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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WEINER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC.

June 19, 2009.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANTHONY D. WEINER 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: Eternal God, Father of all, as we approach the weekend, we praise You and we bless You, for our fathers, both living and dead.

Their very presence or their memory may endow us with strength wrapped in gentleness, forbearance revealed in practicality, and a self-giving love which is a reflection of Your creative life and goodness.

May the fathers of this Nation be the first and best teachers of their children to find satisfaction in hard work, greatness in moral character, and faith in powerful ways.

May all fathers be blessed in their work, in their games and sports, and in the joys of family life.

This we ask of You, Heavenly Father. 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.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. HALVORSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. HALVORSON 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 five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

FIX COVERAGE GAP IN MEDICARE PART D COVERAGE

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

Mrs. HALVORSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express the urgent need to fix the coverage gap in Medicare

part D's prescription benefit plan, especially as we take up health care reform legislation this year.

The coverage gap, better known as the "doughnut hole," is getting worse each year. This gap is tied to health care costs, which are increasing at a rate much faster than inflation. In fact, the costs for people that fall into the doughnut hole are expected to more than double by 2016. In my State of Illinois, 32 percent of Medicare part D beneficiaries fall into this gap, and only a small fraction ever make it out.

Mr. Speaker, in America, no senior should have to choose between their meals and their medication. If we don't solve this issue, this situation will only continue to get worse. We must take the time to address this serious gap in coverage for our seniors.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on this issue as we continue the health care reform debate.

TRIBUTE TO FULLER KIMBRELL

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

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate, pay tribute and honor a great Alabamian on the occasion of his 100th birthday, which will be this Saturday, a milestone that very few individuals get to reach.

Fuller Kimbrell was born on June 20, 1909, in Berry, Alabama, and was one of 10 boys. As a young man, he was quarterback and captain of his local football team, as well as helping his family on the farm. He traveled across the country during the Great Depression and returned home to Berry, Alabama, and then on to Fayette, Alabama. Today he resides in Tuscaloosa.

Mr. Kimbrell entered politics and served in the Alabama State Senate for the 12th District of Alabama, and he also managed Big Jim Folsom's gubernatorial campaign in 1954. Additionally, he went on to serve as an adviser

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