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House of Representatives

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 19, 2011.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL K. SIMPSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

You have blessed us with all good gifts, and with thankful hearts, we express our gratitude. You have created us with opportunities to serve other people in their need, to share together in respect and affection, and to be faithful in the responsibilities we have been given.

In this moment of prayer, please grant to the Members of this people's House the gifts of wisdom and discernment, that in their words and actions they will do justice, love with mercy, and walk humbly with You.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

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. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore 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:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 15, 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 September 15, 2011 at 5:50 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to with an amendment H.J. Res. 66.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

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:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 16, 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 September 16, 2011 at 9:07 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2887.

That the Senate agreed to S. Res. 268.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by Speaker pro tempore WOLF on Friday, September 16, 2011:

H.R. 2887, to provide an extension of surface and air transportation programs, and for other purposes.

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, September 19, 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, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on September 19, 2011, at 11:35 a.m., and said to contain a message from the President whereby he submits the fiscal plan entitled, ''Living Within Our Means and Investing in the Future,'' the President's Plan for Economic Growth and Deficit Reduction.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk of the House.

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LIVING WITHIN OUR MEANS AND INVESTING IN THE FUTURE—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 112–55)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Armed Services; Education and the Workforce; Energy and Commerce; Financial Services; House Administration; the Judiciary; Natural Resources; Oversight and Government Reform; Rules; Science, Space, and Technology; Small Business; Transportation and Infrastructure; and Ways and Means and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

This continues to be a time of challenge for our country. We face an economic crisis that has left millions of our neighbors jobless, and a political crisis that has made things worse. Millions of Americans are looking for work. Across our country, families are doing their best just to scrape by—giving up nights out with the family to save on gas or make the mortgage, or postponing retirement to send a child to college.

These men and women grew up with faith in an America where hard work and responsibility paid off. They believed in a country where everyone gets a fair shake and does their fair share; they believed that if you worked hard and played by the rules, you would be rewarded with a decent salary and good benefits. If you did the right thing, you could make it in America.

For decades now, Americans have watched that compact erode. They have seen the decks too often stacked against them. And they know that Washington has not always put their interests first. Too often, our Nation's capital has been consumed by partisanship. Too often, the needs of special interests or politics have been put ahead of what is best for the country.

That is what must change. The American people work hard to meet their responsibilities. Now, as the Nation faces an economy that is not growing and creating jobs as it should, so must its leaders. While the continued recovery of our economy will be driven by the businesses and workers across our land, policymakers in Washington can take steps to help Americans right now and set the most favorable conditions we can for growth and job creation for years to come. We can live within our means and invest for the future.

That is why last week I presented to the Congress and the American people the American Jobs Act, to provide a jolt to the economy and give companies confidence that if they invest and hire, there will be customers for their products and services. This jobs bill will put more people back to work and more money in the pockets of those who are working. It will create more jobs for construction workers, more jobs for teachers, more jobs for veterans, and more jobs for the long-term unemployed. It will provide a tax break for companies that hire new workers, and it will cut payroll taxes in half for every working American and every small business. It will create jobs for people to rebuild our aging infrastructure and repair and modernize at least 35,000 schools. Moreover, the proposals in the American Jobs Act are the kind of proposals that have been supported by Democrats and Republicans in the past.

I am committed to paying for this jobs bill. The Budget Control Act that I signed into law last month will cut annual Government spending by about $1 trillion over the next 10 years. It also charges the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction with finding an additional $1.5 trillion in savings. As part of this jobs bill, I am asking the Congress to increase that amount so that it covers the full cost of the American Jobs Act. In addition, I believe that the Congress should seize the opportunity that this new Committee presents and do much more so that we can put the country on a sustainable fiscal path, which is critical for our long-term economic growth and competitiveness.

For this reason, I am sending to the Congress this detailed plan to pay for this jobs bill and realize more than $3 trillion in net deficit reduction over the next 10 years. Combined with the approximately $1 trillion in savings from the first part of the Budget Control Act, this would generate more than $4 trillion in deficit reduction over the next decade. This would bring the Nation to the point where current spending is no longer adding to our debt and where our debt is no longer increasing as a share of our economy—an important milestone on the way to restoring fiscal discipline and moving us toward balance.

This plan is a balanced one that asks everyone to do their part. It includes nearly $580 billion in cuts and reforms to mandatory programs of which $320 billion is savings from Federal health programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. These changes are necessary to maintain the promise of Medicare as we know it.

The plan also realizes more than $1 trillion in savings over the next 10 years from our drawdowns in Afghanistan and Iraq. And the plan calls for the Congress to undertake comprehensive tax reform that lowers tax rates, closes loopholes, boosts job creation here at home, cuts the deficit by $1.5 trillion, and observes the Buffett Rule—that people making more than $1 million a year should not pay a smaller share of their income in taxes than middle-class families pay.

To assist the Committee in its work, I also included specific tax loophole closers and measures to broaden the tax base. Together with the expiration of the high-income tax cuts from 2001 and 2003, these measures would be more than enough to reach this $1.5 trillion target. They include cutting tax preferences for high-income households, eliminating tax breaks for oil and gas companies, closing the carried interest loophole for investment fund managers, and eliminating benefits for those who use corporate jets.

In sum, the plan I am sending to the Congress today is a blueprint for how we can reduce this deficit, pay down our debt, and pay for the American Jobs Act in the process. I have little doubt that some of these proposals will not be popular with those who benefit from these affected programs. And some of these changes are ones that we would not make if it were not for our fiscal situation. But we are all in this together, and all of us must contribute to getting our economy moving again and on a firm fiscal footing.

After all, we are all connected. No single individual built America on his or her own. We built it together. We have been, and always will be, ''one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.'' We have always been a people with responsibilities to ourselves and with responsibilities to one another. This means that as Americans work hard to find a job, keep their businesses afloat and grow, and provide for their kids, their representatives in Washington must meet their responsibilities and make the tough choices needed to get our economy back on track.

This plan lives up to a simple idea: as a Nation, we can live within our means while still making the investments we need to prosper. It follows a balanced approach: asking everyone to do their part, so no one has to bear all the burden. And it says that everyone—including millionaires and billionaires—has to pay their fair share.

These may be tough times for our country, but I have a deep faith in the American spirit, and we are tougher than the times we live in and bigger than the politics we have recently seen. If we all put partisanship aside and roll up our sleeves, I have no doubt that we can meet the challenges of the moment and show the world once again why the United States of America remains the greatest country on Earth.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *September 19, 2011.*

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by Speaker pro tempore WOLF on Friday, September 16, 2011:

H.R. 2887. An act to provide an extension of surface and air transportation programs, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned

until noon tomorrow for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 13 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, September 20, 2011, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3114. A letter from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting material violations or suspected material violations of regulations relating to the Treasury, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3121 nt. Public Law 103-202, section 202; to the Committee on Financial Services.

3115. A letter from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's report on modification to the auction process that are deemed significant, pursuant to Public Law 103-202, section 203; to the Committee on Financial Services.

3116. A letter from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's report that no exceptions to the prohibition against favored treatment of a government securities broker or government securities dealer were granted by the Secretary during the period January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010; to the Committee on Financial Services.

3117. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to South Korea pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

3118. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting written notification of the determination that a public health emergency exists and has existed in the State of Missouri since May 22, 2011, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 247d(a) Public Law 107-188, section 144(a); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3119. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's twelfth report describing the progress made in licensing and constructing the Alaska natural gas pipeline and describing any issue impeding that progress; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3120. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting Pursuant to Section 27(f) of the Arms Export Control Act and Section 1(f) of Executive Order 11958, Transmittal No. 8-11 informing of an intent to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3121. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief: Annual Report on the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria, as requested in Pub. L. 108-25; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3122. A letter from the Executive Director, Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation, transmitting the Fellowship's Performance and Accountability Report for FY 2011; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3123. A letter from the General Counsel, National Tropical Botanical Garden, transmitting the annual audit report for the National Tropical Botanical Garden for the period from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 4610; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3124. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Grand Marais, MN [Docket No.: FAA-2011-0047; Airspace Docket No. 11-AGL-1] received August 5, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3125. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Hannibal, MO [Docket No.: FAA-2011-0046; Airspace Docket No. 11-ACE-1] received August 5, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3126. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Staunton, VA [Docket No.: FAA-2010-1285; Airspace Docket No. 10-AEA-27] received August 5, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3127. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Fulton, MO [Docket No.: FAA-2011-0121; Airspace Docket No. 11-ACE-2] received August 5, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3128. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Class E Airspace; Ranger, TX [Docket No.: FAA-2010-1240; Airspace Docket No. 10-ASW-18] received August 5, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3129. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Ava, MO [Docket No.: FAA-2011-0122; Airspace Docket No. 11-ACE-3] received August 5, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3130. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revision of Class E Airspace; Talkeetna, AK [Docket No.: FAA-2011-0444; Airspace Docket No. 11-AAL-07] received August 5, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3131. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Class E Airspace; Hearne, TX [Docket No.: FAA-2011-0214; Airspace Docket No. 11-ASW-2] received August 5, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3132. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 30798; Amdt. No. 3439] received August 25, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3133. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; SOCATA Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2011-0530; Directorate Identifier 2011-CE-012-AD; Amendment 39-16770; AD 2011-17-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received August 24, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3134. A letter from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's statement of actions with respect to the Government Accountablity Office report GAO-11-553R; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. CAMP: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 2883. A bill to amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to extend the child and family services program through fiscal year 2016, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 112–210 Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. UPTON: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 908. A bill to extend the authority of the Secretary of Homeland Security to maintain the Chemical Facility anti-Terrorism Standards program; with an amendment (Rept. 112–211). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on the Budget discharged from further consideration. H.R. 2883 referred to the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. TURNER of Ohio:

H.R. 2965. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for penalties for employees of the Veterans Health Administration who intentionally fail to follow infection control practices; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BURTON of Indiana (for himself, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. GERLACH, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. PIERLUISI, Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. BARTLETT, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. PETERS, Ms. NORTON, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. NADLER, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. LANCE, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. OLVER, Mr. REICHERT, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. ACKERMAN, Ms. LEE, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. WATT, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. FILNER, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. MORAN, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. JONES, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. STARK, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. CLEAVER, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey):

H.R. 2966. A bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. TURNER of Ohio:

H.R. 2965.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. BURTON of Indiana:

H.R. 2966.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under clause 3 of Section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 298: Mr. GONZALEZ and Mr. AL GREEN of Texas.

H.R. 459: Mrs. HARTZLER and Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 733: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

H.R. 890: Mr. KISSELL.

H.R. 891: Mr. HOLDEN and Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California.

H.R. 1166: Mr. WEST, Mr. COBLE, and Mr. CHABOT.

H.R. 1235: Mr. ROGERS of Alabama.

H.R. 1296: Ms. MCCOLLUM.

H.R. 1418: Mr. REED, Ms. LEE, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina.

H.R. 1505: Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina.

H.R. 1639: Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mrs. ELLMERS, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. MACK, Mr. FINCHER, and Mr. SHIMKUS.

H.R. 1834: Mr. HARRIS.

H.R. 1965: Mr. LONG.

H.R. 2005: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. TONKO, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. TERRY, Mr. LATOURETTE, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. SHERMAN, and Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas.

H.R. 2047: Mr. POSEY, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, and Mr. ROSS of Florida.

H.R. 2077: Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado.

H.R. 2207: Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mr. TONKO.

H.R. 2447: Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. CRITZ, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. SHULER, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. NADLER, Ms. BERKLEY, and Mr. ROSS of Florida.

H.R. 2478: Mr. GUTHRIE.

H.R. 2555: Mr. HIGGINS and Mr. FILNER.

H.R. 2557: Mr. LANGEVIN.

H.R. 2569: Mr. LATHAM, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, and Mrs. EMERSON.

H.R. 2668: Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. FILNER, and Mr. SCHWEIKERT.

H.R. 2675: Mr. CALVERT.

H.R. 2825: Ms. WILSON of Florida.

H.R. 2842: Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado.

H. Res. 137: Ms. CLARKE of New York and Mr. CLAY.

H. Res. 394: Mr. DESJARLAIS.