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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

Reverend Dr. Robert Henderson, First Baptist Church, Lincoln, Illinois, offered the following prayer:

Our Father, deliver us from shallow words and impure motivations as we pray to You this day. Forgive us for our arrogance, selfishness and greed.

This morning we ask for Your blessing upon our Nation. Restore our hope, strengthen our faith, and teach us Your love. Enable us to be a nation that cares as we pursue peace, practice mercy and offer compassion.

We pray, O Lord, that You would establish the cause of the faithful, give comfort to those that suffer, and set right the injustices within our Nation and the world.

Protect those that defend our cherished freedoms as they serve within our military branches.

Give wisdom to our community leaders, our courts, and our national representatives.

Renew our commitment of service to the people of our Nation and to the greater good of all humanity.

These things we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina 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.

□ 1010

WELCOMING THE REVEREND DR. ROBERT HENDERSON

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SCHOCK) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. SCHOCK. It is my honor to welcome to the Chamber Pastor Henderson, who just gave us the opening prayer. Pastor Henderson contacted me when he was planning his family's trip to Washington, D.C. It had been a dream of his to be able to give the opening prayer, and I was pleased to be able to recommend him to the Speaker to have that privilege.

In addition to his pastoral duties at his home church, the First Baptist Church in Lincoln, Illinois, he is also a pastor for Memorial Medical Center, located in Springfield, Illinois. In addition to that, he's a public servant in his own right, being elected to his second term now for the West Lincoln-Broadwell School Board. He's in a whole host of organizations, constantly giving back to not only his family but his community, being a member of the Lincoln Area Musical Society orchestra and an officer of the Cub Scouts organization in his community.

He is joined here today with his wife and children, who are seated in the gallery: His wife, Melissa; his daughter, Burgundy; and his son, Joshua. We thank you and welcome you to the United States Capitol. We wish you and your family a good time as you learn more about our American history. Thank you for offering the prayer this morning.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 additional 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING CORPORAL KEVIN CUETO

(Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life and service of Marine Corporal Kevin Cueto of San Jose, California, who was killed in action on June 24, 2010, in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. He was 23 years old.

Kevin was born in Santa Clara County, and grew up in San Jose, moving to Campbell while in high school to live with his dad. At Westmont High School, Kevin was a member of the football, baseball, and wrestling teams, as well as the Reserve Officers Training Corps. Following high school, determined to serve his country and his family, Kevin enlisted in the Marines, and was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Marine Expeditionary Force, based in Twentynine Palms, California. Corporal Cueto served a tour in Iraq in 2009 before being deployed to Afghanistan earlier this year. Last week, he was tragically killed when his patrol was struck by a roadside bomb while conducting combat operations. His awards and decorations include the Purple Heart, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Corporal Cueto leaves behind his parents and a younger brother. I extend my sincerest gratitude to him and my condolences to his family. I ask every

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Member of the House to join me in honoring his service to our country.

MORE WAYS TO SAVE

(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, congratulations to Coach Ray Tanner and the talented players of the University of South Carolina Gamecocks for winning the College World Series of Baseball at Omaha, Nebraska.

When it comes to reducing Washington's out-of-control spending, Republicans continue to put forward "more ways to save." One such proposal is this week's YouCut bill introduced by Congressman PHIL GINGREY to save taxpayers \$1.2 billion in 10 years by prohibiting taxpayer funding for union activities. Federal employee unions are subsidized by hardworking taxpayers while they engage in lobbying and political activities. This costs the taxpayers over \$100 million a year. Americans should be alarmed about a \$13 trillion deficit. We should note the images of riots in Greece. What, I ask, will it take for real change to take place here?

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

WALL STREET REFORM

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

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call on Congress to rein in Wall Street's abuses. We need to put in place commonsense rules of the road. For too long, Wall Street fat cats gambled with our future and ran our economy into the ditch. North Carolina families I hear from every day paid the price. Why? Because Wall Street's protectors looked the other way while abuses ran rampant. We've seen what that means to Main Street and rural America—8 million jobs lost, \$17 trillion in hard-earned family savings—savings for retirement, college, for home buying—all wiped out overnight.

Today, we have an opportunity to say "enough." But the same folks who said "no" to helping out-of-work Americans yesterday are trying to say "no" to reining in Wall Street abuses today. I call on my colleagues to put aside their differences and put America before Wall Street, and join me in supporting the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

TOO MUCH RHETORIC—TOO LITTLE ACTION

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, over a month ago, the administration prom-

ised to send 1,200 National Guard troops to the border. But the troops still aren't there. Now the White House is saying it'll be another month before there's a "steep ramp-up" of the troops—and they'll be there only 4 months. And there'll be a complete ramp-down by June of 2011. And they'll be unarmed National Guardsmen.

You see, the troops aren't actually going to the border. There will be unarmed guards guarding computers 50 miles north of the border. And there'll be 1,200 troops but they all won't be there at the same time. That's like saying a store is open 24 hours but just not 24 hours in a row. What kind of border security plan is that? There is no sense of urgency to stop the violence and the killing along the border. Too much rhetoric and too little action coming out of the White House. Like my grandfather used to say, there's more thunder than rain.

And that's just the way it is.

HERE WE GO AGAIN

(Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, tell me it's not true. Republicans again are attacking Social Security. Yesterday, our minority leader indicated that he wanted sweeping cuts in Social Security. Sounds like déjà vu when the Republicans stood side-by-side saying "privatize Social Security." Can you believe that the Republicans are now standing with raising the age for retirees to get Social Security to age 70? Can you believe there will be a means test that you won't be able to get Social Security if you earn a certain amount? Can you believe they want to take this money to pay for the Iraq and Afghan war? Can you believe they're fighting Democrats to not extend unemployment benefits? Can you believe that they are fighting us from creating jobs, as Democrats are doing, giving opportunities to small businesses.

I really can't believe it, Mr. Speaker. Here we go again—cutting our seniors again, raising the Social Security means test as a way of saving money. What are we going to do? Fight back as Democrats and stand with our seniors.

□ 1020

NO BUDGET? NO PROBLEM

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. You know, last week the House leader announced that Democrats will not craft a budget next year. Instead of going line by line to see what programs could be eliminated or reduced, they are ignoring the dire warnings of economists and continuing on their spending frenzy. No budget? No problem. Not enough

money? No problem. They'll just raise taxes on the middle class, breaking their promise not to raise taxes on families earning less than \$250,000.

They need to produce a budget and stop the out-of-control spending that has pushed our national debt past \$13 trillion. I don't know what's worse, failing to produce a budget or how the Democrats already have resigned to the fact they will raise taxes on middle class families to pay for their wasteful ways. Americans want, need, and deserve better. Make a budget, cut spending for our freedom and for our future.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, for as long as I have been in Congress, I have worked on being a proponent of "bike partisanship," something that everybody ought to be able to agree on. That's why I have been appalled at the repeated attacks on cycling by the Republican leadership. The latest is for the second time, Republican Whip CANTOR has offered on the chopping block Safe Routes to School. You know, this is a program in 6800 schools across the country and has been requested by three times that number.

People know that children under 14, one-third of all their deaths occur when a car hits them when they're biking or walking. In my old grade school on a very busy street, these grants have reduced crashes by 25 percent and pedestrian injuries by 34 percent. This is a commonsense program supported by people regardless of their party. When children can bike or walk safely to school, we won't be worried about 300-pound morbidly obese 6th graders and a second rush hour as people take their kids to school. And then all our families will be safer, healthier and more economically secure.

PRESIDENT OBAMA'S HANDLING OF IMMIGRATION

(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, a recent NBC News survey found that over half of all Americans disapprove of how President Obama is handling the immigration issue; an overwhelming 73 percent support imposing new fines on businesses that hire illegal immigrants; 71 percent support increasing border security by building a fence along the border and training more Border Patrol agents.

So it's no surprise that Republicans are viewed more favorably when it comes to enforcing the border. In fact, their survey found that only 26 percent of registered voters are likely to vote for a Democratic candidate who opposes the Arizona immigration enforcement law. The American people are not