

the election of new board members and officers. Every year at our annual meeting we ask the membership to elect new officers and board members. In the past we have done so in a separate business meeting of the membership, but it occurred to us that there is no better place for holding a vote than the Chamber of the House of Representatives, and that's what we're going to do today. I therefore now will read to you the names of the candidates for officers and board members. They're all running unopposed and I therefore ask for a simple "yes" or "no" as I present to you the list of candidates as a slate. So you couldn't have an easier election, and if we're going to do it on the floor of the House, we want to make sure that it's a sure thing, right?

For the Association's eight seats on the 2011 class of the Board of Directors, the candidates are:

Jack Buechner of Missouri
Martin Frost of Texas
Lee Hamilton of Indiana
Jim Kolbe of Arizona
Bob Livingston of Louisiana
Norm Mineta of California
Jim Walsh of New York

All in favor of electing these eight former Members to a 3-year term as our board of directors, please say "aye." All opposed, say "nay." Hearing no opposition, the slate has been elected by the membership.

Next, we will elect our Executive Committee. Connie Morella and I are finishing up the first year of our 2-year term. Therefore, the candidates for another 1-year term as our Executive Committee are:

Barbara Kennelly of Connecticut for Treasurer
Jim Kolbe of Arizona for Secretary
Jim Slattery of Kansas for Past President Exec Member

All in favor of electing these three former Members to another 1-year term on our Executive Committee, please "aye." All opposed, "nay." Hearing no opposition, the slate has been elected by the membership. I thank you all very much.

Now as we come to the conclusion of our program, it is my sad duty to inform the Congress of those former and current Members who have passed away since our last report. This list contains the names of our colleagues and friends, all of whom will be greatly missed. Let me just highlight one name, my close personal friend and our former President, Jay Rhodes. Just a year ago, Jay stood at this very lectern delivering this report to Congress in his capacity as our association's President. That I am reading his name today and the list of these Members who have passed is so very sad for all of us who have been active with our organization and have known Jay so well. Jay was a great leader and dear friend, and we miss his guidance, intelligence, and his humor very, very much. He was someone who cared about all of us and that we all felt close to. It is a lesson

for all of us to appreciate life and to appreciate the friendships that we have and our family and to hold them dear and close to us.

I ask all of you to rise as I read the names as we pay respect to the memory of the people that I am about to list with a moment of silence.

John Adler of New Jersey
Robert Byrd of West Virginia
Emilio Daddario of Connecticut
Robert Duncan of Oregon
Marvin Esch of Michigan
Frank Evans of Colorado
Robert Ellsworth of Kansas
Geraldine Ferraro of New York
Peter H.B. Frelinghuysen, Jr. of New Jersey

Wayne Grisham of California
Robert P. Hanrahan of Illinois
William Harsha of Ohio
Fred Heineman of North Carolina
Arthur Link of North Dakota
Steve Horn of California
James Mann of South Carolina
Karen McCarthy of Missouri
James McClure of Idaho
Owen Pickett of Virginia
Howard Pollock of Alaska
William Ratchford of Connecticut
John J. Rhodes, III of Arizona
Dan Rostenkowski of Illinois
William Bart Saxbe of Ohio
Stephen Solarz of New York
Ted Stevens of Alaska
Tom Vandergriff of Texas
Harold Volkmer of Missouri
Stuyvesant Wainwright, II of New York

William Walsh of New York
Thank you.

That concludes the 41st Report to Congress by the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress. We thank the Congress, the Speaker and the Minority Leader for giving us the opportunity to return to this revered Chamber and to report on our Association's activities. We look forward to another active and productive year. We thank all of you, members of the Association

Mrs. MORELLA. The Chair again wishes to thank the former Members of the House for their presence here today.

Before terminating, the Chair would like to invite those former Members whose names were not recorded as being present to give their names to the Reading Clerk.

The meeting is now adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

Reverend Dr. Mark Smith, Ohio Christian University, Circleville, Ohio, offered the following prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, it is with praise and thanksgiving that we cele-

brate this day. As Psalm 118:24 says: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

As we prepare for this session of the people's House, may the wisdom of the Almighty flow to the hearts and minds of all those entrusted with the preservation of our great democracy. May the Spirit of God cause our leaders to detest evil practices and embrace truth and righteousness. May each government official be blessed with Your protection and grace. And may the warmth and smile of the loving God find its place in each person's heart here today.

We also ask for the protection of the great men and women serving around the world who defend our freedom.

We pray these things in the sacred name of our holy God. 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 gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. CICILLINE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CICILLINE 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

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

CONGRATULATING ARMY NATIONAL GUARD SPECIALIST TERRANCE MCKINNEY

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

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I stand honored to represent Indiana's Third Congressional District, which is home to one of the United States Armed Forces' finest members, Army National Guard Specialist Terrance McKinney.

After a 2-day competition between 14,000 soldiers at Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center, Indiana, from April 18-19, National Guard Specialist Terrance McKinney earned the title of Indiana's Army National Guard Soldier of the Year.

McKinney, at age 25, is now joined with 54 others as the best National Guard soldiers in the country.

McKinney was also recognized for his exceptional achievement Friday, May 20, 2011, at Victory Field in Indianapolis and moves on to compete at the regional level.

McKinney is from Fort Wayne, Indiana, and a member of Detachment 18 Recruiting and Retention Command out of Muncie, Indiana.

I congratulate Army National Guard Specialist Terrance McKinney for his achievements and am proud of Indiana's 14,700 members of the Indiana Army and Air National Guard.

We owe endless gratitude to these men and women in uniform who have devoted their lives to our security, brought justice to the leader of al Qaeda, and continue to bring justice to those who seek to destroy us.

THE BENEFITS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL FOOD SYSTEMS

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

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, all over this country, small, independent farmers are making a living by farming in a way our parents or grandparents would recognize—raising high quality food and selling it close to home.

The USDA recognizes the importance of this growing economy and has developed programs like "Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food" and research focused on local food systems. These programs are critically important.

Later today, we will take up a bill that is accompanied by a report that will cripple these efforts with unnecessary bureaucratic requirements and by prohibiting research on local and regional food systems. That's right, the committee report actually urges USDA to stop doing research on the benefits of local and regional food systems.

Mr. Speaker, more and more American families want to know where their food is coming from and want to buy it locally. Now is not the time to make it harder for small farmers to give consumers what they want.

CONGRATULATING THE NBA CHAMPION DALLAS MAVERICKS

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the newly crowned NBA champions, the Dallas Mavericks. They came together, persevered, and played exceptionally well as a team.

The MVP of the series, Dirk Nowitzki, will go down in history as a tireless worker and humble team player who shined both on and off the court.

I'm proud of the Mavs' first-ever NBA championship title and hope there are many more to come. It is Flag Day, and I think it's noteworthy that this team is emblematic of the American spirit—as individuals they are good, but when they come together, they are great.

God bless Texas. God bless the Mavs. I salute you.

BEST WISHES TO BRAD ADAMONIS

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the United States Challenge Cup Junior Golf Foundation headquartered in East Providence, Rhode Island, which provides competitive opportunities for young golfers throughout New England.

Recognizing the need to expand access to competition for young golfers, the Challenge Cup was founded thanks to the vision, passion, and dedication of Dave Adamonis, Senior, in 1980, and continues today under the strong leadership of his older son, Dave, Junior.

The Challenge Cup has enabled thousands of young men and women to grow through the game of golf, resulting in hundreds of alumni advancing to compete at the collegiate level, developing the careers of many golf professionals, and fostering the personal growth of all participants.

As the 2011 United States Open begins this week, multiple Challenge Cup alumni are part of the field, including one of the tour's first participants, Dave Adamonis, Senior's younger son, Brad.

I thank the Adamonis family for their immense contributions to Rhode Island and the national golf community, and I wish Brad Adamonis the best of luck as he battles Congressional Country Club this week in hopes of capturing our national golf title.

DERIVATIVES

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

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to talk about something that most Americans don't know much about: derivatives.

Derivatives are basically big bets on the future of the housing market, the future of oil prices that, amongst other things, AIG used to destroy itself, requiring the Bush administration to put together a bailout package that was so controversial that we got to pay for.

Derivatives are also used by speculators to take position in energy markets. Don't take it from me. Goldman Sachs says that \$20 to \$30 of the price of a barrel of oil today is associated with speculation in the energy markets.

Now, you'd think given all this that we might regulate derivatives, which we haven't done before, and you'd be right, except for the fact that the bill that we're talking about today, the Agriculture bill, would gut money for the CFTC, which will be the regulator of the derivatives markets.

Now, the majority can't say we shouldn't regulate them. So, instead, in their zeal to deregulate everything, they're saying let's gut the regulators' ability to look after these contractors.

Sounds crazy? It is.

WE NEED TO KEEP OUR PROMISES TO OUR SENIORS

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

Ms. HANABUSA. Mr. Speaker, during these difficult times, we define ourselves as a society and a country by how we treat those who are less fortunate and those who are dependent. We also define ourselves by how we keep our promises, and this is why it is so important that we keep our promises to our seniors.

I'm speaking, Mr. Speaker, about Medicare and the Republican plan to do away with Medicare as we know of it today. You hear many things, but we owe it to our seniors to be honest and up front with them as to exactly what this plan is going to do.

You will hear that Medicare will not affect those seniors who are on Medicare now. That is not true. Seniors who are on Medicare now will see that doughnut hole reappear. In other words, they're going to pay for prescription drugs again. You will see figures like 3.9 million of them paying \$2.2 billion next year, alone, for that doughnut hole.

We will also see that it will cost them a total of about \$11 million next year because they will now have to copay for their wellness visit.

This is not the way we keep our promises to the elderly.

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SAVE MEDICARE AND MEDICAID

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

Mr. CLARKE of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, we must save Medicare and Medicaid. With more and more people growing older and the costs of medical technology skyrocketing, the proposal to end Medicare would result in many seniors on a fixed income going bankrupt. The proposal to gut Medicaid would end up throwing our loved ones out of nursing homes and into the streets. I will tell you how Congress can best balance the budget. Just do these three things: Help create more jobs, help stop foreclosures, and help keep people healthy by providing health care to everyone.

THE DEMOCRATS' JOBS AGENDA

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, the agenda of this House should be jobs, jobs, jobs. And yet here we are in June, and the Republican leadership has not put forth one single jobs bill, not one single jobs bill, and the American people want that. The Democrats have proposed the