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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: O God, at times it seems You have rejected us. Our defenses have broken down, and we feel vulnerable. Come and renew us with Your spirit.

You have rocked the whole country, and it is split open. You have let some of our people suffer hardships. Others seem drunken on fine wine.

But, You have warned those who fear You, there is no escape before the judgment falls.

Deliver those who are dear to You. Save them with Your powerful right hand. Answer with the word spoken from Your holy sanctuary.

The memorials built on the past speak of Your victories. Now, You need the cooperation of Your people. So once again with Your help, they may do valiantly. And You, our God, will prove victorious and receive the glory, both now and forever.

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 Maryland (Mr. KRATOVIL) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KRATOVIL 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

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

HONORING SALISBURY ALUMNI CHAPTER OF KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY

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

Mr. KRATOVIL. Madam Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the accomplishments of the Salisbury Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity for their outstanding service to the community. This year marks 20 years of dedication to the youth of Salisbury, Maryland, by providing them with a positive outlet through their summer basketball league.

The co-directors are Bruce Wharton and Tom Vanlandingham. With support from friends, they created a program that keeps children off the streets when schools are closed. The league started for kids on the west side of Salisbury and over the years has shown numerous children what possibilities life has to offer.

While basketball is the hook, Kappa Alpha Psi brothers also strive to show kids the positive side of life by surrounding them with examples of positive male and female role models. Bruce and Tom plan seminars on everything from avoiding the temptations of joining a gang to good eating habits.

Their league is free to all children and includes children from ages 10 to 18. They play Monday through Thursday evenings, four games per night. A recent expansion has allowed students from nearby cities and States to form teams and play in the league as well.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity is a prime example of how to give kids the support guidance they need through sports. I commend them on this milestone anniversary.

EXTEND TAX CUTS FOR JOBS

(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, on Wednesday I highlighted the significant tax increases that are heading toward hardworking Americans at the beginning of next year. Families, married couples, and parents are going to be paying more taxes. Washington liberals are planning to reinstate the marriage penalties and cut the child tax credit in half.

Cutting the child tax credit in half from \$1,000 to \$500 per child will cost the average American family around \$1,033 in higher taxes in 2011.

Reinstating the marriage penalty will cost an average of \$595 for each family in 2011. In these tough economic times, raising taxes will eliminate jobs. It is time for Washington liberals to stop passing policies that penalize families and start passing incentives that promote job creation.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

AMERICAN BUSINESS COMPETITIVENESS ACT

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

Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, our current Tax Code is riddled with loopholes for big multinational corporations. Many industries, especially those with high-paid lobbyists, get special tax breaks, many of which actually reward companies for sending jobs overseas.

The Syracuse Post-Standard pointed out these breaks cost us up to \$123 billion a year. Now, most businesses employ hardworking citizens and keep the economy afloat. Where are the tax breaks for them? Instead, they pay one

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of the highest tax rates, 35 percent, simply because they are American businesses.

We are putting our entire business community at a competitive disadvantage in the worldwide market while rewarding corporations that build factories in China and Mexico.

Mr. Speaker, the bill that I have introduced this week will eliminate the irresponsible tax loopholes that move our jobs overseas and use the money saved from that to lower the corporate tax rate by a third. That would help create millions of manufacturing jobs and other jobs here in America.

SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Federal Government has decided some people are more special than others. The administration thinks the Wall Street elites are special. The big banks and the big auto industries, well, they are really special and too big to fail, but the administration has decided the blue-collar workers who do the rough work on the oil rigs and provide American energy—just aren't special.

The blue-collar guys don't want handouts like the special interest big shots got. They just want their jobs back.

But the administration not only won't treat these workers special, the administration just took their jobs away because of the offshore drilling moratorium. Now these American jobs are headed to Brazil, Libya and to Egypt.

The drilling moratorium is not based on science, it's arbitrary. Two courts have so ruled. Five Americans are killed on highways every hour. I don't see anyone wanting to close all the roads down.

The deep-water moratorium should end. The offshore workers should get their jobs back, but that's not going to happen any time soon because it's only special treatment for special folks, and they are just not that special.

And that's just the way it is.

SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join all of America in celebrating 75 years of a bedrock promise to our seniors, to our retirees, of Social Security. That's right, 75 years of Social Security, a promise from one generation to the next generation.

In this country, 6 in 10 seniors rely on Social Security for more than half of their income. Over 6 million children, nearly 1 in 10, receive part of their income from Social Security.

I was one of those young people when my father was disabled. I and my siblings received Social Security to help us continue to support our family in a real time of need. It really is one promise from one generation to the next.

Now, there are some on the other side of the aisle who want to privatize Social Security. They would put Social Security into the stock market, and maybe we would face a year like we have faced in the last couple of years, and retirees would lose a third or more of their income.

But that's not the promise that we make from one generation to another. So this summer I and my colleagues are going to be talking about Social Security. I will be doing it this weekend at a senior forum out in Prince George's County, Maryland. A promise from one generation to the next generation, it's a promise that Democrats plan to honor. It's a promise that we make to the American people, and we will keep that promise no matter what our Republican colleagues try to do.

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DEMOCRATIC AGENDA IS TO SCARE SENIORS

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

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, once again this morning my Democratic colleagues are trying to scare this country. The facts of the case are that, as a result of the economic downturn of this country because of high taxes and more rules and regulations, more people are unemployed in America today than since the Great Depression. That is what will kill Social Security.

Republicans are not interested in killing Social Security. They are interested in America having a vibrant economic output. They are interested in people being employed and being able to take care of their families. And so perhaps the Democratic message will be to scare seniors and scare people about what Republicans would do to Social Security. Let's get it right: Republicans want to make sure that we have a vibrant economy. We are for Social Security. We support Social Security. I am disappointed that the Democratic agenda is going to be—that we heard about today—to scare seniors about their future.

SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Ms. SHEA-PORTER. Mr. Speaker, some of my friends on the other side of the aisle are always warning the young people of this country that Social Security won't be there for them, so we should just scrap it now, raise the retirement age, and privatize Social Security. They are wrong.

Social Security is critical for those who depend on it. It is essential for the

family who has a loved one who needs disability insurance. It's essential for our senior citizens who paid their whole lives into a system so they would have a safety net when they need it most. However, Social Security is not just a retirement benefit; it's also an insurance program. If a spouse or parent of a child dies, Social Security is there for his or her widow, widower or child. This is not just a retirement program for seniors. It's a social safety net for all of us.

The young people of this country need to know Social Security is there for them and that it can be there in the future, just as it was for generations and for our seniors today. However, we must fiercely defend Social Security from some Republican efforts to privatize funds and gamble it on Wall Street. We must protect and strengthen Social Security, not dismantle it.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3534, CONSOLIDATED LAND, ENERGY, AND AQUATIC RESOURCES ACT OF 2010; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5851, OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS WORKER WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION ACT OF 2010

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1574 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1574

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3534) to provide greater efficiencies, transparency, returns, and accountability in the administration of Federal mineral and energy resources by consolidating administration of various Federal energy minerals management and leasing programs into one entity to be known as the Office of Federal Energy and Minerals Leasing of the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. General debate shall be confined to the bill and amendments specified in this section and shall not exceed one hour, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. In lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. That amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against that