

community to come together to deal with an epidemic of gun violence in the way we would treat any other threat to the safety of our families and our communities. We would study, we would work on solutions together, and we would act.

Sadly, we're still waiting.

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 6 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. HARRIS) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

Reverend Andrew Walton, Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Creating God, we come together today in a simple prayer. May we be who we are created to be, reflections of Your image. May we live as we know we should, as caretakers of creation. May we participate in the purpose of life, as companions to God and to one another. May we truly embrace the equality of humanity as "self-evident" and know that just beneath the surface of disagreement, conflict, discord, and even violence and death, there is a deep river of grace, love, and forgiveness that truly binds us. May this stream of eternal presence be solace for any pain in our lives; but, more importantly, inspiration and hope of reconciliation and peace in personal relationships, in our Nation, and throughout the world.

May the deliberations and decisions of this day and all days take place in the spirit of common good, the spirit in which we are created.

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 Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SARBANES 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.

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT—FISCAL CALAMITY IN WAITING

(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, almost a month after the Supreme Court has issued its decision on the so-called Affordable Care Act, we have all had time to think and dissect their opinion and start to predict how this landmark ruling will affect each and every one of us.

I respect the role of the Court and the decision of the Justices, but I can't help but tell you I was disappointed the entire law was upheld. I do believe the Affordable Care Act is detrimental to our Nation. Certainly it has been a wet blanket on our economy, and it is a real threat to the future of medicine in America. Since the passing of the law over 2 years ago, we have seen the strain it has placed on our economy. The pricetag continues to increase, sometimes staggeringly so. There are provisions which discourage small businesses from hiring, not to mention the commensurate government regulations.

Today, the Congressional Health Care Caucus held a panel discussion on what was one of its many panel discussions on the current state of health care. Karen Ignagni, president and chief executive officer of America's Health Insurance Plans, has said that the health care law won't work unless it is changed or delayed. I couldn't agree more. Dan Danner from the National Federation of Independent Businesses was also present, and he said there has got to be a way to get price signals to people so they can participate in the cost of their care.

The structure of this law, through the combination of new fees coupled with weak penalties for those who choose to not purchase will force the young and healthy to shoulder the majority of the financial burden of expansion. Mr. Speaker, we must do away with this thing.

TURKISH OCCUPATION OF CYPRUS IS OFFENSE TO HUMAN DIGNITY

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

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 38th year of Turkey's invasion and occupation of the Republic of Cyprus. I do so only days after Cyprus assumed the 6-month presidency of the European Union, yet Turkey, an EU candidate country, refuses to recognize the Cypriot presidency and has acted to freeze its communications with the European Union.

Since 1974, Turkey has engaged in the systematic destruction of the island's Hellenic, Christian, and Turkish Cypriot heritage. This year, the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom placed Turkey on its watch list "as a country of particular concern."

The presence of 45,000 Turkish troops on the island, along with over 200,000 Turkish colonialists, is an offense to human dignity.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for Turkey to meet the expectations of the international community by ending its decades-long occupation of Cyprus.

NATION JOINS COLORADO IN MOURNING VICTIMS OF SENSELESS VIOLENCE

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

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, my home State of Colorado had a tragedy over the weekend, a mass murder that will forever remain on the minds of all Coloradans and all Americans. The tragedy extends beyond those who were killed and those who were injured to our friends, our neighbors, everybody impacted by this senseless act of terror in my home State. I would like to thank President Obama for joining the families impacted in mourning. I would like to thank all of those in Colorado and across the country who have sent their thoughts, their care, their resources to all of us in Colorado in a time of need.

This also should serve as an occasion for all of us to acknowledge what is special and important in our lives, to celebrate every day we have on this planet, the health of our family, our own health and safety, and hope and pray to God that the tragedy that impacted Colorado will not happen again in Colorado or anywhere else.

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, July 20, 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, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on July 20, 2012, at 4:07 p.m., and said to contain a message from the President whereby he notifies the Congress concerning the national emergency with respect to Somalia.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk of the House.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO SOMALIA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 112-126)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message

from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) (IEEPA), I hereby report that I have issued an Executive Order (the "order") taking additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010 (E.O. 13536).

In E.O. 13536, I found that the deterioration of the security situation and the persistence of violence in Somalia, and acts of piracy and armed robbery at sea off the coast of Somalia, which have repeatedly been the subject of United Nations Security Council resolutions, and violations of the arms embargo imposed by the United Nations Security Council in Resolution 733 of January 23, 1992, and elaborated upon and amended by subsequent resolutions, constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. To address that threat, E.O. 13536 blocks the property and interests in property of persons listed in the Annex to E.O. 13536 or determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to meet criteria specified in E.O. 13536.

In view of United Nations Security Council Resolution 2036 of February 22, 2012, and Resolution 2002 of July 29, 2011, I am issuing the order to take additional steps to deal with the national emergency declared in E.O. 13536 and to address exports of charcoal from Somalia, which generate significant revenue for al-Shabaab; the misappropriation of Somali public assets; and certain acts of violence committed against civilians in Somalia, all of which contribute to the deterioration of the security situation and the persistence of violence in Somalia.

The order prohibits the importation into the United States, directly or indirectly, of charcoal from Somalia. It also amends the designation criteria specified in E.O. 13536. As amended by the order, E.O. 13536 provides for the designation of persons determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to:

Have engaged in acts that directly or indirectly threaten the peace, security, or stability of Somalia, including but not limited to:

Acts that threaten the Djibouti Agreement of August 18, 2008, or the political process;

acts that threaten the Transitional Federal Institutions or future Somali governing institutions, the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM), or other future international peace-keeping operations related to Somalia; or

acts to misappropriate Somali public assets;

have obstructed the delivery of humanitarian assistance to Somalia, or

access to, or distribution of, humanitarian assistance in Somalia;

have directly or indirectly supplied, sold or transferred to Somalia, or to have been the recipient in the territory of Somalia of, arms or any related materiel, or any technical advice, training, or assistance, including financing and financial assistance, related to military activities;

be responsible for or complicit in, or responsible for ordering, controlling, or otherwise directing, or to have participated in, the commission of acts of violence targeting civilians in Somalia, including killing and maiming, sexual and gender-based violence, attacks on schools and hospitals, taking hostages, and forced displacement;

be a political or military leader recruiting or using children in armed conflict in Somalia;

have engaged, directly or indirectly, in the import or export of charcoal from Somalia on or after February 22, 2012;

have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, logistical or technical support for, or goods or services in support of, the activities described above or any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13536; or

be owned or controlled by, or to have acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13536.

The designation criteria will be applied in accordance with applicable Federal law including, where appropriate, the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. In view of United Nations Security Council Resolution 2002 of July 29, 2011, persons who engage in non-local commerce via al-Shabaab-controlled ports that constitutes support for a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13536, as amended by the order.

The order was effective at 2:00 p.m. eastern daylight time on July 20, 2012. I have delegated to the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, the authority to take such actions, including the promulgation of rules and regulations, and to employ all powers granted to the President by IEEPA as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the order. All agencies of the United States Government are directed to take all appropriate measures within their authority to carry out the provisions of the order.

I am enclosing a copy of the Executive Order I have issued.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, July 20, 2012.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair

declares the House in recess until approximately 3:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 13 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1531

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WOMACK) at 3 o'clock and 31 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.

PROVIDING FOR LAND EXCHANGE BETWEEN TRINITY PUBLIC UTILITIES DISTRICT, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, AND THE SIX RIVERS NATIONAL FOREST

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1237) to provide for a land exchange with the Trinity Public Utilities District of Trinity County, California, involving the transfer of land to the Bureau of Land Management and the Six Rivers National Forest in exchange for National Forest System land in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1237

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

SECTION 1. LAND EXCHANGE, TRINITY PUBLIC UTILITIES DISTRICT, TRINITY COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, AND THE FOREST SERVICE.

(a) LAND EXCHANGE REQUIRED.—If the Trinity Public Utilities District of Trinity County, California (in this section referred to as the "Utilities District") conveys to the Secretary of Agriculture all right, title, and interest of the Utilities District in and to the parcel of land described in subsection (b)(1) and conveys to the Secretary of the Interior all right, title, and interest of the Utilities District in and to the parcel of land described in subsection (b)(2), the Secretary of Agriculture shall convey to the Utilities District, in exchange, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a parcel of land in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest in the State of California consisting of approximately 100 acres near the Weaverville Airport in Trinity County.

(b) LAND TO BE ACQUIRED.—

(1) FOREST SERVICE ACQUISITION.—The land to be acquired by the Secretary of Agriculture under subsection (a) consists of approximately 150 acres, known as the Van Duzen parcel, within the boundaries of the Six Rivers National Forest.