

declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 55 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

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

PRAYER

Reverend James Rehder, Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Bellevue, Washington, offered the following prayer:

Lord, You are our strength. Grant that we may become a people united in love and peace.

Grant favor to all who hold office in our land, especially President Obama and Vice President BIDEN, this Congress, Governors, legislatures, all who make and administer our laws. May all be high in purpose, wise in counsel, firm in good resolution, and unwavering in duty.

Holy Spirit, we commend to You our schools, those who learn and teach, that our children may thrive in safe havens and bring forth the fruit of their lives and dreams.

Grant our Armed Forces personnel and families courage and success, and us, for whom they sacrifice, our unending respect and gratitude.

Receive our thanksgiving for those who serve, protect, labor, farm, care, heal, create, and lead. Thank You for this abundant land. Give us calm compassion to live as one nation under You.

In Jesus' 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.

Ms. FOXX. 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.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

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

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms.

FOXX) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. FOXX 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 THE REVEREND JAMES REHDER OF PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. REICHERT) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to rise to welcome my good friend, the Reverend James Rehder and his daughter, Mele, who is with him today. Jim and I have known each other since our college days at Concordia Lutheran University in Portland, Oregon, before he went on to receive his Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri.

Reverend Rehder was ordained into the Missouri Synod of the Lutheran Church at Our Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in Honolulu, Hawaii, and is currently a pastor at Bellevue Pilgrim Lutheran Church and Preschool in Bellevue, Washington.

His passion for service extends far beyond the four walls of his home church. He has been a committed volunteer and supporter of causes like the Northwest Lutheran Ministry Services, the Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle, the Sophia Way Women's Shelter, and the Free Burma Rangers.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Reverend Rehder for being with us here today, and I thank him for his dedication in serving others.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WE NEED A RESPONSIBLE FARM BILL

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

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, as a fourth-generation farmer, I know firsthand how important the farm bill is for farmers. I believe that we need a farm bill, but I also believe we need a responsible farm bill.

Unfortunately, the bill passed out of the Rules Committee last night is a farm bill in name only, with 80 percent of the spending going toward food stamps. This isn't the solution American taxpayers deserve.

Washington's unholy alliance of farm policy and nutrition policy has spun

out of control, and now we will consider a massive trillion-dollar spending package called a farm bill.

Mr. Speaker, we must have an up-or-down vote to split the farm bill into a true farm-only farm bill and a separate food stamp bill. The American people deserve an honest conversation about how Washington spends their money. We've made progress ending direct payments, but there's more work ahead.

Let's do our work in the full light of day by splitting this bill and having serious debate on both farm and welfare policy. Without that debate, I cannot in good conscience vote for a welfare bill passed on the backs of hardworking American farmers.

CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH

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

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate Juneteenth. Each June 19, we observe Juneteenth to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States. Juneteenth is observed in 42 States, including my home State of New York. In Buffalo, we are proud to have the third-largest Juneteenth celebration in the Nation.

In Buffalo, we are also proud to have a rich history in the anti-slavery movement. The Michigan Street Baptist Church hosted abolitionist Frederick Douglass at an anti-slave gathering in 1843 and Booker T. Washington in 1910. Nearby, Buffalonian Mary Talbert opened her home to prominent African American leaders in the early 1900s and founded the Niagara Movement, which was a forerunner of the NAACP.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to honor Juneteenth to honor the strength of our Nation's African American heritage and to celebrate the promise of an even stronger future.

SECURING OUR FUTURE IV

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

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, our country remains in a state of economic stagnation. Nearly 12 million of our fellow Americans are out of work, and 4.4 million people have been out of work for 6 months or more. We deserve better. America deserves better. We deserve more than the political posturing with which Washington Democrats continue to respond to the problems facing our Nation.

House Republicans offer real solutions. We have passed a long-term student loan fix to keep rates from doubling this summer, a plan that is similar to the President's plan, but yet the Democrats and the Senate cannot even get that bill passed.

It's time to get past politics here. We need to create jobs, we must grow our economy and secure the future for all Americans. That's what hardworking

taxpayers deserve, and that's what House Republicans offer.

WOMEN'S HEALTH

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

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, since assuming control of the House of Representatives, Republicans have brought 10 bills to the floor to limit a woman's constitutionally protected right to make choices regarding her own health. In January, we were told that the Republican majority was going to "rebrand" and refocus on the economy.

Yet, this week, my Republican colleagues once again ignored the pressing problems of many American families and brought a bill to the floor that would reverse decades of progress for women's health. H.R. 1797, muscled through by an all-male Republican panel, would upend *Roe v. Wade* and contains only the narrowest of exceptions for women who are victims of rape or incest.

I received an email Monday from a constituent that I think best sums up the problems in the bill. In this email, the constituent, who is an abuse victim and incest survivor, urged me to stop this dangerous bill from becoming law and threatening the health of women who, like her, are in the most desperate and tragic of circumstances.

While the bill passed the House yesterday, I am happy to say that it will not be acted upon in the Senate. I urge my colleagues to stop these dangerous games with women's health and confront the true problems that are facing the country.

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STUDENT LOANS AND THE ECONOMY

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, just this morning I met with student leaders from North Carolina who are visiting the Capitol as part of the 2013 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. One student asked me a question about what the House of Representatives is doing to advance education and job creation. It was a perfect question given our House Republican plan for jobs and leadership to keep Federal student loan interest rates from doubling on July 1.

Almost 12 million Americans are struggling to find work; 4.4 million have been out of work for more than 6 months. Young people and recent college graduates looking for jobs are disproportionately impacted in this economy. Washington shouldn't be adding additional stress to students' job hunts. But on July 1, if the President fails to lead and the Democrat Senate fails to act, student loan interest rates will double for student borrowers.

The House agrees with students, #Don't Double My Rates, and we have acted to stop the increase.

It's time for the Senate to do its job. Students are depending on them.

SNAP

(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 cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in the FARRM Bill on this June nineteenth 2013.

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 to prioritize a healthier, more consistent diet without compromising on obligations such as rent, utilities, and transportation.

The proposed FARRM Bill would cut \$20.5 billion from the SNAP program and leave over 66,000 Texans without any assistance. We cannot allow the budget to be balanced on the backs of the poor and the most vulnerable in our country.

I did the SNAP challenge. I lived on \$4.50 for 1 day, and I can tell you that is not easy, especially if you're trying to eat healthy. We need to find ways to fund federally funded nutrition incentive programs that will help hard-working taxpayers save money on health care costs in this country.

For many Americans, SNAP is the only form of income assistance they receive. I join my colleagues in supporting the McGovern amendment, which eliminates the draconian cuts to ensure that 46 million people who rely on this program will have food on their dinner table each night.

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

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

Mr. STEWART. Mr. Speaker, this week marks the 50th anniversary of National Small Business Week.

A lot of people think of small business and think, Well, what's the big deal? What difference does that really make?

Here's the reality: sixty percent of the jobs created in the last 20 years were created by small business.

I'm honored to represent the great State of Utah, especially as a former small business owner. With over 57,000 small businesses that have employed more than half a million people in my State, it's clear to me that small business is the backbone of our economy.

Forbes magazine recently named Utah the best State in the Nation for business and careers and for small busi-

nesses for the third consecutive year. Utah has reached that high-caliber status through supporting a probusiness environment. It offers a low corporate and a low personal income tax rate. Our cost of energy is 27 percent lower than the national average. Pro-business policies like this in Utah help to spur our economy and create jobs, and they contribute to one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country.

Being a small business owner, I recognize the amount of hard work that is required to run a small business. I congratulate the small business owners and wish them a successful Small Business Week.

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

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

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, this week marks the 50th anniversary of National Small Business Week.

Small businesses are a vital part of our Nation's fabric and a big source of opportunity, pride, and good-paying jobs in the communities that I serve.

Here's what I'm doing in California for my district and my small businesses:

We're connecting our small businesses to the power of the ports to help export their goods to new markets overseas;

We're helping to clear away the misinformation and uncertainty about what the Affordable Care Act really means for small businesses;

We're providing resources and information to expand their access to capital to help them grow and get more customers coming in their door.

Small businesses are the backbone of our economy. When our small businesses are strong, our Nation is strong.

All Americans should take the opportunity this week to shop at a small business.

RECOGNIZING MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER CHAIRMAN BILL GALLAGHER

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

Mr. DAINES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend, Montana Public Service Commissioner Chairman Bill Gallagher, who was recently diagnosed with early-stage pancreatic cancer. Cindy and I join the people of Montana in keeping Bill and his family in our prayers during this most difficult time.

Sadly, this is a disease that affects all too many Montanans. Yesterday, I met with Abby Brown, a Pancreatic Cancer Action Network volunteer from my home town of Bozeman, who recently lost her dad to pancreatic cancer. She shared stories about her dad's fight, as well as other Montanans like