

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 46 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

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

PRAYER

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

Lord God, how simply children learn to pray: "Thy will be done." Are they more dependent, innocent, and free compared to the rest of us? Or is it because they are more practiced in obedience? "Thy will be done."

As adults, Lord, do we try to convince You by our prayers to see events, problems, or others as we see them? Perhaps blinded by our own fears and guilt, we are easily convinced by the cumulative lies of selective history and the intellectual culture. So much so, that we insist on thinking that we are on an even match with You, Lord.

So, it is Your will against ours. How arrogant even Your people of faith can be.

In truth, make us humble of heart, Lord; or else You may find Your own way to humble us before You.

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 Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN 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.

CONGRATULATING CHIEF TIM
MCELWEE

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

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, on August 28, Chief Tim McElwee of the Prescott Fire Department was named the 2009 Safety Officer

of the Year by the International Association of Fire Chiefs. A 30-year PFD veteran, Chief McElwee heads his agency's training division. He literally wrote the book on safety and training requirements for the department.

Chief McElwee's accomplishments also extend beyond the Prescott Fire Department. He sits on the Arizona Wildfire Academy Board of Directors, helps oversee disaster response for his region, and has managed an organization that provides training to fire departments throughout the area.

Chief McElwee will be retiring in May 2010, but his many contributions to the Prescott Fire Department and to Arizona will help keep our communities safe for years to come.

I congratulate Chief McElwee for this much-deserved honor.

JOB CORPS DAY CELEBRATING 45
YEARS OF PRODUCING PAY-
ROLLS FOR AMERICA

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Today marks a historic event for the Nation's most significant Federal job-training agency. The Job Corps celebrates its 45th anniversary today, recognizing the agency's many years of service to America during which it has helped launch the careers of nearly 3 million disadvantaged youths.

As part of the National Job Corps Association's celebration of this important anniversary, I'm proud to cosponsor Congressman JERRY MORAN's resolution, H. Con. Res. 163, to designate September 23 as National Job Corps Day.

Since 1964, the Job Corps has created a network of 123 Job Corps centers in 48 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. As part of the 45th anniversary celebration, I am pleased that one of my area's Job Corps interns, Esmeralda Sanchez, will be shadowing me tomorrow.

Additionally, my local Homestead Job Corps center is hosting an open house event on Thursday, October 1, for the entire south Florida community to attend.

Both locally and nationally, the Job Corps has definitely benefited America by producing payrolls for our country.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION
EXTENSION ACT

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

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, today the House will consider the Unemployment Compensation Extension Act. The legislation would extend unemployment benefits by up to 13 weeks for over 300,000 jobless workers who reside in high unemployment States and that are projected to run out of unemploy-

ment compensation by the end of September. This bill will serve as a lifeline, aiding those who are still struggling to find work in Las Vegas and other parts of Nevada.

The once recession-proof economy of my district of Las Vegas has not been spared from the effects of this downturn. In fact, Nevada has been hit harder than any other State by the foreclosure crisis, and our unemployment rate has skyrocketed to over 13 percent, the second highest in the Nation. This legislation will bring much-needed relief to many jobless Nevadans.

It is absolutely critical that Congress step up and pass this federally funded extension of unemployment benefits. I support the bill we are considering today because it will help hardworking Nevadans get by until the situation improves—and it will—and they can return to work.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

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

Mr. GOHMERT. This week, the conference committee will meet on Defense authorization. Defense authorization: we are supposed to provide for the common defense. That is the number one job of this government, not all the social engineerings going on. And guess what? We're going to be having a discussion over a hate crimes bill in Defense authorization. We're going to be talking about defending America and, in the same bill, taking away the rights of Americans.

There is not one law that will be covered by that hate crimes bill that is not already in existence in every State in the Union. Every one of those crimes is covered.

James Byrd's defendants got the death penalty, the two most culpable. This will not do anything. But if you want to have a discussion on hate crimes, let's have it head up on hate crimes. Let's don't stick it into something as important as Defense authorization.

IN TRIBUTE TO ARMY PFC
JEREMIAH J. MONROE

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

Mr. MURPHY of New York. I rise today with the very sad duty of reporting the tragic passing of Army Private First Class Jeremiah J. Monroe. PFC Monroe was taken from us on September 17, 2009, by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan, just 2 months after his deployment.

Private First Class Monroe was assigned to the 630th Route Clearance Company, 7th Engineer Battalion, 10th Mountain Division, based in Fort Drum, New York. A beloved father, brother, son, friend, and soldier from Warren County, Jeremiah, will be sorely missed by the entire Adirondack and Fort Drum communities.