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The House met at 10 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Bruce Hargrave, Russia-U.S. Methodist Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas, offered the following prayer:

O God, Who knows all things, knows all hearts, is in control of all things and Who allows each of us to have a measure of power and position, we acknowledge Your gifts to us and give You thanks. We thank You for the bountiful blessings You have poured out upon our country, its people, and each of us in this House.

O God, in these times of great challenge, we confess that in a rush to get things done we sometimes forget to seek Your guidance and wisdom. Forgive us, we pray.

We need Your wisdom, guidance and direction today, and ask You to grant it to each of us bountifully.

O God, lead each of us to a common goal of doing our best, doing the best for our fellow Americans, and doing the best we can to promote love for all mankind, peace for all mankind, and justice for all mankind.

We humbly ask all of this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CAPUANO). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 7 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. DEGETTE) at 1 o'clock and 25 minutes p.m.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

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

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. VISCLOSKY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. VISCLOSKY 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. Without objection, the 1-minute speech of the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HALL) will appear in the RECORD at this point.

There was no objection.

HONORING DR. BRUCE HARGRAVE

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I am honored to introduce Dr. Bruce Hargrave, a pastor and friend from my hometown—Rockwall, TX—who offered the Opening Prayer today.

Dr. Hargrave currently serves as Vice President of Development for the United Methodist Theological Seminary in Moscow, Russia.

From 2003 to 2008, he was the Associate Pastor at First United Methodist Church of Rockwall. During his time there and with his help, the church increased its mission initiatives, including developing in conjunction with the General Board of Higher Education & Ministry, the construction of the only United Methodist Seminary on the continent of Africa. His effective pastoral work over the past 38 years is evident in the success of the churches he has led, all showing growth in membership and attendance, as well as an increase in giving to missions.

Along with his pastoral work, Dr. Hargrave worked for the Garland, TX, Community Hos-

pital Psychiatric and Addiction Medicine Unit from 1993 to 1997. While there he served as Director of the Behavioral Medicine Clinic for Tenet Health Corporation and Hunt County Family Services in Greenville, TX, as well as Provider Relations Director and Associate Clinical Supervisor.

Dr. Hargrave received a Bachelor of Science in Philosophy from Dallas Baptist University. He earned his Master of Divinity in Pastoral Ministry from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, TX, before completing his education at Luther-Rice University in Lithonia, Georgia with a Doctorate of Ministry in Administration.

Dr. Hargrave's faith in God is reflected in his career, one which has been spent in service to the betterment of others. I am honored to welcome Dr. Bruce Hargrave today as our guest Chaplain in the U.S. House of Representatives.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

HEALTH CARE REFORM

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

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend my fellow Democratic colleagues for their commitment to reforming the health care system with the goal of reducing costs and improving access to quality health care for all Americans.

Health care premiums are increasing at an alarming rate; in fact, in the last 10 years, they have doubled. Currently, over \$1,000 of the average American family's annual health care premium goes to support uninsured Americans, and still we have over 46 million Americans who don't have access to health

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care, and 20 percent of them are children.

I believe that we must work creatively to build on the best of what works in the current system while fostering competition among private plans and providing patients with quality choices.

We can and we must ensure that all Americans have affordable and quality health care. And I urge all of my colleagues to work together towards this goal.

CONGRATULATING THE LADY EAGLES

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Lady Eagles from the Bald Eagle Area School District in Pennsylvania for winning the state championship softball title on Friday, June 12. It was the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association's Class AA title game against the Brandywine Heights Area School District, and both are outstanding teams.

Led by pitcher Megan Shaw, the Lady Eagles won by a score of 2-0 against the Lady Bullets in a match where the Bullets had a better record with 27 wins and no losses. The Eagles' record was 23 wins and 3 losses.

This is a story about heart and determination after the Lady Eagles lost last year in the state finals. They have won 2 years out of 4 and are fierce competitors. Scoring runs were by Brooke Klinefelter and Taylor Parsons, with help from two other hitters, Lily Glunt and Jasa Mitchell; one bunted, and the second gave a base hit to bring in Parsons.

Coach Dave Breon can be justifiably proud of these high school girls and the hard work that got them to the finals and made them state champions. Great job, Lady Eagles.

YET ANOTHER TAX ON THE PEOPLE

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, with the banner cry, "they never found a tax they didn't like," the taxacrats want to tax energy consumption.

Here's the plan: Tax American energy and use the tax to pay for the national health care program. In fact, Duke Energy has already asked for a 13.5 percent rate increase on its customers to pay for this new oppressive tax. You see, taxes on American energy companies will be passed on to the rest of us. And so it begins.

Families and businesses are already struggling during these new times of change. The stimulus bill has only made things worse. So the government is going to automatically raise the cost

of everything that comes from energy, which is almost everything. And the consumer pays, while our small manufacturing companies go out of business because of these new energy taxes. And now we learn the new energy tax plan, which was supposed to save planet Earth, will have little or no effect on the climate. Bummer.

So why punish American energy companies that pass the pain on to citizens? Here's the reason: The government economic philosophy of 2009 is: if something moves, regulate it; if it keeps moving, tax it; and if it stops moving, nationalize it.

And that's just the way it is.

□ 1330

BRINGING ATTENTION TO NORTH KOREAN PRISONERS EUNA LEE AND LAURA LING

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to continue to bring attention to Ms. Ling and Ms. Lee, who are being held today by North Korea. I realize that we have had over the years Six-Party Talks and that engagement is important.

I am not advocating war. I am advocating a resolution to the holding of two innocent Americans, one a mother, both renowned journalists, both loved by their family members. I believe it is important for North Korea to be part of the world community and imagine the concerns that would be expressed by anyone holding a North Korean.

I look forward to working as a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee with the administration for the best approach and ongoing continuing discussions, discussing nuclear non-proliferation, along with the release of these two hostages. But we must make a statement and act to have the release of Ms. Ling and Ms. Lee, and we must do it now.

A RESPONSIBLE CENTRIST HEALTH BILL

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

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, centrists in the House have put forward a health care reform bill that defends your relationship with your doctor, lowers the cost of insurance, and extends coverage to Americans who don't have it. It is a better bill than the Senate bill, which has \$1 trillion in cost.

CBO says that bill will cover 31 million Americans, but another 15 million will lose coverage under the legislation, giving a net of just 16 million Americans getting coverage. At a cost of \$1 trillion, that means it costs \$62,500 per patient over 10 years.

Our centrist plan covers more people at much less cost while finally guaranteeing the rights of your medical treatment against any government restriction.

This House is suffering trillion-dollar sticker shock from the Senate bill. Our centrist health care reform bill is more responsible and will not break the Treasury.

YOUNG ADULT HEALTHCARE COVERAGE ACT OF 2009

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

Mrs. DAHLKEMPER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of my first piece of legislation, the Young Adult Healthcare Coverage Act of 2009, or, as I like to call it, the young invincibles bill. I am the mother of five young invincibles, and this legislation will cover adults ages 19-29.

This bipartisan, no-cost bill provides these young adults with the option to access their parents' health insurance. This is important, because young adults have the highest uninsured rate of any group in the country at 31 percent.

The result is extreme measures, such as borrowing leftover prescription drugs from a friend, setting their own broken bones, or trips to the emergency room that cost the American taxpayer millions. Thirty States have already enacted similar legislation. This bill will create a nationwide uniform standard.

I thank Congressman LEONARD LANCE and others who are cosponsoring this bill, and I ask our colleagues to join us.

A BETTER SOLUTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE LEGISLATION

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

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, by 2035, the Heritage Foundation estimates that Chairman WAXMAN's legislation will cause a 90 percent increase in electricity rates and a 55 percent rise in residential natural gas prices. Experts predict that this will result in substantial numbers of United States jobs going to countries like China and India that have not adopted a national energy tax.

At a time when the national unemployment rate is soaring, approaching 10 percent in the next several months, and the Kentucky unemployment rate is getting dangerously high, we can't afford to enact this legislation that will create additional hardships.

Energy prices are a major factor in determining the cost of living and the cost of doing business in a particular location. The fact is that Kentucky is one of the lowest energy cost States in the Nation and depends on electricity produced from coal.

I recently met with plant managers and business leaders in Carroll County, Kentucky, who reiterated that the low cost of energy in the Commonwealth was a major reason they chose to base their businesses in the county, creating many jobs.