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

### PRAYER

Rev. Scott Moore, Doctoral Student, Erfurt, Germany, offered the following prayer:

God of the nations, You have chosen many and various ways to show Your presence in the world. You have been a guiding light in dark times and a refuge against the storms of life.

We ask You to send the Spirit of Your holy wisdom and compassion to the Members of the 111th Congress, who gather here for this most important work.

Strengthen them in their work for justice. Lead them in their work for peace. Guide them as they speak and act for all who would call this great land their home. Bless their families, and bless them in their work today.

Grant them the opportunity and the serenity, O Lord, to reflect on all they have achieved so far, and unite them in a common vision inspired by Your love.

We ask this in the Name of the One who calls each of us by name.

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 gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic 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 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### IMPROVING THE ECONOMY AND CREATING JOBS

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

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, last week, the Small Business Jobs Act was signed into law, marking the latest effort by the Democratic Congress to partner with small businesses to put the economy back on track.

The Jobs Act makes \$30 billion in lending and \$12 billion in tax breaks available to small businesses to create 500,000 new jobs. The Democratic Congress has already helped small businesses by providing tax credits for hiring unemployed workers, by reducing tariffs on goods used in U.S. manufacturing and by expanding incentives for capital investments.

Nearly 2 years ago, our economy was losing 700,000 jobs per month. Now we are on pace to create hundreds of thousands of new jobs in the private sector.

Yet, instead of joining with us to grow small businesses and the jobs they create, Republicans in Congress opposed loans to small businesses, opposed tax incentives for businesses to hire unemployed workers, opposed tax credits for health benefits, and opposed new incentives for business investments.

Democratic Members stood up to provide American businesses with the right tools to innovate and create jobs. Access to capital, encouraging investment and hiring will ensure that we are continuing to create new jobs today and for tomorrow.

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### CONGRATULATING US1 RADIO ON ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

(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. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate US1 Radio on celebrating 30 years on the air. For many residents, US1 provides the soundtrack for the Keys. Since 1989, US1 Radio has been the most listened to radio station in the Florida Keys. The station also received the Edward R. Murrow Award for broadcasting during Hurricane George. These hard-earned accolades are due not only to its great programming but also to the station's commitment to the Keys community.

After the BP oil spill, US1 Radio provided information to Monroe residents to keep them updated and aware of the situation. And there is no oil in the Keys, folks. Come on down.

Congratulations to Bill Becker, Ezra Marcus, Kevin LeRoux, Kevin Redding, and all of the staff at US1 Radio for their hard work. Here's to 30 more years of US1 Radio.

### JAMES ZADROGA 9/11 HEALTH AND COMPENSATION ACT

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

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today we are considering a bill that is overwhelmingly supported by the American people. The James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act, which I offered along with the entire New York delegation, will provide needed health care for more than 36,000 Americans who are sick or injured because of 9/11.

This is a national issue. Those who are suffering come from all 50 States, which this chart shows. The darker

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color shows States that have more than 1,000 of their residents enrolled in health programs. For those Americans, the 9/11 attacks are not history but are an ongoing nightmare that is slowly robbing them of their health, their strength, their livelihood, and, in some cases, their lives.

Thousands lost their lives 9 years ago, but since then, thousands and thousands more have lost their health. This is not an entitlement program. This is a responsibility to take care of those who took care of us when our Nation was attacked, and this bill sends a message to future generations that we take care of our veterans from the war against terror.

In today's debate, I hope that all Members will put politics aside and, in a bipartisan way, honor and respect the sacrifices of the 9/11 victims.

#### A PLEDGE TO AMERICA WITH 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. Mr. Speaker, after months of disastrous job losses and free-for-all spending sprees, it is quite obvious that a new way forward is very much needed. Through town hall meetings, district tours, and interactive forums, House Republicans heard the pleas from hardworking Americans wanting to correct Washington's misplaced priorities.

Last week, we answered their call and provided concrete solutions for immediate action to create jobs, stop frivolous spending, enhance national security, improve health care, and reform a broken Washington.

Not only will we extend tax cuts for all Americans, we will, additionally, allow small business owners to take a tax deduction equal to 20 percent. This is crucial that we move quickly on this NFIB goal, as it will allow entrepreneurs to keep their own earnings for investments for new jobs.

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

Congratulations to Joy and Julian Wilson on the birth Friday, September 24, 2010, of Julian Dusenbury Wilson, Jr., at Lexington Medical Center in West Columbia, South Carolina.

#### PROGRESS FOR AMERICAN SMALL BUSINESS

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

Mr. BACA. Last week, this Chamber passed another measure to move America's small business forward, the backbone of this country. The Small Business Jobs Act provides \$12 billion in tax cuts for America's small businesses and creates a \$30 billion lending fund to increase available capital and spur small business lending right here in America and not overseas.

This bill was one of many that congressional Democrats worked on to provide relief for hardworking Americans. That is why we passed the Recovery Act, which boosted SBA funding to authorize loans. That is why President Obama has already signed into law eight separate small business tax cuts.

Republicans don't seem to get it. Instead of working for the people, they would rather work to obstruct and continue to be the Party of No.

On the other hand, congressional Democrats and the President have constantly supported the American economic backbone. We didn't create this economic mess, but I am confident that we will be the ones to lead us out of it.

#### BORDER FENCE

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in spite of objections to the contrary, a fence is still being built along the southern border. Illegals objected to this but the President is resilient. He is standing firm on his commitment to build the fence to keep illegals out.

You see, over 500,000 illegals cross the border every year into Mexico, and the fence is being built at the southern end of Mexico to keep people like Guatemalans out. It's the Mexican southern border that they're protecting.

You know, Calderon demands that the United States not build a fence. He arrogantly demands the Arizona law not be enforced, but when Mexico has problems with illegals coming to "take jobs that Mexicans won't do," Calderon says he's building a fence on his southern border, whether illegals like it or not.

Every country has the right to defend its border. We should stop listening to anything President Calderon says and do what's right for our country. Secure our borders by sending immediately the National Guard to our southern border.

And that's just the way it is.

#### PASS THE MIDDLE CLASS TAX CUTS

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

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, middle class families are the backbone of our economy, and that is why we should not wait any longer to vote on extending tax cuts for these middle class families. There is near universal agreement to extend these cuts. There is also agreement that we should extend the investment portion of the current Tax Code. So we need a universal agreement to extend the cuts. We can and must take this action now. There is uncertainty within American families and there is uncertainty in businesses.

Extension of these taxes have been held hostage by the discussion of

whether to extend the rates for the wealthiest Americans. We can't afford \$700 billion over 10 years just for the highest income earners with 79 percent of that \$700 billion, get this, going to less than one-fifth of 1 percent of all American taxpayers. That's preposterous.

The nonpartisan Tax Policy Center has said the extension of middle class tax cuts would affect less than 2 percent of all small business. My colleagues—CAPUANO, HIGGINS, and OWENS—have put forth our own proposal: a 5-year extension of the current middle class tax cuts, a 5-year extension of the current rates on long-term capital gains and qualified dividends, and a 1-year extension of the highest tax rates of those making up to \$500,000.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 847, JAMES ZADROGA 9/11 HEALTH AND COMPENSATION ACT OF 2010; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2378, CURRENCY REFORM FOR FAIR TRADE ACT; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2701, INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

Ms. PINGREE of Maine, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 111-648) on the resolution (H. Res. 1674) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 847) to amend the Public Health Service Act to extend and improve protections and services to individuals directly impacted by the terrorist attack in New York City on September 11, 2001, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2378) to amend title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 to clarify that fundamental exchange-rate misalignment by any foreign nation is actionable under United States countervailing and antidumping duty laws, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2701) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### TAX AND SPEND DEMOCRATS

(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, Democrats in Congress won't tell the American people how much they're going to raise their taxes. They're going to wait till after the election when we come back into session.

And Democrats in Congress won't tell the American people how they're