

Mr. HOYER. I appreciate that, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentleman have a unanimous-consent request?

Mr. HOYER. I ask unanimous consent that I might now ask for a vote on the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

Mr. HOYER. 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.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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

A BALANCED BUDGET

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, the American people have a right to demand a balanced budget from their government, and by "balanced," we mean a plan that will actually get spending in line with income. If we want a prosperous future for our children and grandchildren, we cannot, after all, continue to spend money we don't have.

House Republicans understand the simple math and have introduced a budget that balances in just 10 years. Senate Democrats are taking a different tack. Their budget demands higher taxes, authorizes higher spending, and never balances—ever.

How do we explain that to hardworking families who live with the reality of having to balance their household budgets every month? Washington should not see itself as the exception to the rule. Washington should balance its budget, and House Republicans have a plan to do just that.

PATH TO PROSPERITY BUDGET

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, this week, the House will consider the Path to Prosperity budget, reaffirming once again that House Republicans are the only ones in Washington offering serious solutions to government spending-driven debt crisis.

Americans at home must prepare a balanced budget for themselves and their families. Our plan would bring the same common sense to Washington and balance our budget in 10 years.

Our budget is not balanced by raising taxes on hardworking Americans but by responsibly reducing spending on government waste and reforming mandatory spending to ensure that programs Americans rely on remain strong for decades to come. Our budget saves taxpayers \$4.6 trillion over 10 years.

The Senate Democrat budget calls for \$1.5 trillion in new taxes and \$7.3 trillion in new debt.

Americans deserve better. That is why House Republicans have proposed a Path to Prosperity budget—to get our economy back on track and create more jobs and opportunity for all Americans.

WE MUST BALANCE OUR BUDGET

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, this week, House Republicans will pass a balanced, responsible budget. Our proposal achieves balance over the next 10 years and will help small businesses create jobs.

Unfortunately, the concept of "balanced budget" is not appreciated by the President and Senate leadership. The President has called for reducing our nearly \$17 trillion national debt, but actually it is increased taxes now with unlikely budget reductions in the future. Likewise, the Senate's budget proposal does not achieve balance but instead increases taxes to accelerate more government borrowing.

House Republicans understand the need for a balanced budget. By balancing our budget, America's small businesses will receive the economic certainty they need to create jobs. It is my hope that Senate leadership and the President begin to focus on balancing our budget, rather than continue to spend beyond our means and placing an undue burden on the backs of children and grandchildren.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

RESPONSIBLE GOP HOUSE BUDGET

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

Mrs. WAGNER. Every day families in Missouri's Second Congressional District create budgets, set priorities, and live within their means. Yet Senate Democrats have failed to pass a budget in 4 years, and President Obama refuses to submit his budget on time to the American people.

With our national debt now exceeding \$16 trillion, our country is on an unsustainable path. That's why House Republicans released a plan that balances our budget in 10 years with smart reforms and cuts.

This budget will cut wasteful spending, reform our broken Tax Code, pro-

tect and strengthen our national security, and repair our social safety net to make sure that these are strong and sustainable for future generations.

In stark contrast, Senate Democrats introduced a budget that raises taxes by an additional \$1 trillion, adds \$4 trillion to our national debt, and sets a course that never ever balances the budget.

Instead of raising taxes and taking more of your hard-earned money, it's time we start lifting up and fighting for nurses, teachers, carpenters, and shop owners, and stop growing government and giving away taxpayer bailouts that only result in less money in our pocket and a mortgaging of our children's future.

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LABEL DRUG CARTELS AS FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, "El Chapo" Joaquin Guzman is the brutal head of Mexico's Sinaloa drug cartel. Chicago has named this killer drug lord Public Enemy No. 1. The last Public Enemy No. 1 was Al Capone, over 80 years ago.

Even though this billionaire bandit from below the border is generally in other countries, his violent criminal drug cartel operation floods dope into Chicago and other American cities. Since our borders are still porous to drug cartels, cartels cross the border at will.

El Chapo and his den of gun-toting smugglers are international terrorists. They have operations in every major city in the United States, including Chicago. Worldwide, his gang is credited with 50,000 murders.

Some say the Chicago murder rate has increased because of his cartel. David Riley, head of the Chicago DEA, said Guzman is more powerful than the former Chicago Mob.

Mr. Speaker, Mexican drug cartels, like the Sinaloa cartel, should be labeled a foreign terrorist organization. Then we can better deal with international terrorist threats to America like Public Enemy No. 1, El Chapo.

And that's just the way it is.

THE HALF-BAKED FEDERAL HEALTH EXCHANGES

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

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, it was 3 years ago tomorrow night that the President's affordable health care law, or bill, was pushed through this House of Representatives.

On Friday, in CQ Healthbeat, an article was published where the Department of Health and Human Services acknowledges that come October 1 there