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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, July 8, 2013, at 2 p.m.

## House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2013

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: God of the universe, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

As we approach a week away from the Nation's Capitol, we give You thanks for the many blessings we enjoy.

May Americans rightfully celebrate the greatness of our participative form of government and the ongoing pursuit of ever broader freedoms for all people that marks our history.

Bless the Members of this people's House in the coming week and their constituents with whom they meet. And as they complete the work of this week and this day, give them the wisdom they need to be their best selves in seeing to the issues of our day.

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

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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.

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

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

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. 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. 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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. WILLIAMS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILLIAMS 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

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 5 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GRANDMA

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

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, today I stand on the floor of the House of Representatives to recognize a true inspi-

ration, a woman who embodies everything about what makes the United States an exceptional Nation. Today, I rise to wish happy birthday to my grandmother Edna Yoder, who turns 102 today.

Born in the heartland of Kansas in 1911, my grandmother was no stranger to hard work. She spent most of her life milking cows, helping bring in the wheat harvest, raising a family of four, and being a true partner to her husband and my late grandfather, Ori Yoder.

Her faith in God, her love of family, and her belief in hard work and humble living define my grandmother. Her generation saw the Dust Bowl, the Great Depression, and many other difficult times over the past century. Her generation's perseverance and dedication to our country helped build the most prosperous nation the world has ever seen.

Today, on her 102nd birthday, she is happy and healthy. She tells great stories about times past, and her smile still lights up the room.

Grandma, we could learn a lot from you. Happy birthday.

### STUDENT LOANS

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

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, in 2 days, interest rates on student loans are going to double from 3.4 to 6.8 percent. It is outrageous, it is unnecessary, and it is cruel.

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