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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

Washington, DC, June 22, 2010.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HENRY CUELLAR 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 would now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

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 32 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

1400

AFTER RECESS

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

PRAYER

Reverend Lane Bembeneck, Joy Lutheran Church, Moore, South Carolina, offered the following prayer:

God of grace and glory, in Your goodness and love You created humanity to

live together in unity and peace. We are different and yet the same.

Thank You for the gift of communities around the world, large and small, and for the many ways in which our hands are an extension of Your graceful hands.

Empower the leaders of the House in their important work as they serve to make our communities safe, productive, and beautiful places to live and work.

Grant each person here wisdom in the important work that You have called them to do. Their work is Your work and their voices are Your voice as they labor together for the sake of this great land and for those around the world.

Bless all that is done here today and every day. We ask all this, O God, in Your holy and precious name. 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 Texas (Mr. POE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. POE of Texas 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.

COMMENDING IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ivy Tech Community College in South Bend, Indiana. Last week, Ivy Tech's South Bend campus was approved by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education to become the first college in Indiana to offer an associate's degree in the field of nanotechnology.

As demonstrated by advances made at the Midwest Institute for Nanoelectronics Discovery in South Bend, north central Indiana is a growing leader in the Nation's nanotechnology research and development.

As our Nation is faced with an expanding and increasingly competitive global economy, it is crucial to promote efforts such as a nanotechnology education to not only keep America competitive, but to thrive and win.

Investments today in nanotechnology will result in quality, rewarding Hoosier jobs of the future. I commend Ivy Tech for their efforts to prepare students, our next generation of innovators for the future.

JUDGE OVERRULES ADMINISTRATION

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, real people in the gulf region are affected by the hasty, overreaction by the Federal Government to shut down deep-water drilling for 6 months in the Gulf of Mexico. The Obamatorium will bankrupt businesses and put thousands of people in the gulf region out of work.

The Feds are in an apparent violation of the law which requires affected parties to be consulted before regulators dictate new regulations. Affected parties would be the oil industries that are shut down and the people of the Gulf States.

So these people have sued the Federal Government and asked a Federal

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judge to impose an injunction against the Federal Government's unscientific drilling ban. And in just the last hour, a U.S. district judge has ruled the administration was wrong in illegally summarily stopping deepwater drilling. It is unfortunate the administration has to be sued by the people of this country to keep it from destroying American jobs.

And that's just the way it is.

COMMENDING ARIZONA EDUCATORS

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

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, to succeed in today's global economy, our children need a great education. And as any mom knows, a great education comes from great teachers, working hard and giving every student the attention they deserve.

Though schools are starting their summer breaks, Arizona's teachers, administrators, and support staff are still putting in very long days. They are taking the time to get ready for fall so they can work with parents to help their students along the path to college or the job they want.

Even as many of our State's educators face layoffs and pay cuts this year, they remained devoted to making sure our kids can realize their potential and their dreams. In my district, where we have been hit hard by the downturn, they are finding creative ways to do their jobs with fewer resources.

As parents and as citizens, we owe our teachers, administrators, and support staff thanks for all their efforts. This Congress should do whatever it can to better support them in the coming school year.

NATIONAL MEDIA REVEAL DOUBLE STANDARD

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

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in 2006, the current House majority leader said enacting a budget was "the most basic responsibility of governing."

Now he says that the Democratic majority will not even pass a budget this year. The House has passed a budget every year since the Budget Act became law in 1974. If House Republicans had failed to pass a budget during an economic crisis such as this, it would be the lead story on every network news program and the lead editorial in every newspaper.

Instead, the national media have collectively yawned and have given the Democrats a free pass. The Democratic majority doesn't want to pass a budget because it will expose their run-away spending.

Americans want Congress to pass a responsible budget that will get gov-

ernment spending under control and reduce the national debt.

COMMENDING REAL MEN COOK FOR CHARITY

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the Real Men Cook for Charity in Chicago for its annual event which was held on Sunday, Father's Day, at the Kennedy King College for the purpose of promoting healthy lifestyles, family values, and community spirit.

As is usually the case, it was well-attended by hundreds of individuals and their families as a tribute to fathers. I again commend them for this great activity.

RECOGNIZING IMPORTANCE OF PASSING A BUDGET

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

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, when hardworking Arkansans receive their paychecks, they are forced to make difficult decisions about their finances and how to spend their money. Arkansas families are forced to tighten their belts in this economic climate and change their spending habits, and they expect Washington to do the same.

It is the job of Congress to be responsible stewards of taxpayer money, but not passing a budget is far from responsible. It is a failure by the majority to govern at its most basic level.

The level of discretionary spending increases and spending in the past year has become unsustainable. Failing to produce a budget only places future burdens on our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

We need fiscal discipline and a balanced budget that controls the national debt, does not raise taxes, and achieves lower deficits. Not passing a budget for the first time in modern history demonstrates how out of touch Speaker PELOSI and Majority Leader HOYER are with the American people. We owe it to the American people to do better.

HONORING ALFONSO OBREGON

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

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of an outstanding citizen of Pearsall, Texas, for his educational contributions to the community.

Mr. Alfonso Obregon recently retired as a public school superintendent with 30 years of experience. He retires with an exceptional background, having earned a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in education ad-

ministration. Mr. Obregon has dedicated 38 years to education, including 30 years as an accomplished superintendent. He started off in the 1970s teaching elementary and junior high school. He was promoted to superintendent for the Dilley Independent School District. From there he went to Progreso Independent School District, Asherton Independent School District and recently retired from the Charlotte Independent School District.

Throughout his career, he has been one who has served the public and has taught our children the difference between right and wrong.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to have time to recognize Mr. Alfonso Obregon, a great educator for south Texas.

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, June 18, 2010.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
*The Speaker, 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 June 18, 2010 at 2:57 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S.J. Res. 33.

That the Senate passed with amendments H.R. 3962.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 242.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER.

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 p.m. today.

SUPPORTING NATIONAL MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 288) supporting National Men's Health Week.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 288

Whereas despite the advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of more than 5 years less than women and African-American men have the lowest life expectancy;