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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PASTOR of Arizona).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

June 23, 2010.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ED PASTOR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Steven Boes, National Executive Director, Boys Town, Nebraska, offered the following prayer:

Creator God, we ask Your blessings upon these men and women of the United States House of Representatives. Give them the wisdom of Father Edward Flanagan, the founder of Boys Town, who once said, "Any enterprise that does not have God at the heart of it is bound to fail."

Help them to clearly see the needs of America's children, families, and communities. Father Flanagan taught America, "There are no bad boys; only bad environment, bad training, bad example." Help them to understand that there are no bad families either. Every family has at least one member who loves their children and wants them to succeed.

Please inspire these Members to work together to strengthen our families and communities so that our children can become stronger in body, mind, and spirit.

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 Vermont (Mr. WELCH) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WELCH 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.

WELCOMING REVEREND STEVEN BOES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Nebraska, Congressman TERRY, is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our guest chaplain, a constituent of the Second District of Nebraska, Father Steven Boes. On July 1, Father Boes will celebrate 5 years as the national executive director of Boys Town, one of the largest nonprofit, nonsectarian child care organizations in the United States. He is the fourth priest to succeed Father Edward Flanagan who founded Boys Town in 1917.

A native of Carroll, Iowa, Father Boes holds a bachelor's degree in sociology and master's degree in theology and divinity from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. He also holds a master's degree in counseling from Creighton University in Omaha.

A priest of the Omaha archdiocese, Father Boes previously served as the director of St. Augustine Indian Mission in Winnebago, Nebraska, before coming to Boys Town. He has over 20 years of experience in nonprofit administration and youth advocacy and will be a great leader in carrying out Boys Town's mission in the 21st century.

For 93 years, Boys Town has helped at-risk youth and families through a variety of services, and the organization has now expanded to 12 locations nationally. Last year, the organization served nearly 370,000 children and adults across the U.S., Canada and the U.S. territories, as well as in several foreign countries.

Boys Town has grown significantly since Father Flanagan's era. In 1977, the Boys Town National Research Hospital opened its doors and has become a national treatment center for children with hearing and speech problems and other communication disorders. Boys Town also opened its national hotline in 1989. Currently, Boys Town is implementing its Integrated Continuum of Care, which allows each child or family to make progress within the same treatment model while still getting individualized care.

Today, I honor Father Steven Boes. He is dedicated to the children and families throughout our Nation, representing the true spirit and tradition of Boys Town.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

WHERE'S THE MONEY?

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

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, this past Monday the Wall Street Journal ran an excellent article on the challenges facing small businesses. It began with a question that small businesses all across America are asking: Where is the money?

The Journal article cites a survey by the National Federation of Independent

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Business that found that half of the small businesses that tried to get the loans last year were either denied the loans or they were not given the money that they needed.

We found that small businesses in the Joint Economic Committee report have been badly hurt by the tighter lending standards that resulted from the financial crisis. That is why passing the Small Business Lending Fund Act last week was such an important step forward and sending it to the Senate.

Where is the money is an important question to ask, and the answer is, it is on the way. We hope that the Senate will act quickly and pass this important legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN BRUTON

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to thank John Bruton for serving the 2nd Congressional District with distinction. For the past 2 years, John has ensured South Carolina residents receive timely and accurate updates about the happenings in Congress. John has also been a key adviser on issues of science and technology, postal issues, and welfare. John's dedication and creativity will certainly be hard to replace as he heads off to law school at the University of South Carolina.

John Bruton is the son of Jean and John Bruton of Columbia, South Carolina, two parents who have been instrumental in their son's success. He is the grandson of the late judge J. Bratton Davis, a legend of integrity and competence for the legal profession.

I am confident that John's education at my alma mater, Washington and Lee University, his experiences as a Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and his dedication as a congressional staffer have made John prepared for success in the field of law. He is a credit to the people of South Carolina. I wish him Godspeed.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism. Congratulations to primary victors Nikki Haley, Ken Ard, Alan Wilson and Mick Zais.

KEEP THE DURBIN AMENDMENT IN THE WALL STREET REFORM BILL

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

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER) and I are speaking to you today about credit card relief for small businesses and merchants, and as we are, credit card lobbyists are roaming the halls trying to water down a very key provision in the Wall Street reform

legislation. They know that if the conferees keep the Durbin swipe fee amendment in the bill, small business and consumers will gain, and the monopoly pricing of the credit card industry will lose.

Just yesterday, several Vermont small business owners told me how much the credit card and debit swipe fees are hurting their business. Katy Lesser, who owns Healthy Living Market in Burlington, told me her business paid \$250,000 in fees last year. This year it will be \$350,000. And Sheryl Trainor, who runs a Mobil station in Queechee, told me she could plow the money she spends on swipe fees into better wages and more jobs.

I call on my colleagues in the conference committee to put small businesses before the credit card industry and maintain the Durbin amendment in the final package.

SUPPORT THE DURBIN AMENDMENT

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

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I want to associate myself with the gentleman from Vermont's remarks and urge my colleagues not to be swayed by the lobbyists from the credit card companies that are trying to eliminate the Durbin amendment from this important legislation.

Let me make this point clear. The compromise reached in the conference committee does not eliminate the interchange fee or allow the Federal Government to set the interchange fee. The amendment simply creates a level playing field for banks and small businesses to negotiate interchange fees like any other business contract.

The Sheetz Corporation, which has 363 stores in 6 States, is headquartered in my district, and last year, the Sheetz Corporation paid twice as much in interchange fees as they took in in net income after tax. Their second largest expense after payroll is the interchange fee. That means that for Sheetz, the interchange fee eclipsed the company's cost in rent for their 363 stores, and they are paying 1½ times the cost of providing health care to their nearly 13,000 employees.

The compromise reached by the conference committee benefits merchants, retains flexibility of small community banks and credit unions, and ultimately benefits the American consumer.

I urge the conference committee and my colleagues to support the Durbin amendment.

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CAPPING CARBON DIOXIDE

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

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, we now are at a critical juncture to determine whether or not we will respond to a terrible problem in the oceans, and that is not just the oil spill in the gulf; it is the acidification of the oceans now caused by carbon dioxide that comes from the oil and gas industry and some other fossil fuel industries.

I would suggest Members may want to take a look at a new report. It was in Science magazine, published 2 days ago by the American Association for the Advancement of Science. This is their conclusion: "The world's oceans are virtually choking on rising greenhouse gases, destroying marine ecosystems and breaking down the food chain, irreversible changes that have not occurred for several million years."

We have a chance to restrict and restrain this pollutant, carbon dioxide, in a bill now pending in the U.S. Senate. We hope that in conversations with the President next week we come out with a firm, clear cap on carbon dioxide so we can stop what will otherwise be irreversible changes in our oceans.

PROMOTING SAFE AMERICAN ENERGY PRODUCTION

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

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to applaud the Federal District Court ruling yesterday overturning the administration's job-killing moratorium on American energy production in the deep water of the Gulf of Mexico. This moratorium on drilling will ship thousands of good-paying jobs overseas. It will also make us more dependent on foreign oil. And finally, it's contrary to and in fact distorts the recommendations by a panel of independent scientists and engineers that the administration put together. It distorts their whole view that this industry-wide moratorium will in fact hurt safety by pushing the most experienced workers overseas and actually shipping all of our most advanced drilling rig technology overseas. It will hurt safety.

I urge the administration to back down from this ill-conceived, job-killing, arbitrary moratorium on American energy production.

HONORING THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

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

Mrs. DAHLKEMPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of service to the Diocese of Erie by the Sisters of St. Joseph. Since 1860, the Sisters of St. Joseph have cared for the people of Erie. They have provided quality education for our children, including establishing schools like my