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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DOLD).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 23, 2011.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT J. DOLD to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

Reverend Dr. Charley Hames, Jr., BeeBee Memorial Cathedral, Oakland, California, offered the following prayer:

Eternal and gracious God, we call on Your Name by Your mercy as one nation under Your divine counsel. Dear Lord, I lift up to You today these men and women who have been weighted with the vicissitudes of life by the virtue of the office that they have been called to serve for such a time as this.

We ask You, Lord, to equip and empower these, Your leaders, by Your Spirit to faithfully carry out the duty to the office in which affects our daily lives. Remind them of their divine purpose to bring hope where there has been disappointment, to give peace where there is chaos, and leadership that promotes unity.

Guide their minds to make decisions that embody the good of all of our citizens and pilot their hands to give voice to the voiceless. This is our prayer in Your awesome Name. 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 gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. LEE of California 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 REVEREND DR. CHARLEY HAMES, JR.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I am so pleased to welcome Reverend Dr. Charley Hames to the House floor after delivering today's very powerful opening prayer.

Dr. Hames is an absolutely brilliant pastor at the historic BeeBee Memorial Cathedral in Oakland, California. Under his leadership, BeeBee Memorial Cathedral has grown from approximately 80 members to over 1,400 members, making it one of the Bay Area's fastest growing churches. His ministries touch the lives of many throughout the community.

In addition to his 19 years in the ministry, Dr. Hames served as the chair of the board of the Empowerment Community Development Corporation, a nonprofit organization that fosters community involvement with local government.

Reverend Dr. Hames is the proud recipient of the 2011 CME-Ninth Episcopal District Pastor of the Year, is an

active member and chaplain of the 100 Black Men of the Bay Area, Inc., and a director for the Oakland African American Chamber of Commerce Board. He is married to his wife, Felicia S. Brooks-Hames, and is the proud father of three children.

I thank Pastor Hames for his wise counsel, for his spiritual leadership and for his commitment to making this a better world for all God's children.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

HONORING ROGER SCHLICKEISEN, DEFENDER OF WILDLIFE

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, last night Roger Schlickeisen was honored for his 20 years' leadership as president of Defenders of Wildlife, where he became a key pillar of the American environmental movement.

The successful reintroduction of the gray wolf into the American West was an example of his tenacity, skill and his vision. Whether Roger was fighting to protect our environmental laws from assault or using them for their intended purposes, he showed how even in difficult times, people would respond to protect what they cherish. That is how he built Defenders of Wildlife into such a formidable political and policy force, increasing its membership 1,500 percent to almost 1 million people.

Whether taking his phone call, an office visit, or exploring the Arctic wildlife refuge with Roger, his passion was clear to me. Roger provided leadership that matters, which speaks volumes today and will far into the future. Thank you, Roger.

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PRESIDENT OBAMA MUST STAND UP FOR ISRAEL

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

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, this week, President Obama went to New York to address the United Nations General Assembly. He did so, remarkably for an American leader, from a position of weakness.

As the Palestinian Authority began to campaign to upgrade its status at the U.N., this administration wavered and vacillated and did nothing for too long. This was a failure of leadership and leaves us, our Israeli allies, and the ever tense Middle East at an uncertain crossroads.

The President might have been able to rescue the situation with a forceful speech laying down a clear marker of America's support for Israel. Instead, he falsely blamed Israel for the stalemated peace process.

I have always believed that our relationship with Israel is unique in world history and critical to both countries. Those beliefs were reinforced when I had the opportunity to visit Israel and meet with Prime Minister Netanyahu in May.

President Obama must stand up, not only for Israel and the Israeli people, but also for a commitment to the peace process and the rule of law.

AMERICAN JOBS ACT

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

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, the American people are hurting. They need our help now. It's time for Congress to step up to the plate and live up to our responsibilities. Let's do what is right for the American people.

The American Jobs Act contains bipartisan policies that both Republicans and Democrats have supported in the past. Economists across the Nation agree it will create jobs and give our economy an immediate boost. If we do pass the American Jobs Act, in my home State of California, over 700,000 businesses will receive a payroll tax cut, \$3.9 billion in the infrastructure investment will create over 50,000 new jobs, and over 37,000 teachers and first responders will be saved from layoffs.

This debate is not about political winners and losers. It's about the struggle of everyday Americans. The next election is 14 months away. Let's come together and pass this bipartisan agenda.

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TRIBUTE TO DR. R.C. GOODMAN, SR.

(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, it is my honor today to send birthday greetings

to a member of America's Greatest Generation, Dr. R.C. Goodman, Sr., of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

This American patriot mobilized with the Arkansas National Guard at the beginning of World War II, earning two Purple Hearts and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. And his life was forever changed by the events of May 8, 1945. You see, Dr. Goodman was in charge of a train car full of Belgian POWs just rescued from a German camp. The train wrecked, and Dr. Goodman was one of the few survivors. He later shared with his children the terrific sense of helplessness watching so many die that day, and he made a commitment to becoming a physician so that he would always be able to help in the presence of human suffering.

Dr. Goodman, thank you for your service to your country and to your fellow man. And on the occasion of your 91st birthday, America sends its best wishes.

NATIONAL CHILDHOOD OBESITY AWARENESS MONTH

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

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize September as National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month.

When I served as Delaware's Lieutenant Governor, I spent a lot of my time helping children in our State understand the importance of making healthy lifestyle choices. I started a program called the Lieutenant Governor's Challenge that helped thousands of Delaware students make regular physical activity part of their daily lives.

One of my partners in these initiatives was Nemours, a foundation that operates A.I. DuPont Hospital, a world-class facility for children in Wilmington, Delaware. Nemours works with schools, childcare centers, and community organizations to help children make healthy food and lifestyle choices and to stay physically active. If we can help children make healthy decisions at an early age, those habits will stay with them for a lifetime, and we will save money on the country's health care bill as a result.

Mr. Speaker, we should follow the lead of organizations like Nemours for the healthy messages they bring to our children in places where they live, learn, and play.

WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

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

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. President, where are the jobs? You spent nearly \$1 trillion on a stimulus bill that failed. Now you want to spend another \$450 billion on another stimulus bill. This is simply repeating the same action and expecting a different outcome.

Solyndra is an example of the waste and failure of your stimulus bill. This company in the solar industry is a crony of your administration. Solyndra's backers were friends of your Presidential campaign, and the company received friendly treatment from your administration. Solyndra was supposed to create green jobs, but now more than a thousand are laid off. They got a \$535 million taxpayer-subsidized loan, but they are now bankrupt and their officers are taking the Fifth Amendment.

We must help the American economy create jobs by freeing job creators from regulations that stifle growth, expand production of competitive and affordable energy, stop threatening job creators with higher taxes, and stop wasting taxpayers' money.

Mr. Speaker, no more Solyndras.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

PRESIDENT'S JOBS PLAN

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

Mr. WELCH. We have two problems in this economy: One is, we have a long-term deficit that requires long-term solutions. Second, we have an immediate crisis of high unemployment. We have 23 million Americans who are out of work full time or out of work part time, people looking for full-time work that don't have it—23 million Americans. Why can't we focus on policies that are going to put people back to work? The President's jobs plan will help us to do that.

What does it do? We start to invest in infrastructure. It is disgraceful that the roads and bridges of this country, that the water and sewer systems in your town and mine are ancient and antiquated. They need repair. They need rebuilding. That is not just money thrown out the door. That's investing in our future where generations are going to benefit from it.

Part of the solution is rebuilding our schools. Who among us has not been to a school in our neighborhood or our district that is in desperate need of repair? And we have folks in the construction industry who aren't building houses because of the housing crisis but can be rebuilding these schools and can be retrofitting our homes.

We have to focus on putting people back to work.

TRAIN ACT

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

Mr. POMPEO. Mr. Speaker, this morning I rise in support of the TRAIN