

are leaving crying parents with no justice because you let someone go.

To the district attorney of Harris County, what a ridiculous thing to see three dead bodies and refusing to hold an individual whose alcohol was 1.27 to 1.62. He is legally drunk. The legal amount is 0.8. When are we going to understand that drunk driving can cause death? And to those of you who drive while drinking or drive under the influence, you are a menace to society.

Three dead teenagers. I am calling on the Justice Department and the Attorney General of the United States to recognize that they are here to protect the people of the United States, and these three dead teenagers are in need of their protection in their loss, and their families want justice. I am asking for the U.S. Marshal to show up and work with us to do something on behalf of these Americans and these families that are mourning.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 10 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 24 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until 10 a.m.

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland) at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

Reverend Charles Gallagher, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for this new day. You are the author of life. You have designed the universe and You hold it together in Your hands. You govern all things. You are the ruler of the world, the supreme lawmaker.

Guide this assembly as it participates in Your governing power. As it creates laws for the human order, may it always respect the laws Your divine order has imposed. Let us remember that the rights of the persons come not from the deliberations of men, but from the hand of God.

May this assembly always protect the life and respect the dignity of all human beings, especially those who are too weak and too small to protect themselves.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, 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 Wisconsin (Mr. KAGEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KAGEN 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 PRO TEMPORE

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

MEETING THE EMERGENCY NEEDS ACROSS AMERICA

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. We have an obligation to the future to stop borrowing and spending, and actually, today, we're going to meet emergency needs across America and we are going to stop borrowing, but we are going to do something the Republicans really hate. We are going to close some unbelievable, abusive, foreign tax loopholes. They're called daisy chain hopscotch dividends that are deemed in Bermuda and the Cayman Islands, among other exotics.

You know, when we built the greatest country on Earth, corporations paid 40 percent of the taxes in this country. Today, Republicans are paying 7 and Republicans think that's just too much. Well, we've got a choice: cut \$10 billion in abusive foreign tax loopholes and fund our kids' education so we don't have the shortest school years and the largest class sizes in America, or continue business as usual to subsidize those corporations and allow them to hide money overseas.

I know how the Republicans vote. I'm voting with the kids.

RECKLESS SPENDING

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

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, I make infrequent appearances in the House well, but today, I feel obliged to express my disappointment for Mrs. Obama's decision to conduct an elaborate vacation in Spain. She and members of her entourage are spending lavishly, and American taxpayers will subsidize this vacation with lavish payments as well.

With the dismal American economy in the tank, this Spanish vacation, Madam Speaker, was ill-conceived, ill-timed, and generously laced with illogical arrogance. It is my belief that the First Lady owes an apology to American taxpayers for this exercise in reckless spending.

SUPPORTING EDUCATION JOBS AND MEDICAID ASSISTANCE ACT

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

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I don't know why my colleagues on the other side have problems with the bill we came back to pass today. I guess it's because it helps poor and middle class people.

The Education Jobs and Medicaid Assistance Act will save or create 310,000 jobs in this country: the teachers our children need as they return to school, policemen, firefighters, and others who keep us safe, and nurses who provide us tender loving care when we need it most. It increases Medicaid so more poor families can get health care. If this is a special interest bill as they are telling the American people, then those are the kinds of special interests Democrats have and will always have: people who need our help to go to work every day and take care of their families.

Republicans would rather continue tax cuts for the wealthiest 1 percent of people and support corporations who take jobs and send them overseas which would only increase the deficit their policies created in the first place.

This bill is paid for and will reduce the deficit by \$1.4 billion and is just another example of Democrats being responsible with our country's finances and responsive to the needs of our constituents. And their opposition is another example of Republicans misleading the people and trying to take us back to the same failed Republican policies that got us in the ditch in the first place.

TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL MAX W. DONAHUE, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

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

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. United States Marine Corporal Max W. Donahue enlisted in the Marine Corps in 2006 from Highlands Ranch, Colorado, and had served two previous combat tours in Iraq before deploying to Afghanistan.

Corporal Donahue was a military policeman assigned as a working dog handler with the First Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, California.

Before he was deployed to Afghanistan, Corporal Donahue explained to his mother why he wanted to go there. "There's not a lot of guys who can do what I can do, and my buddies need me there," recounted his mother, Julie Schrock.

On August 4, Corporal Donahue was on a mission in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, with his German shepherd, Fenji, when he was gravely wounded by

an improvised explosive device and tragically succumbed to his wounds on Saturday, August 7, 2010.

Corporal Max W. Donahue was a shining example of United States Marine Corps service and sacrifice. As a retired Marine Corps combat veteran, my deepest sympathies go out to his family, his fellow Marines, and all who knew him.

GOP LEADERS CHOOSE TAX CUTS FOR WEALTHIEST FEW OVER TEACHERS, NURSES, AND POLICE OFFICERS

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

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, today's legislation clearly demonstrates the differences between the two parties. Congressional Republicans have made their choice clear. The GOP is calling for an extension of the Bush tax cuts for the wealthiest few and saddling Americans with nearly \$700 billion in debt versus our Democratic paid-for bill that creates and maintains 310,000 jobs for hardworking Americans.

Our legislation will save or create more than 310,000 American jobs for teachers, firefighters, police officers, and nurses. These funds are needed now to prevent layoffs and actually rehire teachers and prevent law enforcement officers from losing their jobs.

Bottom line is congressional Republicans would rather extend the Bush tax cuts for the wealthiest few and saddle Americans with a \$700 billion debt. Our Democratic legislation is fully paid for by closing costly corporate tax loopholes that allow corporations to shift American jobs overseas. Democrats are moving America forward while the congressional Republicans want to take us back to the exact same failed policies of the Bush administration that drove us into this economic ditch.

AFGHAN HUMANITARIANS

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

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, this weekend, we received sad and disturbing news from Afghanistan as 10 humanitarian aid workers, six of them Americans, were killed in a barbaric Taliban attack.

Among those killed was one of my constituents, Glen Lapp of Lancaster, as well as Brian Carderelli, whose family I have worked with on humanitarian aid projects. The team leader, Tom Little, served with his wife and daughters in Afghanistan for over 30 years. They were ambushed while traveling from an isolated village where they provided eye care and other medical assistance. The group they were working with, International Assistance

Mission, has been working in Afghanistan for decades, reaching out to heal the sick and restore sight.

Because of the barbaric actions of the Taliban and these senseless killings, the people of Afghanistan will lose the valuable assistance of individuals with special medical skills to help those living far away from modern medical services.

I know that Glen, Brian, Tom and all of the volunteers will be dearly missed and we honor them for their courage and love for the Afghan people and their service to them.

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SUPPORTING EDUCATION JOBS AND MEDICAID ASSISTANCE ACT

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

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, just say no? That's not a solution. The Democrats in the House of Representatives want to find solutions and pay for them, and that's what we are doing.

Earlier this year, 42 governors wrote to us and said they needed help paying for health care for the poorest people in their States and 42 governors were out of money. So the Democrats came up with a solution to provide money to these States so that they could provide health care to their poorest people, and we found a way to pay for every penny of it and not add a penny to the deficit and this way help those poor people who needed it, help the governors, and reduce the burden of taxes on local and State taxpayers. We did it by cutting loopholes for corporations who were getting a tax break for taking their companies overseas.

See who votes which way. The Democrats came up with the solution. We paid for every penny of it. We are helping the States, the taxpayers, and those in need. We are moving the country forward.

We will not allow this country to go back to the policies that brought us to the brink of disaster.

TIME TO RECLAIM OUR COUNTRY

(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, how bad does it have to get?

Over 20 million Americans are out of work or have given up looking for work. Federal spending is out of control, and congressional Democrats won't even propose a budget.

The administration intentionally takes actions to weaken immigration laws; Federal judges assault our time-tested values; and the administration wants to hike taxes on individuals, small businesses, and investments, which will kill jobs.

How bad does it have to get before Americans reclaim our country?

CRITICAL ASSISTANCE TO STATES

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

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support the legislation we will be voting on in a few hours. It isn't perfect, but it will provide critical assistance to States' strapped budgets. It will save or create more than 300,000 jobs.

Now, during the debate over restoring the unemployment insurance program, the Republicans whined out here on floor that the bill wasn't paid for. I will remind them the bill before us is paid for and, in fact, will reduce the deficit by nearly \$1.5 billion. So we shouldn't hear one single word from now till 3 o'clock about it ain't paid for. It is paid for.

I will say it again. It will save 300,000 jobs.

Still, I bet every Republican will vote "no." Why? Not because they think it's a bad policy, but because they want to do everything in their power to make certain that President Obama can't get this country going again. They have been dragging their feet for 18 months, 20 months now. Come November, I think they are going to find it was a dumb policy.

EXTEND TAX CUTS

(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, instead of calling Congress back into session to protect special-interest unions and add more tax increases, we should be focusing on policies that give American families incentives to invest and create jobs.

Americans should be concerned now about the job-killing bill and the tax increase we are likely to see before the end of the year. Also, after the election in November, Washington liberals will try to ram through a national energy tax, remove the right to a secret workers' ballot, and continue to skyrocket America's deficits with reckless spending.

In an effort to prevent this job-killing, lame-duck tactic, I support Congressman TOM PRICE's resolution that eliminates a lame-duck session. This promise is critical in order to represent the will of the American majority, who have serious concerns about reckless spending and more taxes, as over 20 million citizens are out of work or have given up looking for work.

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