

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER  
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. POE of Texas). Members are advised to direct their comments to the Chair.

## BUDGETLESS RESOLUTION

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with serious concerns about the misguided agenda our friends on the other side of the aisle are pursuing.

While Democrats continue to make job creation, economic recovery, and debt reduction top priorities, the majority continues to engage in political theater. In fact, their first actions after assuming control of the House haven't created a single job or protected a single American business.

Instead, the other side's top priority has been to repeal the patient protections provided by the new health care reform bill; and their so-called "budget resolution" they have offered today is a one-page document with no specific cuts to reduce spending, no budget numbers and, most importantly, no ideas on job creation or on economic recovery.

Mr. Speaker, we were sent here to create jobs and get the American economy back on track, both the Republicans and Democrats. Let's stop the political gimmickry, and let's get to the work of putting the American people back to work.

DEFICIT REDUCTION PLANS—NOT  
AMBIGUOUS GOALS

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

Mr. ALTMIRE. Mr. Speaker, as we look forward to tonight's State of the Union Address, it is important for all of us to keep in mind the most important issues to the American people: jobs, the economy, and deficit reduction. In the weeks and months ahead, we look forward to working together, Democrats and Republicans, to focus our legislative attention on these issues.

As we debate these issues, it is easy to simply identify the problem. We all know that unemployment is too high, that recovery is not as fast as we would like, and that the deficit is out of control; but the time for simply defining the problem has long since passed, and realistic solutions are long overdue. As we near completion of our first month of the new Congress, the American people are still waiting to hear the majority's specific recommendations on how to address these issues.

Tonight, we will hear from the President. I look forward to soon hearing from the majority some specific details about their deficit reduction plans, not just ambiguous goals.

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HONORING FALLEN OFFICERS IN  
ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

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

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the sacrifice of two St. Petersburg, Florida, police officers who were killed in the line of duty yesterday.

Sergeant Tom Baitinger and Officer Jeffrey Yaslowitz were following up on a Fugitive Task Force warrant when they and a deputy U.S. marshal were ambushed and shot. Officer Yaslowitz was fatally shot while trying to arrest the dangerous fugitive; Officer Baitinger was shot while attempting to rescue his colleagues.

Officer Yaslowitz was 39 years old. He was a K-9 officer and had worked with his canine partner, "Ace," for the last 2 years. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine, and three young children. Sergeant Thomas J. Baitinger was 48 years old. He is survived by his wife, Paige.

As my colleague, Congressman BILL YOUNG, stated yesterday from this floor, we pray for their families, the St. Petersburg Police Department, Mayor Bill Foster, and Police Chief Chuck Harmon, and we honor the sacrifice of our community heroes and all who wear the uniform of service.

TONIGHT'S OFF-BROADWAY  
PERFORMANCE

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

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I want to give folks a preview of tonight's off-Broadway performance that will follow the President's State of the Union Address.

The stage will be the House Budget Committee hearing room. The actor in the one-man show will be Republican Representative PAUL RYAN from Wisconsin. The script will begin with something like, Hello, I'm Representative PAUL RYAN, and I'm speaking to you from the very location where the Democratic job-killing spending binge unfolded during the last 2 years. Unfortunately, the script for tonight's performance will not include the fact that Democratic investments have created more jobs during the last 2 years than were created during the entire 8 years of George Bush. You also won't hear about the one thing that Republicans fought tooth and nail for during the last 2 years: an extension of a budget-busting \$700 billion tax break for wealthy Americans.

Coming attractions? The chairman will have another show in the next week where he pulls a budget number from a hat filled with rabbits. That will be our budget number. Enjoy the show.

CALLING FOR TRANSPARENCY IN  
CAMPAIGN FINANCE

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

Mr. McNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to discuss the importance of reducing the influence of corporate special interest money in our elections.

As a result of the Citizens United decision, corporations and other special interests are free to pump unlimited sums of money into campaign attacks. And worse yet, because of this decision there is no good mechanism to keep money from foreign sources out of our elections. We need reform that brings transparency to the campaign finance system and protects the best interests of middle class families.

I will call on the new majority to work in a bipartisan fashion to bring transparency to the campaign finance system. I supported the DISCLOSE Act last year, and I believe this bill is a good first step. I will continue standing up for middle class families.

USING AMERICAN RESOURCES TO  
CREATE JOBS

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

Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, tonight we will hear about the State of the Union. I hope we hear the sometimes painful truth about the State of the Union: more jobs lost in the last couple of years and we need to do something about that.

But the answer is not more spending that leads us to a greater deficit and more borrowing from China. The answer is not to continue to have higher gas prices because we are buying our oil from OPEC, which they use to build their lavish palaces and drive their Rolls Royces while our communities are trying to find ways to afford the patching compound to patch up our potholes. What we need to be doing is taking action that uses our resources to create American jobs.

A bill that I am going to be reintroducing from last year is one that says, Let's stop this moratorium that prevents us from using our oil, from drilling our resources. We can actually create jobs and have about \$3 trillion-plus in Federal revenue without raising taxes, without raising our trade deficit, and without sending more money to OPEC.

I hope this is something this Congress considers and this President has an open mind to dealing with so that we can create jobs without creating more deficit.

STANDING TOGETHER FOR THE  
ECONOMY

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

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, tonight the President of the United States will stand in this Chamber and discharge his constitutional obligation to address the State of the Union for the Congress. I understand that many of my colleagues will be sitting together in a bipartisan way, and I think that's a good thing. What I really hope, though, is that we get commonsensical about where we are tomorrow, that as we talk about the economy, we agree that we should cut regulations which serve no purpose but to stifle industry, but that we should not attack the rules which keep our air clean and our water drinkable.

We can and we must reduce the deficit and get our fiscal house in order, but do not try to persuade the American public that we can fail to invest in schools, in railways, in highways, and in networks that will provide economic prosperity for decades to come.

I'm glad my colleagues are going to be sitting together in this Chamber tonight. What I really hope is that tomorrow we are standing together behind commonsensical changes that will make this economy strong.

LET'S DEAL WITH JOBS

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

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I, like all 434 other Members of this body, was elected to the 112th Congress. Shortly after arriving, I was told that the number one responsibility we had was to create jobs. So far, that has not been the case. We have given attention to health care, which I understood to have been one issue that we gave too much attention to. So my question today is, What about the jobs? When are we going to talk about jobs? I would like for somebody, anybody, to talk about jobs. When are we going to do the job of creating jobs? If we do our jobs, then we might be able to create some jobs; if we don't, nothing will happen.

Madam Speaker, I am urging the Members of this body, particularly those who are now in charge, to begin to deal with jobs.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. CAPITO) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, January 25, 2011.

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 January 25, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 10.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

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 today.

STAFF SERGEANT SALVATORE A. GIUNTA MEDAL OF HONOR FLAG RESOLUTION

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 49) providing Capitol-flown flags for recipients of the Medal of Honor.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 49

Resolved,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This resolution may be cited as the "Staff Sergeant Salvatore A. Giunta Medal of Honor Flag Resolution".

SEC. 2. PROVIDING CAPITOL-FLOWN FLAGS FOR RECIPIENTS OF MEDAL OF HONOR.

(a) IN GENERAL.—At the request of a recipient of the Medal of Honor or an immediate family member of a recipient of the Medal of Honor, the Representative of the recipient or the Representative of the family member (as the case may be) may provide the recipient or the family member with a Capitol-flown flag, together with the certificate described in subsection (c), except that not more than one flag may be provided under this resolution with respect to the Medal of Honor recipient involved.

(b) NO COST TO FAMILY.—A flag provided under this section shall be provided at no cost to the individual receiving the flag.

(c) CERTIFICATE DESCRIBED.—The certificate described in this subsection is a certificate which is signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Representative providing the flag, and which reads as follows: "This flag has been flown over the United States Capitol, in honor of the service and sacrifice of recipients of the Medal of Honor, the highest honor awarded to members of the Armed Forces for valor in combat, with profound gratitude on behalf of the United States House of Representatives."

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

(1) the term "Capitol-flown flag" means a United States flag flown over the United States Capitol in honor of the Medal of Honor recipient involved; and

(2) the term "Representative" includes a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress.

SEC. 3. REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the date of the adoption of this resolution, the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall issue regulations for carrying out this resolution, including regulations to establish procedures (including

any appropriate forms, guidelines, and accompanying certificates) for requesting a Capitol-flown flag.

(b) APPROVAL BY COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION.—The regulations issued by the Clerk under subsection (a) shall take effect upon approval by the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LATHAM) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BRADY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Iowa.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I ask that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

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

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 49, providing Capitol-flown flags for recipients of the Medal of Honor.

Madam Speaker, the resolution is simple, its language is succinct, but it is so much more significant than mere symbolism. This resolution provides a family member or the Medal of Honor recipient themselves a U.S. flag flown over this Capitol, along with a certificate which reads, "This flag has been flown over the United States Capitol, in honor of the service and sacrifice of recipients of the Medal of Honor, the highest honor awarded to members of the Armed Forces for valor in combat, with profound gratitude on behalf of the United States House of Representatives."

Madam Speaker, the Medal of Honor is the highest honor awarded to members of the Armed Forces. And to these Medal of Honor recipients, we, as a country, as one Nation, and as this collective House are immeasurably thankful for their service, their sacrifice, and their bravery, which sometimes has meant giving that last full measure of devotion.

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I am especially proud of Staff Sergeant Salvatore Giunta, a native of Clinton, Iowa, who is the first living recipient of the Medal of Honor since the Vietnam War and is here in the Capitol for the State of the Union Address this evening and a recognition ceremony tomorrow.

Sergeant Giunta's service embodies a spirit of selflessness, humility, and determination that Iowans are known for, both in the military and civilian life.

We pass this resolution as a heartfelt and profoundly sincere "thank you" to those receiving the highest of honors, the Medal of Honor. Madam Speaker, this resolution should garner overwhelming bipartisan support, and I