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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

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

On this anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy, we ask Your blessing of peace upon our Nation and the world. May Your healing presence continue to imbue the lives of those who were personally assaulted on that momentous day, and ease the mourning of those who lost their loved ones.

This is a month laden with important matters of policy both at home and abroad for our Nation. Help the Members of this House to recognize that You are with them in their deliberations. You are the God of us all. Help all to trust that Your will for peace and prosperity among Your children can move the human heart.

And through it all, may all maintain a common respect for the goodwill of those with whom they might disagree.

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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mrs. BUSTOS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

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

RESTORING CONSTITUTIONAL BALANCE ON THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, this week, as we somberly memorialize the tragic attacks of 14 years ago, we can also rejoice in our constitutional values being upheld by a Federal court this week, in that the President's overreach on the Affordable Care Act will be heard under our separation of powers.

The court has confirmed the U.S. House has standing to preserve legal claims on the President's overreach once again, this time, illegally overstepping his bounds on the Affordable Care Act and handing out \$175 billion to insurance companies.

It is very important for the people's voice to be heard on an action that was never voted upon or even seen in the public light of day on the Affordable Care Act and its inability to meet its goals of being affordable. Instead, the price is going up. Rates are going up.

So this action is, indeed, a strike for our constitutional values, the ones we fought for, the ones we memorialized, the ones that are dear to our country.

14TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11

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

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the anniversary of the September 11 attacks. Fourteen years ago, our Nation faced an unparalleled tragedy that forever changed us.

Today our thoughts and prayers remain with the victims that perished in these attacks in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania on September 11. We mourn with the families of the victims and continue to thank the selfless first responders who rushed to aid those in danger, even if it meant risking their own lives.

As we remember the lives that were lost that day, we must also commemorate the brave men and women of our armed services who have lost their lives trying to protect us from the dangers we still face today.

Today we must stand as more than just Democrats and Republicans but, rather, together, as Americans, who will work to ensure that our Nation never faces an attack like that ever again.

SEPTEMBER 11 AND A NUCLEAR IRAN

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

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, today marks 14 years since September 11, 2001, a day when thousands of Americans lost their lives in a terrorist attack carried out by al Qaeda. On that day, we united as a Nation in response to a tragedy too terrible to fathom.

Today I remain thankful for our first responders, our firefighters, police, and many others who displayed courage and strength in helping out all impacted by the attacks.

This day also reminds us to reflect on the dedication of the men and women in our Armed Forces. Thousands have served honorably in Iraq, Afghanistan, and in the war on terror since September 11. We are thankful for their

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