

MARISELA MORALES IBANÉZ
MEXICO

The first woman ever appointed to the position of Assistant Attorney General for Specialized Investigation of Organized Crime (SIEDO) in 2008, Marisela Morales has been a leader in bringing to justice some of Mexico's most dangerous and notorious criminals. Her fearless efforts to stand up against corruption have generated confidence in SIEDO among the public at large. Under Ms. Morales' leadership, SIEDO has succeeded in coordinating efforts with the Secretariat of Defense, the Secretariat of the Navy, the Secretariat of Public Security, and the Secretariat of Governance, as well as with the U.S. Embassy in Mexico, and the embassies of other governments. Ms. Morales has been instrumental in creating the first Federal Witness Protection Program in Mexico. With her guidance and support, SIEDO indicted the first federal trafficking in persons case. With her oversight, SIEDO and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security have cooperated to reunify children of trafficking victims with their mothers in the United States.

GHULAM SUGHRA
PAKISTAN

Born in rural Sindh Province, Ghulam Sughra became her village's first female high school graduate and the first teacher at the first school for girls. Despite being challenged by villagers who refused to enroll their daughters in school, she initiated a public awareness campaign. She came to realize that economically empowered women would have more authority to allow their daughters to attend school so she focused on ways that would enable local women to develop their own sources of income. Her efforts led to the creation of the Marvi Rural Development Organization (MRDO), an NGO focused on creating community savings funds and raising awareness of education, health and social development issues.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 4 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 23 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 4 p.m.

□ 1600

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 4 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord, our God and Savior, You have given us a powerful calling. Destined in our journey of life to find eternal happiness in Your presence; each day, we hope to draw closer to You and at the same time accomplish great deeds for the good of this Nation and for the world community.

By Your guidance of our judgments and decisions may we respond to Your commands and holy inspirations to build Your kingdom of peace and justice.

In so doing, may we give You glory 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 his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. FOXX 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.

WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the lone survivor, the last doughboy of World War I, Frank Buckles, has died at the age of 110. This photograph of Frank Buckles was taken when he was 16 years of age. He lied to numerous recruiters so he could join the United States Army and go "over there" in World War I. He served in the Ambulance Corps, rescuing other doughboys who had been wounded in Europe. He came back home to America.

During World War II, he was in the Merchant Marines, Merchant Seamen, and he was captured by the Japanese in the Philippines. He was held as a prisoner of war for 3½ years.

Later, Frank moved to West Virginia, and he drove his tractor until he was well into his hundreds. This is a photograph taken of him when he was 109 years of age. It was taken not far from here on The D.C. Mall because, you see, it was Frank's wish toward the end of his life that we, as Members of Congress, authorize the building of a memorial to all of the doughboys who served in World War I, all 4 million of them who have all died; 116,000 of them were killed in World War I.

Mr. Speaker, we have memorials for Vietnam, World War II, and Korea on The Mall, but we don't have a memorial for all of those who served in World War I. We have a memorial, and this is a photograph of it, for the folks that lived here in D.C. and served in World War I, but we don't have a memorial for all that served.

So I have filed, today, legislation on behalf of Frank Buckles and all those other doughboys that we authorize the building of a memorial on The Mall for those who served in World War I, those doughboys. It is time for Congress to do something for those young men and women who served.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING C. RAY BAKER

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

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember an Arkansas legend—former Mayor Ray Baker—who died March 4, 2011, following a lengthy illness. For 20 years, Mayor Baker presided over Fort Smith, Arkansas, our second largest city. He was remembered this week not only for his outstanding civic leadership, but also for his 44 years of teaching American history at Fort Smith Southside High School, lessons taught to thousands of students on many of the very issues debated in this hallowed Chamber. He was an institution in civic and academic accomplishment, including the prestigious Milken Family National Educator Award.

Mr. Speaker, it warmed the soul to listen to his colleagues, former students, family, and friends eulogize him for his contributions to humankind. His enthusiasm was contagious; his devotion to his school, church, and community unmistakable.

Thanks to Mayor Baker, in his own immortal words, "Life's worth living in Fort Smith, Arkansas."

HORRIBLE UNDERMINING OF RIGHTS

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, just a few minutes ago I had the privilege of listening to Janice Kay Bobholz, a deputy sheriff from Wisconsin; Courtney Johnson, a teacher from Ohio; Ryan Fagg, an electrician from Indiana; Lynne Radcliffe, a school support staff from Ohio; and Tom Guyer, a U.S. Army veteran and a parole officer from Ohio, all of them pleading with this Congress to intervene or to cease the nonsense of their Governors who are union busting and breaking the backs of middle class Americans.

They all explained how the unions were eager to work with these States on health and pension benefits; but yet, because of special interests and large corporate donors and private conversations of the Governor of Wisconsin talking about breaking the backs of the special 14 who are trying to stay out to help the working middle class, they are in trouble.

Rather than creating jobs, rather than creating jobs as we are trying to do as a Democratic Caucus working on behalf of the American people, what we have is, frankly, a horrible undermining of rights in this country.

CREATE JOBS BY PRODUCING AMERICAN ENERGY

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, with gas prices going through the roof, it is time to ask the question: Is this administration's energy policy working? After all, gas price haves soared by 30 percent over the past year.

We can help protect ourselves from these sky-high prices and create jobs by actively producing American-made energy. That's why I support an all-of-the-above energy policy that includes more American-produced energy, like oil and nuclear, along with alternatives like wind and solar. This will lower prices and create good American jobs while reducing our dependence on foreign oil.

Unfortunately, the Obama administration doesn't seem to get this. Its de facto drilling moratorium in the gulf has already cost 12,000 jobs and 300,000 barrels a day of energy production.

Mr. Speaker, we need to increase production, not decrease it, or American families are going to be stuck with ridiculous gas prices that line the pockets of unsavory regimes in the Middle East.

SLUSH FUNDS

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday we learned that the Federal deficit for the month of February was \$223 billion, more than the total yearly deficit in 2007. Yet Republicans have been labeled as irresponsible for looking to cut a mere \$61 billion from the rest of this year's budget. Our cuts only amount to 30 percent of the monthly deficit. Additionally, these cuts are only made in the discretionary portion of our budget.

Tomorrow, in the House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee, we're going to look at new ObamaCare programs that have been locked away in the mandatory budget. One of these programs allows the HHS Secretary to spend unlimited sums of money. We have given the Secretary a credit card with no limit even though our national debt threatens the economic health of our Nation.

It is time that we cut up the credit card and restore to Congress the power to set fiscal priorities. Slush funds and unlimited spending are just two more reasons why ObamaCare needs to be repealed.

GUANTANAMO DETAINEES TO RECEIVE MILITARY TRIALS

(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, The Washington Post is correct today by headlining "Obama allows indefinite detention," citing "Guantanamo Bay Order Marks Shift" as the "U.S. also plans to resume trials by military commissions."

I would like to commend the President for stating the administration will resume trials by military commissions for detainees that pose a threat to national security. Civilian courts were never the proper venue to try these enemy combatants. In the future, I hope the President will work with Congress in creating a comprehensive plan for the detention and prosecution of the detainees at Guantanamo Bay as we face the global war on terrorism.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I know firsthand of the professionalism of our dedicated military personnel at Guantanamo. I recently visited the facilities in January, led by Chairman BUCK MCKEON; and in July 2005 with former Chairman DUNCAN HUNTER. Guantanamo Bay is a world-class detention facility to protect American families.

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

□ 1610

OBAMACARE

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

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, we are coming up, in 2 short weeks' time, on the 1-year anniversary of the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, affectionately known as ObamaCare.

Mr. Speaker, what has that year wrought? Many of us will remember the Speaker of the House a year ago, Speaker PELOSI, saying, We have to pass this bill so we can understand what's in it.

Well, it's been a year. Do we understand what's in it? The answer is we do, and people don't like what they see.

What about the oft repeated claim "If you like what you have, you can keep it"? It turns out that is incorrect. What about the waivers that have been issued since October? Now well over a thousand waivers have been issued by HHS. Why have those waivers been issued? They have been issued because this policy doesn't work. And worse than not working, it costs a ton of money.

Mr. PITTS just mentioned that in February the deficit in this country was \$223 billion for 1 month, the shortest month of the year. This is as good as it is going to get. What happens when you have those subsidies in the exchanges that subsidize middle class purchase of health insurance in this country for the first time? That's a high pressure tap into the Federal Treasury. It's really wrong and it has to stop.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Robin Reeder, Archivist:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 2, 2011.
Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a civil subpoena, issued before the Evidentiary Panel for the State Bar of Texas, for documents.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is inconsistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

ROBIN REEDER,
Archivist.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEES ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND HOMELAND SECURITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committees on Natural Resources and Homeland Security:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 2, 2011.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER BOEHNER, I have accepted the nomination of my Caucus to serve on the Committee on Energy and Commerce in the 112th Congress. I hereby submit my resignation to the Committees on Natural Resources and Homeland Security.

Sincerely,

DONNA CHRISTENSEN,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. YODER). Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Brian Pate, one of his secretaries.

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 6:30 p.m. today.

DENTAL EMERGENCY RESPONDER ACT OF 2011

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 570) to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance the roles of dentists and allied dental personnel in the Nation's disaster response framework, and for other purposes.