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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BLUMENAUER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 10, 2009.

I hereby appoint the Honorable EARL BLUMENAUER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, for people who live in the light of faith and who are attuned to Your greatest commandment, peace is always more than the absence of war. It remains a matter of the human heart.

Peace cannot be reduced to a human concept as only the balance of power for opposing forces. We know, Lord, peace cannot be imposed by human authority or by simple majority. Peace, Lord, is often illusive for us because it

remains beyond our imagining or achievement. Peace is a gift.

Peace, Lord, is born out of the right ordering of things which You, the Creator, have invested in human society. Peace is realized by us, when our thirsting for an ever more perfect realm of justice and union reaches a certain plateau that invites us to go even further.

Lord, grant us peace of heart so we may bring this gift to our family life, work for justice, and so gift our world, both now and forever.

Amen.

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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 gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KILROY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. KILROY 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 up to 10 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

WAR IS A WEAPON OF MASS DESTRUCTION

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

Mr. KUCINICH. According to the Center for Economic and Policy Research, the sharp increase in war spending is taking up a greater portion of our gross domestic product, which will cost the United States about 2 million jobs because such spending "is a direct drain on the economy, reducing efficiency, slowing growth and costing jobs." Contrary to popular assumptions, massive spending for war does not create jobs; it costs jobs. War spending is capital-intensive, not labor-intensive. War creates unemployment.

The current plans to make extension of unemployment benefits contingent on Congress' passing a war spending bill raises serious questions about economic policy, not to mention basic decency and common sense. We're telling people that as long as we're at war they'll get their unemployment benefits. And of course, as long as we're at war, there will be more people unemployed.

Instead of unemployment benefits, people need work. Instead of war, people need work. War drives up the deficit. War takes away money from job creation. War results in unemployment. War is a weapon of mass destruction.

THE NEW YORK TIMES REFUSES TO REPORT ON CLIMATEGATE

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in the aftermath of the Climategate scan-

dal, we now learn that prominent scientists were so determined to advance the idea of human-made global warming that they worked together to hide contradictory temperature data, blackballed dissenting scientists, and manipulated the peer-review process. The New York Times says that Climategate is no big deal. In a recent article in the Times, an editor, Clark Hoyt, responded to criticism that the newspaper has downplayed the story. Predictably, Hoyt, a "Warmer" disagreed, writing that Climategate is not a "three-alarm story." He defended the Times' decision to ignore evidence that doesn't support global warming. He failed to mention that global warming alarmism and fears are largely based on discredited data.

The New York Times and the national media should report the news fairly, rather than downplaying stories that don't conform to their media bias agenda. Otherwise, Americans will continue to doubt the media's credibility. And that's just the way it is.

CLIMATEGATE

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, scientists at the Climate Research Unit in eastern England have received more attention than their subject of study, global warming. Climategate, as it was dubbed, has been the focus of rampant speculation.

As some accuse these scientists of manipulating figures to conclude that global warming was man-made, we forget that polar ice caps are melting, and that we're hitting threshold points that cannot be reversed. We're forgetting that over 200 peer-reviewed, scientific studies have determined that global warming is real; and that man significantly contributes to global warming; and that zero peer-reviewed scientific studies have determined that global warming is not real; and that man does not contribute to that.

Today, over 1,700 scientists from the UK announced their belief that global warming is real and that man contributes to this. Congress must send climate legislation to the President for approval. And the United States must agree to a final and meaningful treaty this week in Copenhagen that binds countries to commit to reduce emissions.

AMERICA, YOU MUST TAKE NOTICE

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

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac send chills down the spine of Federal regulators, but the financial regulation bill before the House this week ignores those and other government-sponsored enter-

prises, the institutions at the heart of the worst financial crisis in modern American history.

The crisis was explosive, more than a decade in the making. During the slow lead-up to the crash, Fannie and Freddie guaranteed that a national subprime lending problem would seep into every other financial sector of our economy. The GSEs ignored their public responsibility to assure a stable U.S. market for lending. So if that's the case, then why is this bill silent on their misdeeds and the perverse incentives that drove our country to the brink of financial disaster?

As the government gets bigger, this bill requires government to regulate everything but itself. As of October 31, Fannie Mae held \$771 billion in its gross mortgage portfolio, and another \$2.8 trillion in mortgage-backed securities and other guarantees. Their omission from this bill is glaring. It's irresponsible to exempt GSEs from this legislation.

America, you must take notice.

GOOD NEWS ABOUT JOBS

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

Ms. SCHWARTZ. The American people received much-needed good news last week. Job loss is slowing. In November the number of jobs lost was 11,000, quite a contrast to the 700,000 lost in January 2009. While no one should underestimate the challenges ahead or the struggles of far too many families whose wage earners are unemployed, this news shows that the policies of the Democratic majority are working. The economy is turning around.

Last Friday I joined President Obama in Allentown, Pennsylvania, to talk with and hear from business leaders and college students and veterans about how to create new jobs and grow the economy. The President laid out a jobs plan that will spur small business hiring, improve infrastructure, and encourage energy efficiency.

We need to take action on this plan that builds economic opportunity for the long term, new jobs that are sustainable for years ahead, in rebuilding our infrastructure, creating new energy sources, and developing new technology and innovative products and services that we and the world want to buy. We are committed to rebuilding America's economy, putting Americans back to work and ensuring our Nation's economic future.

MAKE SURE THAT WALL STREET PLAYS BY THE RULES

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

Ms. KILROY. For 8 years the Bush administration and its Republican allies looked the other way as Wall