

## RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 34 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until noon.

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## AFTER RECESS

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

## PRAYER

Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archdiocese of Washington, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Let us take ourselves in the presence of God.

Good and gracious God, You call us to make our way through this life with You and challenge us to walk arm-in-arm with each other. As we confront the human condition, You bless us with intellect and free will to establish institutions to guide our human affairs, to confirm the possibility of freedom, personal development, and prosperity for the common good.

We ask You to bless and strengthen all who strive to improve the human condition and foster a caring respect for each person. In Your goodness, bless the Members of our Nation's House of Representatives. May all their deliberations and discussions be inspired by the wisdom and vision of Your kindness. And may the work conducted here today bear rich fruit that nurtures all of the citizens of this Nation and our dreams for a better world.

All of this we ask in Your Most Holy Name. 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 Pennsylvania (Mr. MURPHY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania 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.

## WELCOMING CARDINAL DONALD WUERL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Without objection, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BOEHNER) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to welcome His Eminence Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, D.C., and to thank him for offering the opening prayer as we begin our work today.

Like many of his parishioners, I know Cardinal Wuerl to be a man of generous spirit and immense gifts, a true leader of the faithful. When he was elevated to the College of Cardinals last fall by Pope Benedict, it was a proud and humbling moment for all of us. His elevation came nearly a quarter of a century after being ordained a bishop by His Holiness John Paul II. Cardinal Wuerl went on to serve as Bishop of Pittsburgh, where he was born and raised, until his appointment here in Washington, D.C.

Around the world, Cardinal Wuerl is respected and admired for his efforts on behalf of Catholic education. He currently serves as chancellor of the Catholic University of America and is a champion of the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program, which helps disadvantaged students gain access to quality education.

Again, on behalf of my colleagues, it is an honor to welcome Cardinal Wuerl to the People's House.

## WELCOMING CARDINAL DONALD WUERL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURPHY) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, as a Member who represents the area of Pittsburgh that is also part of the Pittsburgh diocese, I would also like to welcome Cardinal Wuerl to the House of Representatives. He is a great leader in the faith community and a friend, and certainly a friend to everybody in the Nation now as well as those in the Pittsburgh region.

He began his career as an assistant pastor at Saint Rosalia Parish in Pittsburgh. There he became secretary to Pittsburgh Bishop John Wright. Then at Saint Paul's Seminary in Pittsburgh, he worked as a rector. In 1988, Bishop Wuerl was installed as the 11th Bishop of Pittsburgh, where he led 18 years. He led 800,000 Roman Catholics in 214 parishes throughout southwestern Pennsylvania.

I should say we also knew him from his television series called "The Teaching of Christ," which was distributed throughout the Christian Associates cable channel, and his best-selling catechism of the same name, which is now I believe in its 30th year of publication, translated into over 10 languages.

I echo the comments made by our Speaker in terms of the Cardinal's leadership and the esteem we all hold him in. We are most grateful that he came here today and led us in prayer.

## COMMUNICATION

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

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OFFICE OF THE PARLIAMENTARIAN,  
Washington, DC, February 10, 2011.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Attached is a facsimile of a letter of resignation submitted by Rep. Christopher J. Lee to the pertinent Executive authority in the State of New York. It was received in the Capitol last evening. The facsimile previously laid before the House was addressed to the Governor rather than to the Secretary of State. This document will round out the papers of the House on this matter.

Sincerely,

JOHN V. SULLIVAN.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, February 9, 2011.

Hon. RUTH NOEMI COLON,  
Acting Secretary of State, State of New York,  
Albany, NY.

DEAR SECRETARY OF STATE COLON: I hereby submit my resignation as United States Representative of the 26th District of New York, effective 5:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Wednesday, February 9, 2011. Attached is the letter I submitted to Governor Andrew Cuomo.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER J. LEE,  
Member of Congress.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

## NEED TO WORK ON CREATING JOBS

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

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, it is time for Congress to roll up its sleeves and begin to work together. Democrats and Republicans must come together to create new jobs for the American people, strengthen our recovery, and reduce the debt.

Yet instead of finding some common ground solution, Republicans have put forward an agenda that only serves to divide the American people. Yes, we must lower the deficit and national debt, but it is wrong to balance the budget on the backs of honorable Americans with dangerous cuts that may lead to double-digit unemployment.

In my district in California in the Inland Empire, our unemployment rate is nearly 14 percent. My constituents can't afford to have Congress play politics with the budget and the national debt. They need jobs. They need to make sure that they are putting food on the table and paying their mortgage, not another government shutdown.

I urge all of my colleagues, Democrats and Republicans, to focus on the big picture and get to work on creating jobs. Let's build our future.

#### JUST ANOTHER DAY ON THE TEXAS BORDER, PART II

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, American missionaries Nancy and Sam Davis ran a charity in poor villages in Mexico. Recently, Nancy and Sam were driving home to Texas from Mexico when they were ambushed near the border by a roadblock of masked gunmen who opened fire on them. Nancy was shot in the back of the head. Sam bravely raced against oncoming traffic to the border while Nancy sat in the passenger seat bleeding to death. Nancy did not survive and died in McAllen, Texas.

The Mexican government has already said they will not investigate this homicide, and the American government must hold Mexico accountable. The narcoterrorists continue to murder Americans in lawless Mexico, and they will continue their terror on our side of the border if they are not stopped. They are international bandits. Meanwhile, our Federal Government continues to whistle by the graveyard of victims while the people in the border towns live in constant fear and danger. But it is just another day on the Texas border.

And that's just the way it is.

#### JOB CREATION, ECONOMIC RECOVERY, AND DEBT REDUCTION

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

Mr. SIRES. Mr. Speaker, as I listen to the debate in this House, we need to put politics aside and pursue policies that move America forward. I encourage my Republican colleagues to focus on legislation that creates jobs, economic recovery, and debt reduction.

While cutting spending is an important aspect of reducing the deficit, we must ensure that it is done in a way that will not threaten jobs, economic growth, and the security of our middle class. I am particularly troubled by recent proposals that would slash long-term investment in transportation, clean energy, innovation, and education. Spending cuts in these areas are unwise for our economic future, especially when it comes at the expense of the American workers. We need to continue to foster investment in these fields in order to expand private sector growth and put America back to work.

The situation in this country is such that every bill that comes before this House must be measured by whether it creates jobs, strengthens the middle class, and reduces the deficit. It is imperative that we come together to meet these goals in order to lay the

foundation for future prosperity in this country.

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#### FEDERAL RESERVE CHAIR BERNANKE: BIG DEFICITS COULD HURT THE ECONOMY

(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, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke of Dillon, South Carolina, is the latest leading economist to admit that out-of-control deficits could hurt our national economy. Last week, Mr. Bernanke warned, "Sustained high rates of government borrowing would both drain funds away from private investment and increase our debt to foreigners." This borrowing would lead to higher lending costs for small businesses and consumers. This threatens small businesses across America trying to create jobs.

At the same time, House Republicans are proposing billions in spending cuts. House Budget Chairman PAUL RYAN called this is a "down-payment" in attacking Washington's spending spree. This is just the beginning. As Speaker JOHN BOEHNER has stated, "There's no limit to the amount of spending we're willing to cut." Republicans made a pledge to America, and we're now making good on it.

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

#### HOCKEY IS FOR EVERYONE MONTH

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, as you know, I come from Chicago, home of the world champion Chicago Blackhawks, and I rise today in support of the National Hockey League's designation of the month of February as "Hockey is for Everyone Month."

"Hockey is for Everyone" is a nationwide initiative that works to break racial and economic barriers that prevent children from playing ice hockey. It reaches more than 300,000 underprivileged boys and girls annually across North America and includes programs for veterans and the disabled. I believe that no matter your background, every child should have the opportunity to play the greatest sport in the world. Increased access to healthy exercise will aid in the fight against childhood obesity and continue to decrease high school dropout rates.

On behalf of kids all over the continent, I thank the National Hockey League and "Hockey is for Everyone" for putting more hockey sticks in more hands—and more pucks on those sticks.

#### WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

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

Ms. EDWARDS. Here we are, it's mid-February. The Republicans took control. They won the election in November on an agenda of trying to create jobs for the American people. Two months into after being sworn in, here we are now—still haven't created a job. We haven't put a single bill on the floor of the House of Representatives to create jobs for the American people. With over 9 percent unemployment—among African Americans, 16 percent unemployment—communities across this country hemorrhaging, corporations in this country sitting on \$2 trillion in cash—and still no jobs.

So what are the Republicans doing instead? Here's what they're trying to do. They're trying to further restrict a woman's right to choose—not creating jobs, but want to get in the middle of your doctor's office to restrict your right to choose. Hours and hours of debate to direct committees to oversee regulations. Well, that's our job, to oversee the regulatory process. We don't need hours of debate to give us permission to oversee the regulatory process. Still no jobs.

What else are the Republicans doing? They're reviewing, reviewing. Well, that's safe. What do we have to review? Our job, of course, is to review. But our job is to create jobs for the American people. That's what they expected out of the election. That's what we need to deliver them.

#### TITLE X FAMILY PLANNING FUNDING

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

Ms. CHU. So far the Republican majority hasn't created a single job. In fact, they haven't even put a jobs bill on the House floor. Instead, they are focusing on partisan priorities that just don't help the country come out of this recession. Instead of putting people back to work, they are restricting women's reproductive rights.

Next week they will gut Title X funding for family planning. This Federal money is a critical health care safety net for women around the country. It has helped improve the quality of women's health, given women free choice, and also saved lives. Title X helps low-income women afford Pap smears and STD testing. It helps reduce unintended births and abortions. And who doesn't want to do that?

It's month 1; and instead of working on the economy, they are working to limit women's personal choices. Instead of doing the bidding of ideological extremists, let's join together and address the real needs of the American people—jobs.