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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 25, 2011, at 10 a.m.

House of Representatives

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2011

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 18, 2011.

I hereby appoint the Honorable K. MICHAEL CONAWAY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Gracious Lord, You forgive sinners and accept us as Your very own. As they seek to perform works of lasting justice for Your people, Members of Congress realize they are called to be leaders in understanding and reconciliation.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., pleaded with this Nation to find ways to build bridges of mutual respect within the diversity of this body of people.

Lord, help this Congress to construct renewed trust and draw together in establishing Your beloved community here while calling upon Your Holy Name 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 his approval thereof.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WOMACK) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WOMACK 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.

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT ETHAN C. HARDIN

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

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to remember the brave service of Sergeant Ethan C. Hardin, of Fayetteville, Arkansas, who died in service to this great Nation on January 7, 2011, in Logar Province, Afghanistan.

Sergeant Hardin served with B Company, 2nd Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, a battalion affectionately known as the Wild Boars, fitting for this proud Arkansan who hailed from razorback country. Nicknamed "Easy" for his easygoing personality, Sergeant Hardin was also a veteran of the conflict in Iraq.

Sergeant Hardin was the product of a loving Christian family and a 2004 graduate of Fayetteville Christian School. His dedication to God and country defined him as both man and soldier.

While we mourn with his parents, Tom and Ceil Hardin, we celebrate the life of this American patriot, knowing he has eternal life through the grace and glory of Almighty God.

END FOR-PROFIT HEALTH CARE

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

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, everyone knows that insurance companies make money not providing health care. After all, they are in the insurance business; they are not charities. But with as many as 29 million Americans suffering from preexisting conditions, insurance companies want Congress to repeal health care reform. The provisions which require covering people with preexisting conditions would eventually cut into insurance company profits. Repeal means Americans will continue to pay more for insurance but get less—that is, if they can afford health insurance in the first place. The very idea of health care reform, solely within the context of a for-profit system, has been more than problematic.

Today, 50 million Americans have no health insurance. What are we going to do for them? Rather than waste time debating how much reform insurance companies will permit, if any, it is time to change the debate. It is time to

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end the for-profit health care model. It is a time for not-for-profit health care, single payer, universal Medicare for all, with an emphasis on wellness and personal responsibility. More about that tomorrow.

HISTORIC INAUGURATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA

(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, South Carolinians are still celebrating Wednesday's inauguration of Governor Nikki Randhawa Haley of Lexington as the first female governor in the 341-year history of our State. She is the second Indian-American governor in American history, in the tradition of Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal, recognizing the growing significance of Indian Americans in American society.

Our family is very grateful for the swearing in of my oldest son, Alan Wilson of Lexington, as America's youngest attorney general. His prosecution experience will serve the people of South Carolina well.

The inauguration was also historic for being the first all-Republican inauguration in over 130 years with Lieutenant Governor Ken Ard; Secretary of State Mark Hammond; Treasurer Curtis Loftis; Comptroller General Richard Eckstrom; Superintendent of Education Mick Zais; Adjutant General Bob Livingston, Jr., America's only popularly elected adjutant general; and Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers.

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

NO REPEAL OF HEALTH CARE REFORM

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

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, today we begin debate on the Republicans' unfortunate effort to repeal health care reform. I pray that this debate today is civil and that it is respectful.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, and many of our colleagues know, I served as a judge in my State for many years. I understand what it means to be objective and to have a fair debate. And I know there are usually two sides to every issue. But when it comes to repealing the reforms that Democrats have passed, I just can't figure it out.

Why would Republicans add \$230 billion to the deficit when their mantra has been deficit reduction? Why would Republicans force small businesses to pay higher taxes after fighting for cuts? Why would Republicans take away a parent's right to cover their adult children? And why in the world

would Republicans make seniors pay more for their prescription drugs? I just don't understand. It appears to me that this may be partisan politics.

ATTACK IN TUCSON

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is the shooter, not the gun. Not the bullets; not rejection by the Army; not the Internet; not radio talk shows; not the political climate; not people assembling to protest; not the press; and not bold speech that is to blame for the crimes by the terror from Tucson. Hold the assassin accountable. He and he alone should be judged. In this frenzied furor to make excuses and to find other causes for the crime, Congress itself would do well not to do violence against our Constitution.

Those elites, even those in Congress, who think that they and they alone are now authorized to regulate speech, press, assembly, and the right to bear arms should understand they cannot use this assault and murder as an excuse to steal away the rights of citizens, all under the false illusion of making us safe from killers.

The Constitution should not be imprisoned, for it is the terror of Tucson who should be locked in chains.

And that's just the way it is.

DO NOT REPEAL HEALTH CARE REFORM

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

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, there will be no repeal of the health care reform law, so let's be clear. The agenda that the Republican leadership has set for this week's floor activity and the committee work that follows is nothing more than an opportunity to bad talk and fuel the misinformation about the Affordable Care Act which is a good law that will help over 30 million people be healthier, create millions of jobs, make our country more productive and stronger, and reduce the deficit.

So I am urging all of my colleagues, but especially those on the other side of the aisle, in the name of collegiality and honesty with the public we serve, to drop the charade and let us use the time the people of this country have hired us for to work together to create more jobs and make sure the health care law is implemented properly, to save the homes of families, and to create an educational system that will once again make our children the first in the world.

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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.

AUTHORIZING USE OF CAPITOL ROTUNDA FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF KENNEDY INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Mr. HARPER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 2) authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for an event marking the 50th anniversary of the inaugural address of President John F. Kennedy.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

S. CON. RES. 2

Whereas John Fitzgerald Kennedy was elected to the United States House of Representatives and served from January 3, 1947, to January 3, 1953, until he was elected by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to the Senate where he served from January 3, 1953, to December 22, 1960;

Whereas on November 8, 1960, John Fitzgerald Kennedy was elected as the 35th President of the United States; and

Whereas on January 20, 1961, President Kennedy was sworn in as President of the United States and delivered his inaugural address at 12:51pm, a speech that served as a clarion call to service for the Nation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),

SECTION 1. USE OF THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL FOR AN EVENT HONORING PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

The rotunda of the United States Capitol is authorized to be used on January 20, 2011, for a ceremony in honor of the 50th anniversary of the inaugural address of President John F. Kennedy. Physical preparations for the conduct of the ceremony shall be carried out in accordance with such conditions as may be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. HARPER) and the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Mississippi.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HARPER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Mississippi?

There was no objection.

Mr. HARPER. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 2, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for an event on January 20, marking the 50th anniversary of the inaugural address of President John F. Kennedy.