

electing these two former Members to a 1-year term on our executive committee, please say "yea." All opposed? Hearing no opposition, the slate has been elected by the membership. Thank you.

It is my sad duty to inform the Congress of those former and current Members who have passed away since our last report. I ask all of you, including the visitors in the gallery, to rise as I read the names; and at the end of the list, we will pay our respect to their memory with a moment of silence. We honor these men and women for their service to our country. They are:

Jack Brooks of Texas
Cardiss Collins of Illinois
David Cornwell of Indiana
John Durkin of New Hampshire
Mervyn Dymally of California
Joseph Early of Massachusetts
Bob Edgar of Pennsylvania
Robert Gammage of Texas
Sam Gibbons of Florida
James Grover of New York
Daniel Inouye of Hawaii
Ed Koch of New York
Peter N. Kyros of Maine
George McGovern of South Dakota
David O'Brien Martin of New York
Charlie Rose of North Carolina
William Royer of California
Warren B. Rudman of New Hampshire
Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania
Sam Steiger of Arizona
Donald Tewes of Wisconsin
Richard Tonry of Louisiana
Charlie Wilson of Ohio

We will have a moment of silence.

Thank you.

It's sad to have lost those Members, but they live on in our memory and love.

That concludes the 43rd report to Congress by the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress. We thank the Congress, the Speaker, and the minority leader for giving us the opportunity to return to this revered Chamber and to report on our association's activities. We look forward to another active and productive year.

Thank you.

Ms. KENNELLY. The Chair terminates the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HULTGREN) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

We give You thanks, O God, for giving us another day.

We ask Your blessing this day upon the Members of the people's House. May their labors be graced by Your gifts of wisdom, patience, and charity, that truth and righteousness might prevail in all of their proceedings.

We take special note this day, May 15, National Peace Officers Memorial

Day, of the 123 peace officers who have died this past year in the line of duty. We ask that You grant them eternal rest for having paid the ultimate price in protecting us.

Give their families consolation in mourning their loss. May they be assured that we, as a nation, hold them in our hearts and understand that we will always be indebted to them.

May all that is done within the people's House this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

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 Texas (Mr. VEASEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. VEASEY 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WHITE HOUSE ASSAULTS FREEDOM OF PRESS

(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, the expansion of Big Government is a threat to the American people. According to Politico, the administration:

had obtained records that listed incoming and outgoing calls and the duration of these calls for work and personal phone numbers of AP reporters and phone lines for AP offices in New York; Hartford, Connecticut; and Washington, as well as the main number for AP reporters in the House of Representatives press gallery. The government seized records—which listed incoming and outgoing calls and the call's length—for more than 20 separate lines assigned to the AP and its reporters.

The American people are losing their trust in the White House. The recent admissions reveal that the President and his administration will do whatever it takes to extend power, including violating First Amendment rights. Even the media is at risk of Big Government intrusion. Over the coming weeks, it's my hope that this is thor-

oughly investigated and those responsible will be held accountable.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to denounce the proposed cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, known as SNAP, in the House farm bill.

Last week, I had the opportunity to witness a mother feeding her two children and giving them a jump-start because of SNAP, and then a young lawyer came and talked to us about being able to make an investment in this country because she was assisted.

I'm from Ohio, and in Ohio, SNAP reaches 16 percent of the State's population. Eighty-four percent of the households receiving SNAP have incomes below the poverty line. SNAP has helped to lift about 4.7 million Americans above the poverty line in 2011, including 2.1 million children.

For many of the poorest Americans, SNAP is the only form of income assistance they have. Mr. Speaker, we must protect our most at-risk children and families in this Nation. Let's save SNAP.

REPEAL OBAMACARE

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, what was ObamaCare's central claim? The Affordable Care Act, as it was termed by President Obama, was supposed to make health care more affordable for the American people. Many who believed that claim, however, now have buyer's remorse.

ObamaCare was to help save families \$2,500 on their health care premiums. But that's not true. Family premiums have increased \$3,000 since 2008.

Even workers who make \$25,000 a year will pay more for health care because of ObamaCare. Young people struggling to pay off debt and find careers in this jobless economy could see their health premiums rise by as much as 189 percent.

In spite of lofty promises, health insurance costs are higher. More than 30 studies have found ObamaCare will make health care premiums less affordable by the time it's fully implemented.

Promises for affordable health care have delivered a true train wreck to the American people. It's time to repeal ObamaCare and all of its broken promises once and for all.

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, as if voting to repeal the Affordable Care Act for the 37th time is not enough, Republicans are adding insult to injury by marking up a farm bill this week that doubles down on their indiscriminate sequester.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as the Food Stamp program, is one of our Nation's first lines of defense against hunger and among the most effective forms of economic stimulus. Every \$1 in SNAP benefits generates \$1.70 in economic activity. Yet the Republican farm bill cuts nearly \$21 billion from our Nation's antihunger program while millions of Americans continue to struggle from the impacts of the Great Recession. These cuts would end food assistance for nearly 2 million low-income people, mostly working families, children, and seniors, already hit by the sequester.

Mr. Speaker, when I was a student and a single mother, the American people provided a lifeline in the form of food stamps while I struggled to make a better life for my children. That's true today for millions of families across the country, including 4.3 million Californians who need this critical lifeline.

Cutting SNAP is morally wrong and an economic disaster. We should reject these cuts, stop sequestration, and create jobs.

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THE GOSNELL TRIAL

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

Mr. PITTENGER. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, justice was served in Philadelphia when a monster by the name of Dr. Kermit Gosnell was convicted of the murder of three small babies in his abortion clinic. Each and every life is precious, Mr. Speaker, and murdering an innocent baby for the sake of convenience or greed is terribly, terribly wrong.

In the last 40 years, Mr. Speaker, the lives of over 50 million young babies have been taken. How do we know that God did not place in the lives of these individuals a cure for cancer, a cure for Alzheimer's, a cure for Parkinson's? We won't know that until eternity. We grieve over those losses.

May I quote Thomas Jefferson, Mr. Speaker, for the sake of our Nation:

God, who gave us life, gives us liberty. Can liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are a gift of God? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, that His justice cannot sleep forever.

IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED SNAP CUTS

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

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak against the proposed cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP. As the Nation's most important antihunger program, SNAP offers nutrition assistance to 46 million low-income Americans and provides economic benefits to communities. SNAP also allows families to more easily set aside a portion of their resources for food and not have to outsource all of their meals and to prioritize a healthier, more consistent diet without compromising as much on obligations such as rent, utilities, transportation and other basic needs.

Over 80 percent of SNAP households have incomes below the poverty line and 40 percent have incomes below half of the poverty line. For many of these Americans, SNAP is the only form of income assistance they receive. We cannot allow the budget to be balanced on the backs of the poor and most vulnerable in our country.

The proposed farm bill up for a vote in the House Agriculture Committee today would cut \$20 billion from the program. I join my colleagues in opposing these draconian cuts to ensure that 46 million people who rely on this program will have food.

CONGRATULATING THE GRADUATING CLASS OF FLINTHILLS HIGH SCHOOL

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

Mr. POMPEO. Mr. Speaker, this Sunday, I had the good fortune of being in Rosalia, Kansas, at the high school graduation for Flinthills High. Flinthills High has 11 strong graduating in 2013, but it was remarkable. With all the challenges the country faces, we had young people going to be nurses, young people entering our Nation's Army National Guard. We had a young man who was off to attend school but who knew that he was going to be coming back to help his father and mother on the farm.

With all of the challenges we face today, it was incredibly heartening to see this next generation of leaders being raised in the heartland. Congratulations to those 11, six young women and five young men.

Go, Mustangs.

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

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today the Agriculture Committee marks up a farm bill, cutting \$20 billion from food

support for the poorest, most vulnerable Americans. The Republican SNAP cuts will cut 210,000 children off the school lunch program and deny 2 million Americans food.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, SNAP, is a lifeline for nearly 50 million Americans to have access to healthy, affordable food and avoid hunger. More than half of SNAP recipients live in deep poverty. That's an income of less than \$10,000 a year for a family of three. Right now, the daily SNAP benefit is \$3.78.

Two out of three SNAP recipients in Minnesota are poor children, seniors and adults with disabilities. To reduce the budget deficit by inflicting hunger on children, seniors and people with disabilities is simply immoral.

I urge my colleagues to reject this cruel and harmful proposal to increase hunger in America.

IRS SCANDAL

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

Mr. GRAVES of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak out against the IRS for targeting Americans because of their political beliefs. What is clear is that the IRS has violated the public trust in a serious and disturbing way. It's sickening to learn that the IRS not only targeted Tea Party conservative groups but also groups that criticized the government or even taught the United States Constitution.

The United States is a beacon of hope and freedom for the oppressed all across the world, but the coordinated suppression of President Obama's political opponents undermines who we are and what we stand for.

Mr. Speaker, who gave the orders to target Americans who disagree with this administration? Who gave the orders? The American people deserve to know, and our Republic depends on us finding out that answer.

I represent a lot of Georgians who are sick and tired of the IRS targeting them. It is time for this House, the people's House, to instead now target the IRS. We must find the full truth and we cannot stop until we have full accountability.

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

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

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, it is the fashion amongst many of us to blame the press for our troubles, and that's, of course, because the press reports our troubles. At their best, the media keeps us honest, it keeps us in our constitutional lanes, and it reports our failures. It is essential for democracy. There is a reason why freedom of the press is not the Second or Fourth or 10th Amendment. It's the First Amendment.