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House of Representatives

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. FOXX).

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

June 26, 2012.

I hereby appoint the Honorable VIRGINIA FOXX to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 17, 2012, the Chair would now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to 1 hour and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes each, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 1:50.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 25, 2012.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on June 25, 2012 at 2:51 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 3240.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Gracious God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

You have blessed us with all good gifts, and with thankful hearts we express our gratitude. You have created us with opportunities to serve other people in their need, to share together in respect and affection, and to be faithful in the responsibilities we have been given.

In this moment of prayer, please grant to the Members of this people's House the gifts of wisdom and discernment that, in their words and actions, they will do justice, love with mercy, and walk humbly with You.

In this most auspicious week of issues in our Nation's Capital, send Your Spirit of peace and goodwill, that we all might find in one another our common future.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. BURGESS 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.

REPORT ON H.R. 6020, FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2013

Mrs. EMERSON, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 112-550) on the bill (H.R. 6020) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes, which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1, rule XXI, all points of order are reserved on the bill.

THE FATE OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AWAITS THE SUPREME COURT

(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, here we are, 32 hours away from the Supreme Court's decision on the Affordable Care Act. No one has a clear idea of what their decision will be. We've worked hard in preparing for any decision that might come from the Supreme Court,

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and their announcement will certainly be watched by all.

As the chairman of the Congressional Health Caucus, I've held a series of policy forums to discuss the future of health care in this country. Today we heard from Dr. John Goodman, president and CEO of the National Center for Policy Analysis in Dallas. Dr. Goodman has put a considerable amount of time into how to craft health care policy that will be beneficial to all Americans without the burdensome law that we currently have.

Additionally, doctors in Dallas convened with four Members of Congress earlier this month. They produced a set of principles that I will provide for the RECORD. I encourage people to spend some time and look at those, and understand that we have to have health care in this country that's patient-centered, doctor-led, and most of all, we keep the government out of the way.

ARIZONA IMMIGRATION RULING IS A HUGE VICTORY FOR AMERICAN JOBS

(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, yesterday, the Supreme Court upheld section 2(b), or the "Check Your Papers" provision, of the Arizona immigration law. This requires the police to check the immigration status of persons whom they detain before releasing. Upholding this provision represents a victory for States that are protecting their citizens to retain jobs.

Columbia business leader Chip Prezioso is correct: A country without borders is no longer a country.

The Obama administration has actively prevented States like Arizona and South Carolina from promoting their citizens to keep jobs from competing illegal aliens. The Federal Government has good immigration laws, but Attorney General Eric Holder has refused to enforce them.

As a former immigration attorney, I know we welcome legal immigration. Arizona and South Carolina took proactive steps to ensure that State law enforcement officials are empowered to keep jobs for Americans, instead of illegal aliens.

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

VOICE OF TEXAS, JAMES: MR. PRESIDENT, FOLLOW THE CONSTITUTION

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, like many Americans, my neighbors are concerned with the President's refusal to follow the Constitution.

James from Kingwood, Texas, wrote me this:

When, as an officer on activity duty, I took an oath to support and defend the Constitution. I honored and still honor that oath because I believe in this country and in the constitutional form of government.

As near as I can see, the President is not enforcing the laws he is required to do. If a military officer were found selectively performing his duty, he would be court-martialed, discharged, and dismissed from the service, as he should be.

Sir, how long does the President get to thumb his nose at the Constitution and at Congress? The Congress must take action now to support the Constitution, or we won't have a Constitution.

Mr. Speaker, James is correct. The President is not supposed to make law by Executive edict from the palace of the White House, nor is the President to willfully refuse to enforce laws. Both actions are a violation of the supreme law of the land, the Constitution.

And that's just the way it is.

HOUSE GOP JOBS PLAN

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, the facts don't lie. President Obama's policies have failed the American people and are making the economy worse. Since the President took office, unemployment has been above 8 percent for 40 months, gas prices have doubled, and the number of Americans having to rely on food stamps has climbed to an all-time high while the number of new business startups has dropped to a 17-year low.

Our national debt has surpassed \$15 trillion, greater than our entire economy, and the CBO has projected that 2012 will bring the fourth \$1 trillion deficit in a row.

Because the President cannot run on his record, he has, regrettably, turned to the politics of envy and division. House Republicans, though, have a plan for America's job creators to help turn this economy around.

It's time for the President and Senate Democrats to stop blocking our jobs bills and help us put Americans back to work.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 2:45 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 9 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1448

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. FOXX) at 2 o'clock and 48 minutes p.m.

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 later.

ENABLING ENERGY SAVING INNOVATIONS ACT

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4850) to allow for innovations and alternative technologies that meet or exceed desired energy efficiency goals.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4850

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Enabling Energy Saving Innovations Act".

SEC. 2. INNOVATIVE COMPONENT TECHNOLOGIES.

Section 342(f) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6313(f)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking "paragraphs (2) through (5)" and inserting "paragraphs (2) through (6)"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(6) INNOVATIVE COMPONENT TECHNOLOGIES.—Subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) shall not apply to a walk-in cooler or walk-in freezer component if the component manufacturer has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Secretary that the component reduces energy consumption at least as much as if such subparagraph were to apply. In support of any demonstration under this paragraph, a manufacturer shall provide to the Secretary all data and technical information necessary to fully evaluate its application."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. WHITFIELD) and the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. CASTOR) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky.

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

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Enabling Energy Saving Innovations Act, H.R. 4850, which was introduced by Representative ADERHOLT of Alabama. This bill fixes a problem with section 312 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 relating to newly manufactured walk-in coolers and walk-in freezers. The legislation resolves a problem by providing the Secretary of Energy authority to waive certain component specifications of section 312, so long as the manufacturer demonstrates that that product meets or exceeds DOE energy-efficiency standards.

I would urge all Members to support this commonsense piece of legislation, and I reserve the balance of my time.