

room per doctor. We would like to provide two examining rooms for each doctor, which would facilitate and speed up the process. We hope we will have the support when we offer this amendment to restore the \$206 million cut by the Committee on Appropriations.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. There being no further requests for morning business, pursuant to clause 12, rule I, the House will stand in recess until 11 a.m.

Accordingly, at 10 o'clock and 28 minutes a.m., the House stood in recess until 11 a.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Most Reverend Augustin Roman, Auxiliary Bishop of Miami, Miami Shores, FL, offered the following prayer:

Father in Heaven, Lord and Ruler of all the Earth and its nations; You have given all peoples one common origin and Your will is to gather them as one family in Yourself.

Look upon this assembly of our national leaders and fill them with the spirit of Your wisdom so that they may act in accordance with Your will. Through their deliberations, may they seek to overcome the selfishness that divides our human family and thus help secure justice for all their brothers and sisters. For it is justice guaranteed for all and denied to no one that rightly orders our liberty while accepting Your lordship over us and so assures the security of a true and lasting peace worthy of man created in Your image and likeness. 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 gentleman from Texas [Mr. GENE GREEN] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas 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 Chair announces that there will be 20 1-minutes on each side.

A WELCOME TO BISHOP ROMAN

(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. Mr. Speaker, this morning we were blessed by hearing Auxiliary Bishop Augustin Roman of the Archdiocese of Miami deliver the opening invocation. My colleagues, LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART, BOB MENENDEZ, and I welcome him.

We have recently come to the floor to remind our colleagues of the great contribution that immigrants make to this country. Bishop Roman is another perfect example.

Bishop Roman arrived in the United States in 1966, after having been expelled from Cuba by the tyrannical regime of Fidel Castro.

In 1979, Bishop Roman became the first Cuban in 200 years to be named a bishop in the United States. The bishop holds advanced degrees in theology and human resources and serves as director of the "Ermita de la Caridad," a shrine to Our Lady of Charity, which he helped create. He has been a spiritual guide for the people of south Florida during troubled times.

Bishop Roman is also active in seeking freedom for the Cuban rafters detained at Guantanamo.

When called by the local press a hero, the bishop humbly responded that "a bishop, a priest is a servant, not a hero." This humility and compassion is what has made the bishop of one south Florida's heroes, or as he would put it, its servant.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

Ms. DUNN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be withdrawn as a cosponsor of House joint resolution No. 2.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HEFLEY). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Washington?

There was no objection.

REPUBLICANS IN THE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

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

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, last night and this last weekend we heard the Republican majority defend their school lunch changes. It is the great Republican shell game for school lunch.

They promise a 4.5-percent increase under one shell, but they do not tell us what is under the Appropriations Com-

mittee shell. What is under the State shell, when they can cut 20 percent from the School Lunch Program and transfer it to other programs?

The Republicans are playing budgetary shell games with school lunches. They are taking a guaranteed school lunch for children and subjecting it to the authorization process, to the appropriations process, and then subjecting it to whatever a State may want to do up to 20 percent. On one hand they promise an increase in funding, on the other hand the Committee on Appropriations has been cutting the summer youth jobs and other programs for children.

Are we going to protect the lunch program, or are we going to subject it to the Committee on Appropriations and what they are doing now? Will school districts be forced to end programs when massive rescissions bills come down after they have already bought food? Maybe we should go to the kids during the year after they have already had that luncheon say, you need to give it back.

Why is Congress trying to fix a program that has been working since 1946?

REPUBLICAN CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

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

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, our Contract With America states the following: On the first day of Congress, a Republican House will require Congress to live under the same laws as everyone else; cut committee staffs by one-third, and cut the congressional budget. We kept our promise.

It continues that in the first 100 days, we will vote on the following items: A balanced budget amendment—we kept our promise; unfunded mandates legislation—we kept our promise; line-item veto—we kept our promise; a new crime package to stop violent criminals—we kept our promise; national security restoration to protect our freedoms—we kept our promise; Government regulatory reform—we kept our promise; commonsense legal reform to end frivolous lawsuits—we plan to complete that today;

Welfare reform to encourage work, not dependence; family reinforcement to crack down on deadbeat dads and protect our children; tax cuts for middle-income families; senior citizens' equity act to allow our seniors to work without Government penalty, and congressional term limits to make congress a citizen legislature.

This is our Contract With America.

REPUBLICAN PROPOSAL TO END THE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

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