

Mr. HOYER. I appreciate that, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentleman have a unanimous-consent request?

Mr. HOYER. I ask unanimous consent that I might now ask for a vote on the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

A BALANCED BUDGET

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, the American people have a right to demand a balanced budget from their government, and by "balanced," we mean a plan that will actually get spending in line with income. If we want a prosperous future for our children and grandchildren, we cannot, after all, continue to spend money we don't have.

House Republicans understand the simple math and have introduced a budget that balances in just 10 years. Senate Democrats are taking a different tack. Their budget demands higher taxes, authorizes higher spending, and never balances—ever.

How do we explain that to hardworking families who live with the reality of having to balance their household budgets every month? Washington should not see itself as the exception to the rule. Washington should balance its budget, and House Republicans have a plan to do just that.

PATH TO PROSPERITY BUDGET

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, this week, the House will consider the Path to Prosperity budget, reaffirming once again that House Republicans are the only ones in Washington offering serious solutions to government spending-driven debt crisis.

Americans at home must prepare a balanced budget for themselves and their families. Our plan would bring the same common sense to Washington and balance our budget in 10 years.

Our budget is not balanced by raising taxes on hardworking Americans but by responsibly reducing spending on government waste and reforming mandatory spending to ensure that programs Americans rely on remain strong for decades to come. Our budget saves taxpayers \$4.6 trillion over 10 years.

The Senate Democrat budget calls for \$1.5 trillion in new taxes and \$7.3 trillion in new debt.

Americans deserve better. That is why House Republicans have proposed a Path to Prosperity budget—to get our economy back on track and create more jobs and opportunity for all Americans.

WE MUST BALANCE OUR BUDGET

(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, this week, House Republicans will pass a balanced, responsible budget. Our proposal achieves balance over the next 10 years and will help small businesses create jobs.

Unfortunately, the concept of "balanced budget" is not appreciated by the President and Senate leadership. The President has called for reducing our nearly \$17 trillion national debt, but actually it is increased taxes now with unlikely budget reductions in the future. Likewise, the Senate's budget proposal does not achieve balance but instead increases taxes to accelerate more government borrowing.

House Republicans understand the need for a balanced budget. By balancing our budget, America's small businesses will receive the economic certainty they need to create jobs. It is my hope that Senate leadership and the President begin to focus on balancing our budget, rather than continue to spend beyond our means and placing an undue burden on the backs of children and grandchildren.

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

RESPONSIBLE GOP HOUSE BUDGET

(Mrs. WAGNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. WAGNER. Every day families in Missouri's Second Congressional District create budgets, set priorities, and live within their means. Yet Senate Democrats have failed to pass a budget in 4 years, and President Obama refuses to submit his budget on time to the American people.

With our national debt now exceeding \$16 trillion, our country is on an unsustainable path. That's why House Republicans released a plan that balances our budget in 10 years with smart reforms and cuts.

This budget will cut wasteful spending, reform our broken Tax Code, pro-

tect and strengthen our national security, and repair our social safety net to make sure that these are strong and sustainable for future generations.

In stark contrast, Senate Democrats introduced a budget that raises taxes by an additional \$1 trillion, adds \$4 trillion to our national debt, and sets a course that never ever balances the budget.

Instead of raising taxes and taking more of your hard-earned money, it's time we start lifting up and fighting for nurses, teachers, carpenters, and shop owners, and stop growing government and giving away taxpayer bailouts that only result in less money in our pocket and a mortgaging of our children's future.

□ 1410

LABEL DRUG CARTELS AS FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, "El Chapo" Joaquin Guzman is the brutal head of Mexico's Sinaloa drug cartel. Chicago has named this killer drug lord Public Enemy No. 1. The last Public Enemy No. 1 was Al Capone, over 80 years ago.

Even though this billionaire bandit from below the border is generally in other countries, his violent criminal drug cartel operation floods dope into Chicago and other American cities. Since our borders are still porous to drug cartels, cartels cross the border at will.

El Chapo and his den of gun-toting smugglers are international terrorists. They have operations in every major city in the United States, including Chicago. Worldwide, his gang is credited with 50,000 murders.

Some say the Chicago murder rate has increased because of his cartel. David Riley, head of the Chicago DEA, said Guzman is more powerful than the former Chicago Mob.

Mr. Speaker, Mexican drug cartels, like the Sinaloa cartel, should be labeled a foreign terrorist organization. Then we can better deal with international terrorist threats to America like Public Enemy No. 1, El Chapo.

And that's just the way it is.

THE HALF-BAKED FEDERAL HEALTH EXCHANGES

(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, it was 3 years ago tomorrow night that the President's affordable health care law, or bill, was pushed through this House of Representatives.

On Friday, in CQ Healthbeat, an article was published where the Department of Health and Human Services acknowledges that come October 1 there

is “some possibility” that States will not be able to launch their health care exchanges.

Mr. Speaker, we’re 6 months away, and the insurance exchanges are the very centerpiece of the functioning of this health care law, and they’re essential for the President’s law to operate.

The Federal Government has spent 3 years, well over \$3 billion, assisting the States in implementing these exchanges; but the administration is now left only with the hope that it is “not a Third World experience.” A Third World experience.

It doesn’t end there. Henry Chao, a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services official overseeing the exchange technology, said in the same article when discussing back-up plans should the exchanges not be operable come October, “We are having discussions, but they are not fully baked yet.”

October is just around the corner. “Not fully baked yet” doesn’t even sound like it’s in the oven.

IT’S TIME TO BALANCE THE BUDGET

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

Mr. PITTENGER. Last week, the Associated Press reported that unemployment in Greece rose to a record 26 percent. The news for younger workers is even worse: almost 60 percent of those under the age of 25 are unemployed.

As we all know, the root cause of Greece’s financial and economic collapse is the runaway government spending and unsustainable debt. Eventually, the house of cards collapsed, and the results have been devastating for their citizens.

President Obama has said he will not “chase a balanced budget for the sake of balance.” Well, Mr. President, what about chasing a balanced budget for the sake of our economy, for the sake of creating jobs, for the sake of preserving Social Security and Medicare and Medicaid, and for the sake of preventing financial calamity?

The present course of trillion-dollar annual deficits and a bloated \$17 trillion debt is irresponsible. What’s taking place right now in Greece could easily be our future if we don’t act.

Mr. President, it’s time for you to realize that the best way to help hard-working, tax-paying American families is to balance the budget and free our economy from the burden of our debt.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair reminds the gentleman to address his remarks to the Chair.

RECESS

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

declares the House in recess until approximately 5 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o’clock and 15 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1704

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HOLDING) at 5 o’clock and 4 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.

AUTHORIZING USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS’ MEMORIAL SERVICE

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 18) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 18

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),

SECTION 1. USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS’ MEMORIAL SERVICE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Grand Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police and its auxiliary (in this resolution referred to as the “sponsor”) shall be permitted to sponsor a public event, the 32nd Annual National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service (in this resolution referred to as the “event”), on the Capitol Grounds, in order to honor the law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty during 2012.

(b) DATE OF EVENT.—The event shall be held on May 15, 2013, or on such other date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate jointly designate.

SEC. 2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Under conditions to be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board, the event shall be—

(1) free of admission charge and open to the public; and

(2) arranged not to interfere with the needs of Congress.

(b) EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES.—The sponsor shall assume full responsibility for all expenses and liabilities incident to all activities associated with the event.

SEC. 3. EVENT PREPARATIONS.

Subject to the approval of the Architect of the Capitol, the sponsor is authorized to erect upon the Capitol Grounds such stage, sound amplification devices, and other re-

lated structures and equipment, as may be required for the event.

SEC. 4. ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS.

The Capitol Police Board shall provide for enforcement of the restrictions contained in section 5104(c) of title 40, United States Code, concerning sales, advertisements, displays, and solicitations on the Capitol Grounds, as well as other restrictions applicable to the Capitol Grounds, in connection with the event.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BARLETTA) and the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. NOLAN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H. Con. Res. 18.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

H. Con. Res. 18 would authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service on May 15, 2013. I am pleased to be the sponsor of this important resolution, along with the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON).

In 1962, May 15 was designated by President Kennedy as Peace Officers’ Memorial Day and the week in which it falls as Police Week. The memorial service began in 1982 as a gathering in Senate Park of just 120 survivors and supporters of law enforcement. Today, National Police Week draws tens of thousands of law enforcement officers and their supporters from around the world who travel to the Nation’s capital to participate in events that honor our fallen officers. The National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service, which is sponsored by the Grand Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, is one in a series of events which includes the candlelight vigil and seminars.

Tragically, over 126 Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty last year. These are brave men and women of law enforcement who put their lives on the line every day.

Among the fallen officers to be honored include five that served in my home State of Pennsylvania: Officer Bradley Michael Fox, who was from Plymouth Township Police Department, which is actually part of my district, Pennsylvania’s Eleventh; Trooper First Class Blake Coble, Pennsylvania State Police; Patrolman Avery Freeman, Chester Police Department; Officer Brian J. Lorenzo, Philadelphia Police Department; and Officer Moses Walker, Jr., Philadelphia Police Department.

These officers, along with more than 100 others who lost their lives in 2012, will be remembered at this service.