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The House met at 12:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 19, 2010.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DONNA F. EDWARDS 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 31 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 (Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Well-ordered time is cosmic set.

The sun seems to rise from the Earth. Yet in truth, it is the Earth that moves. Each morning gives rise to this mistaken perception.

Lord God, during the rest of this day, let us not be deceived by half-truths, which reshape simple desires into felt needs.

Do not allow our past experiences so crowd the mind there is no openness for surprises.

Rather, Lord, give us the strength to meet the truth with all its demands to change and accept.

Once again, by Your power, the truth will set us free to act as Your children both now and forever.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

Mr. LOEBSACK 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.

HEALTH CARE REFORM COMES CLEAN ON TAXES

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

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, there is an interesting new development on the ObamaCare front.

Remember the penalties on families that do not purchase health insurance,

the ones that will top \$2,000 for many families? Remember what President Obama said about this individual mandate penalty? He said it was "absolutely not a tax increase."

Well, I guess times have changed.

Now the Obama administration's Justice Department is defending this penalty in court as part of the government's "power to lay and collect taxes."

At least the truth about this \$4 billion a year tax is now out. Too bad Washington Democrats didn't come clean until months after ObamaCare became law.

Madam Speaker, the American people deserve better.

STIMULUS MISINFORMATION

(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. Madam Speaker, this weekend, the administration bizarrely claimed that there is "overwhelming consensus" that we are not losing jobs and are, instead, creating them. If this is the case, I encourage the administration to release the data to back up this "overwhelming consensus" to constituents who want to know "Where are the jobs?"

The Web site created to monitor the stimulus money is even a failure. At one time Recovery.gov was nothing more than a Web site filled with misinformation, fake job numbers and fake congressional districts.

When unemployment numbers hover around 10 percent and when stimulus dollars are not reported accurately, it is no wonder that, in the opinion of most Americans, stimulus spending is not working. This sentiment is highlighted by a recent CBS poll, showing that 74 percent of Americans believe that the stimulus had no impact or has made things worse.

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It is time for an audit of this failed policy, and it is clearly time to stop spending time and taxpayer money promoting a failed program and to, instead, focus on implementing policies that will actually create long-term, private-sector jobs.

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

COMMEMORATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COUNCIL

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

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Northwest Arkansas Council for its vision and leadership in addressing regional challenges and providing solutions, making Northwest Arkansas enticing for families to live and businesses to thrive.

For 20 years, the Northwest Arkansas Council has met the growing demands of a quickly developing area. With its support, the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport was designed and built, creating a universal hub for a rapidly growing area. Additional regional projects, like Interstate 540, the establishment of a water and utilities commission and the creation of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Mobility Authority helped provide infrastructure upgrades crucial to meeting the needs of the region.

I commend the leaders of the Northwest Arkansas Council as well as business and community leaders for their actions and insight to helping shape the region. Twenty years of service is a great accomplishment, and I look forward to its continued efforts and support of Northwest Arkansas.

SANCTUARY POLICIES ENDANGER AMERICAN LIVES

(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. Madam Speaker, the Obama administration is suing Arizona for wanting to enforce our Nation's immigration laws, but they won't sue cities that violate our immigration laws by enacting sanctuary policies.

So-called "sanctuary cities" prohibit their law enforcement officers from cooperating with the Department of Homeland Security to support illegal immigration. Will the administration also ignore individuals who fail to pay their income taxes, for example? Of course not.

The administration's policies endanger American lives.

In San Francisco, an illegal immigrant with past violent crime convictions savagely murdered the Bologna family—a father and two sons. In Los

Angeles, an illegal immigrant murdered 17-year-old Jamiel Shaw, Jr., and an illegal immigrant gang member shot three students in Newark, New Jersey, execution style.

All of these murders took place in sanctuary cities where they might have been prevented. The Obama administration needs to enforce immigration laws, not ignore them.

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.

□ 1410

SUPPORTING DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK

Mr. LOEBSACK. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1472) expressing support for designation of the week of September 13, 2010, as National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1472

Whereas the literacy of its citizens is essential for the economic well-being of the United States, our society, and the individuals who can benefit from full participation therein;

Whereas literacy and education skills are a prerequisite to individuals reaping the full benefit of opportunities in the United States;

Whereas the economy and our position in the world marketplace depend on having a literate, skilled population;

Whereas the Nation's unemployment rates are highest among those without a high school diploma or General Equivalency Diploma (GED), indicating that education is key to economic recovery;

Whereas our Nation needs older adults to reenter the education pipeline and transition to college if we are to meet the President's goal of the highest proportion of college graduates by 2020 and if we are to be internationally competitive by 2025;

Whereas the education skills of parents and reading to children have a direct impact on the educational success of their children;

Whereas, parental involvement is a key predictor of a child's success, the level of parental involvement increases as the education level of the parent increases;

Whereas parents in family literacy programs become more involved in their children's education and gain the tools necessary to obtain a job or find better employment;

Whereas, as a result, children's lives become more stable, and success in the classroom, and in all future endeavors, becomes more likely;

Whereas studies show that two important factors that influence student achievement are the mother's education level and poverty in the home, it is clear that if adults are not part of the learning equation, then there is no long-term solution to our Nation's education challenges;

Whereas many older people in the United States lack the reading, math, or English skills to read a prescription and follow medical instructions, endangering their lives and the lives of their loved ones;

Whereas many individuals who are unemployed, underemployed, or receive public assistance lack the literacy skills to obtain and keep a job with a family-sustaining income, continue their education, or participate in job training programs;

Whereas many high school dropouts do not have the literacy skills to complete their education, transition to postsecondary education or vocational training, or become employed;

Whereas a large portion of those in prison have low educational skills, and prisoners without skills are more likely to return to prison once released;

Whereas many of our Nation's immigrants do not have the literacy skills to succeed in their new home country;

Whereas the National Assessment of Adult Literacy reports that 90,000,000 adults lack the literacy, numeracy, or English language skills to succeed at home, in the workplace, and in society;

Whereas National Adult Education and Family Literacy week highlights the need for our government to support efforts to ensure each and every citizen has the necessary literacy skills to succeed at home, at work, and in society; and

Whereas the week of September 13, 2010, would be an appropriate date to designate as National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the designation of National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week, including raising public awareness about the importance of adult education and family literacy;

(2) encourages people across the United States to support programs to assist those in need of adult education and family literacy programs; and

(3) requests that the President issue a proclamation recognizing the importance of adult education and family literacy programs, calling upon the Federal Government, States, localities, schools, libraries, nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations, consumer advocates, institutions of higher education, labor unions, and businesses to support increased access to adult education and family literacy programs to ensure a literate society.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LOEBSACK) and the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Iowa.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LOEBSACK. Madam Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on House Resolution 1472 into the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.