenses, how much debt you could have. But we have been informed by the majority that we're not even going to start with that this year. We are going to forget about even coming up with a budget, I guess because we're so embarrassed about the numbers that would be in there.

Let's at least do what families do: adopt a budget and then keep it.

ADMINISTRATION AWOL ON OIL

(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, it took President Obama 12 days to visit the gulf coast oil spill. In contrast,

President Bush visited New Orleans just 4 days after Hurricane Katrina; yet the national media harshly criticized his response as being too slow.

For more than a month, the Obama administration said that BP was responsible for stopping the oil. Finally, during the President's first news conference in 10 months, he said, "I take responsibility. It is my job to make sure that everything is done to shut this down."

Tomorrow the President finally will address the country to discuss the oil spill. The national media should hold the Obama administration to the same standard they did the Bush administration. Anything less shows a partisan bias.

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.

NATIONAL DAIRY MONTH

Mr. BRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1368) supporting the goals of National Dairy Month.

The Clerk read the title of the resolu-

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1368

Whereas since 1939, June has been celebrated as National Dairy Month;

Whereas there are nearly 70,000 dairy farms throughout the United States, and approximately 99 percent of these farms are family owned:

Whereas the dairy industry in the United States produces more than 170 billion pounds of milk annually and contributes tens of billions of dollars to the economy:

Whereas dairy products are an important source of calcium and have been long recognized as an integral part of a healthy diet for both children and adults:

Whereas dairy farmers are significant contributors to efforts to preserve farmland and the rural character of communities across the country; and

Whereas the dairy industry has faced significant challenges recently due to high production costs and low retail prices, which has forced many farms to close: Now, therefore. be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

- (1) supports the goals of National Dairy Month;
- (2) encourages States and local governments to observe National Dairy Month with appropriate activities and events that promote the dairy industry;
- (3) recognizes the important role that the dairy industry has played in the economic and nutritional well-being of Americans;
- (4) commends dairy farmers for their continued hard work and commitment to the

United States economy and to the preservation of open space; and

(5) encourages all Americans to show their continued support for the dairy industry and dairy farmers.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BRIGHT) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. NEUGEBAUER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alabama.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H. Res. 1368.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. BRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

The resolution we are considering today supports the goals of National Dairy Month, recognizes the importance of our dairy industry and commends dairy farmers for their continued hard work. Our Nation's 57,000 dairy farms provide healthy, nutritious milk and dairy products to families across the country. The products produced by our Nation's dairy farmers provide the nutrients necessary to support a healthy lifestyle and ensure our children and grandchildren grow healthy and strong.

The U.S. dairy industry produces 189 billion pounds of milk annually and contributes tens of billions of dollars to our economy. The House Agriculture Committee has recently held farm bill hearings across the country where Members have had the opportunity to hear from our Nation's dairy producers. Like too many in our Nation, dairy farmers are facing difficult times. Production costs remain high, but retail prices are low, and the credit farmers need to stay in business is difficult to find.

As we begin the process of writing a new farm bill, I am hopeful that we can work with our Nation's dairy farmers to develop new policies that will provide a better safety net that will ensure they can continue to meet our dairy needs and play a vital role in our Nation's economy. Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of this resolution today to support the goals of National Dairy Month.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 1368, supporting the goals of National Dairy Month, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, for more than 70 years, we have celebrated the month of June as National Dairy Month. Today it is particularly important to recognize the efforts of the hardworking men and women in the dairy industry.

The 19th Congressional District is one of the fastest growing dairy regions in the Nation, but many dairy