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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ROONEY).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 12, 2013.

I hereby appoint the Honorable THOMAS J. ROONEY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

As the Members of the people's House re-gather, we ask that they be endowed by You with wisdom and purpose to address the issues facing our Nation still. Many still wish to find work, but opportunities do not match the need.

We ask Your blessing upon the people of the Philippines and those who are responding to that great tragedy. Protect those, especially Americans, who work furiously to meet such great needs.

And finally, we ask Your blessing on America's veterans. May our Nation be faithful to them, providing whatever their needs may be after they gave years of their lives in service rather than personal gain. They are an inspiration to us, and we should not forget nor neglect our responsibility to them.

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

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

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

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.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Brian Pate, one of his secretaries.

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, October 31, 2013.

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 October 31, 2013 at 9:39 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 1561.
That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 62.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3190.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

AMERICAN PEOPLE DESERVE SOLUTIONS

(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, in 2009, as the President traveled across the country campaigning for his signature health care takeover, he promised every American family that:

If you like your doctor, you will be able to keep your doctor, period. If you like your health care plan, you will be able to keep your health care plan, period. No one will take it away, no matter what.

He repeatedly made this clear promise over 20 times.

As the failed rollout of ObamaCare continues, millions of Americans have received policy cancellations. It is sad that the President broke his promise to the American people. Last week, he was forced to say he was sorry for families who have lost their coverage.

This week, House Republicans will pass a bill that protects hardworking Americans from receiving coverage cancellations, losing access to doctors, or paying higher premiums because of ObamaCare's disastrous impacts. The American people don't need sorrow and pity. They deserve solutions promoting jobs.

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

PREEMIE ACT REAUTHORIZATION

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the PREEMIE Act reauthorization, which will be considered in the House under suspensions later today.

I am grateful for the support of my Tennessee Senator LAMAR ALEXANDER,

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who has brought this legislation in the Senate, and I cosponsored a House version of it.

I am also the sponsor of the NEWBORN Act, a bill aimed at reducing infant mortality rates around our country that will be introduced soon.

My interest in this is because this is important for our future. America, unfortunately, is way back in the countries on infant mortality. Memphis, unfortunately, is a leader in that situation where we have a tremendously high infant mortality rate that rivals Third World countries.

The PREEMIE Act's many provisions aimed at reducing the rate of infant mortality are vital to having a better Nation.

Like the PREEMIE Act, the Affordable Care Act has made great strides in advancing this agenda by requiring maternity coverage in all health plans. The United States has a long way to go, but legislation like the PREEMIE Act, the NEWBORN Act, and the Affordable Care Act can put the United States on the right track where it needs to be in the rates of premature births and infant mortality.

IRAN IS FEELING THE PAIN OF SANCTIONS

(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, last year, Iran's net exports of petroleum dropped to their lowest level since 1990. Its GDP has dropped for the first time in 20 years.

The Iranians are feeling the pain of sanctions. Now the Iranians say that they will negotiate if the sanctions are reduced. Reducing sanctions without verifying that Tehran is abandoning, not just freezing, its nuclear weapons program is misguided and reckless.

The U.S. is moving toward an appeasement deal with Iran, and Iran is giving up nothing.

Last Thursday, I met with Prime Minister Netanyahu of Israel, who called this deal to reduce sanctions with Iran a "bad deal, a very bad deal."

The French Foreign Minister called the so-called deal a "fool's game."

Iran will not negotiate in good faith, and the U.S. is being played.

Meanwhile, Iran stalls, delays, and lies about its quest for nukes. We must be clear to Iran that they must totally abandon their nukes or their sanctions are here to stay. No deal, Mr. Rouhani. And that's just the way it is.

FOR DON: PASS THE KEEP YOUR HEALTH PLAN ACT

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, Don, one of my constituents from Lexington, wrote me a short email this week that everyone should hear. Don writes:

My individual health plan cancels January 1. What is being offered by healthcare.gov is triple the cost. I am unemployed and desperately trying to keep health care until I reach 65 late next year. The President said, "If you like your health care plan, keep it." Please do whatever you can to make that a reality and not another empty statement.

We hear Don loud and clear, Mr. Speaker. ObamaCare isn't living up to the President's promise.

But this week we can change that. The House will vote Friday to give the President a real opportunity to keep his word to the American people through the Keep Your Health Plan Act of 2013.

For Don and for millions like him, who have been shocked to find the health plans they like will soon be illegal, supporting its passage is the least the President can do.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY WILSON

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

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Larry Wilson of Fairmount, Indiana—a veteran who served other veterans. He passed away on June 13, 2013, at the age of 66.

Larry was an outstanding civil servant who served both Grant County in my district and his country with integrity. He began his great service to our Nation in the United States Air Force, where he served as a senior master sergeant for 26 years. After retiring from the Air Force, he began a second career as a detective for the Grant County Sheriff's Department, a post he held for 20 years before retiring in 1999.

However, his retirement did not end his service to our community, and he continued on to serve as a Grant County commissioner, a Grant County council member, and a Grant County Veterans Affairs service officer. He worked tirelessly for the veterans of Grant County, helping them to receive the benefits and recognition they deserved.

He was a community leader and a patriot, and I am honored to recognize his life's work today. My condolences and well wishes go out to his wife of 38 years, Linda, and to his children, Laura, Jeremy, Michael, and Christopher, as well as his grandchildren. We will all miss Larry Wilson dearly, but the lessons he taught us will not be forgotten. He was a veteran who truly served his country so well. He will be missed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by Speaker pro tempore THORNBERRY on Thursday, October 31, 2013:

H.R. 3190, to provide for the continued performance of the functions of the United States Parole Commission, and for other purposes.

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, November 1, 2013.

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 November 1, 2013 at 11:20 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2094.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3302.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

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, November 5, 2013.

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 November 5, 2013 at 12:22 p.m.

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 3080 Senate requests a conference with the House and appoints conferees. That the Senate passed S. 42.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

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, November 6, 2013.

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 November 6, 2013 at 9:38 a.m.:

That the Senate passed H.R. 2747.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

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: