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House of Representatives

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. RICHARDSON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 14, 2010.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LAURA RICHARDSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:
All powerful and ever-living God, in creating us and fashioning this Nation, You call us to act responsibly as Your people to meet the challenges placed before us.

By always being attentive to Your Word and attuned to the inspirations of Your Spirit, we stand strong in faith and in freedom, bringing newfound hope to a cynical generation.

Give us continual health of mind and body that together we may prove to be Your instrument to establish law-abiding justice across the land and seek Your gift of unifying peace 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 Texas (Mr. POE) come

forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. POE of Texas 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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, August 12, 2010.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in clause 2(h) of rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on August 12, 2010 at 10:37 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6080.

Appointments:
With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER.

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DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in clause 2(h) of rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on August 12, 2010 at 12:04 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S. Res. 617.

Appointments:
With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER.

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Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in clause 2(h) of rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on September 14, 2010 at 9:21 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 292.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by the Speaker on Tuesday, August 10, 2010:

H.R. 1586, to modernize the air traffic control system, improve the safety, reliability, and availability of transportation by air in the United States, provide for modernization of the air traffic control system, reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes; and by Speaker pro tempore HOYER on Thursday, August 12, 2010:

H.R. 6080, making emergency supplemental appropriations for border security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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EXTEND TAX CUTS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

(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, over the past month, I have visited dozens of small businesses across South Carolina, and I have met with concerned citizens, all of whom expressed the need for more tax relief, not tax increases.

For 16 straight months, America's unemployment rate has been above 9 percent with nearly 20 million people without jobs. This is clearly a time of urgency, and the last thing hard-working families and small business owners need are more crippling tax hikes. The nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation confirms that the upcoming tax hike will raise taxes on 50 percent of small business income in America.

The math is simple: More taxes equal fewer jobs. Congress must act to prevent the job-killing taxes that are headed for American families and provide policies that give American families incentives to invest and create jobs.

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

GRANDSON OF STIMULUS

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, there is a new horror movie sequel here in Washington, DC. It's called the Grandson of Stimulus, and it's really scary.

First, we had the \$700 billion Stimulus I. That was a year and a half ago. It was supposed to be spent on roads and bridges and infrastructure, but according to the New York Post, Stimulus I turned into an \$800 billion bottle of snake oil, and it cost \$100 billion more than the entire Iraqi war. In July, we had Son of Stimulus, the Sequel. It cost the taxpayers another \$30 billion. It was a bailout for failed State governments. Now they're proposing Stimulus III: Grandson of Stimulus. It's another \$50 billion in so-called stimulus spending. They say it's for roads and bridges and infrastructure again.

Maybe Congress should quit spending money we don't have and let Americans keep more of their own money. That would help get the country out of the poorhouse. Let the taxpayers keep their own money.

And that's just the way it is.

THE DEMOCRATS' FAILED POLICIES

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

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, well, here we are 20 months into the 111th Congress and in the homestretch of our legislative year—and what have we seen?

We saw a \$1 trillion takeover of America's health care system. That means higher costs for virtually every American and no guarantee of any improvement in quality; a \$1 trillion stimulus bill that did not keep unemployment numbers from going through the roof; a financial bill that did nothing to address the main cause of the Nation's economic downturn—Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac—but made it easier for big banks to be bailed out by the Federal Government. As for cap and trade, in the President's own words: This is going to make energy prices "necessarily skyrocket." Then, on January 1, 2011, there will be the biggest tax increase in the history of the United States.

Madam Speaker, I support repealing the health care reform bill using unspent stimulus funds to pay down the deficit and in reforming Fannie and Freddie so that taxpayers won't have to continue to bail them out. I oppose cap and trade, and I believe all of the tax cuts for American families and businesses should be extended so that the current tax rates remain.

The Democrats' policies have clearly failed. Republicans have alternatives. It's time for this House to listen.

RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT

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

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, of course what we've just heard is nonsense. If my friends on the other side of the aisle had had their way in the worst economic recession in 80 years, which was on their watch, they would have done nothing.

As a matter of fact, a Republican economist, Mark Zandi, said, but for the Recovery and Reinvestment Act, we would have gone into a great depression.

And that's just the way it is.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND TAX INCREASES

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

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, our Nation's unemployment continues to hover near 10 percent, and 15 million Americans are looking for jobs. That's 7 million more than when the current majority took over.

We've seen the results of these failed economic and fiscal policies—deficits, debt and an economy which continues to struggle. In fact, unemployment has been above 9 percent for 16 consecutive months. But instead of putting forth a

bipartisan plan to spur job creation, Washington Democrats seem to be doing the exact opposite. In just a few months, they may allow the largest tax increase in history on American families and small businesses.

We won't solve our fiscal challenges until we cut spending, stop the growth of government and extend tax relief. It's simple: Businesses do not hire when their taxes go up. I urge my colleagues to join me against any tax increases on working families, small businesses, farmers, and ranchers.

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PASSING OF PAUL CONRAD

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

Ms. HARMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise with sadness to note the passing of one of our Nation's preeminent cartoonists, Paul Conrad. Paul, who resided with his wife, Kay, in Palos Verdes, California—formerly a part of my district—was a friend and a political genius.

I was first elected to Congress in 1992, the so-called "Year of the Woman." In that year, California elected two women Senators, and the number of women Members in the House doubled. Paul's cartoon was perfect, an outline of the State of California with a high heel down the left side.

His career spanned more than 50 years and 11 Presidents. He was intensely proud of being on President Nixon's so-called "enemies list." Reportedly, that meant more to him than the Pulitzers he was awarded. President Gerald Ford reportedly said, "Laugh and the whole world laughs with you. Cry, and you've been the subject of a Paul Conrad cartoon."

Born in 1924 in Iowa, a college dropout, Conrad's career began in Denver, where he won his first Pulitzer, but really took off when he moved to Los Angeles and sent shock waves through the then-staid Los Angeles Times, his home thereafter. Said L.A. Times editor Russ Stanton, "Paul Conrad was simply the best ever." Right on.

RECOGNIZING AMBASSADOR SUE COBB FOR RECEIVING "ORDER OF JAMAICA"

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize a very distinguished Coral Gables resident, Ambassador Sue Cobb, on being a recent recipient of the Order of Jamaica.

A fellow University of Miami graduate, Ambassador Cobb is the first U.S. woman to receive this distinction, one of Jamaica's highest awards. It recognizes her service as our United States Ambassador for the years 2001 to 2005,