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## House of Representatives

The House met at 12:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland).

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
March 16, 2009.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DONNA F. EDWARDS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to 30 minutes and each Member, other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip, limited to 5 minutes.

### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

□ 1400

### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. JACKSON of Illinois) at 2 p.m.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord God, our Hope and our Salvation, You go ahead of us and prepare a place for us.

Here on Capitol Hill, there are countless workers, from carpenters to staff writers, pages, clerks, Parliamentarians, electricians, and others, who work behind the scenes.

They prepare this institution for the work of the elected Members of Congress. You alone know the faith and dedication of these silent workers.

Hidden from the public eye, they can never be taken for granted. Each, in his or her own way, serves the Nation and, through their faithfulness, gives You glory.

Bless them, Lord, their work and their families. Hear their prayers and reward them with Your love and compassion, now and forever.

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 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.

### 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:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, March 13, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker, The Capitol,  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MADAM 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 March 13, 2009, at 9:09 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 338.

That the Senate passed S. 39.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 37.

Appointments:

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control.

Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk of the House.*

### THE DEMOCRAT BUDGET: TAXING, SPENDING, AND BORROWING TOO MUCH

(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, the Democrat budget spends too much, taxes too much, and borrows too much.

Last week we talked about the massive increase in government spending President Obama is planning, the largest since World War II.

This week we will tell you how they plan to pay for all this new government spending—with the largest tax increase in American history.

The Democrats' budget will raise taxes by \$1.4 trillion on American families and businesses over the next 10

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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