House of Representatives

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HARRIS).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC, January 13, 2012.
I hereby appoint the Honorable ANDY HARRIS 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:

Eternal God, we give You thanks for giving us another day. We pause now in Your presence and acknowledge our dependence on You. We ask Your blessing upon the men and women of this, the people’s House, who are soon to return to their stations here on Capitol Hill.

As the new session begins, help them, and indeed help us all, to obey Your law, to do Your will, and to walk in Your way. Grant that they might be good in thought, gracious in word, generous in deed, and great in spirit.

Make this a glorious day in which all are glad to be alive and ready to serve You. May all that is done this day be done for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 493, the Journal of the last day’s proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. MORAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MORAN 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 PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 112-81)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the President of the United States:

WASHINGTON, DC, January 13, 2012.

THE WHITE HOUSE,

H.R. 3630.
December 23, 2011, Senate appoints conferees

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the present order of December 23, 2011, Senate appoints conferees

That the Senate pursuant to the order of December 23, 2011, Senate appoints conferees H.R. 3630.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined to comply with the subpoena to the extent that it is consistent with Rule VIII.

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:


Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER, 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 January 3, 2012 at 1:02 p.m.:

That the Senate pursuant to the order of

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That the Senate insists on the amendments to the bill and agrees to a conference asked by the House H.R. 3630.
With best wishes, I am
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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 493, no organizational or legislative business will be conducted on this day.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(c) of House Resolution 493, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2012.
Accordingly (at 11 o’clock and 5 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 2 p.m.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII,
Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mrs. BLACK-BURN, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. SCHILLING, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. PAUL, Mr. BOUNTANY, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, Mr. WOODALL, and Mr. QUAYLE) introduced a joint resolution (H.J. Res. 98) relating to the disapproval of the President’s exercise of authority to increase the debt limit, as submitted under section 3101A of title 31, United States Code, on January 12, 2012; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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. REED:
H.J. Res. 98.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 relating to the power to pay the debts of the United States.
The Senate met at 12 and 3 seconds p.m., and was called to order by the Honorable JEFF BINGAMAN, a Senator from the State of New Mexico.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUYE).

The bill clerk read as follows:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JEFF BINGAMAN, a Senator from the State of New Mexico, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUYE,
President pro tempore.

Mr. BINGAMAN thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:15 A.M., TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2012.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12 and 33 seconds p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 10:15 a.m.
A TRIBUTE TO JIM QUAIL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 13, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Quail for his distinguished career of exemplary educational services to the District 14 community. Mr. Quail retires having vastly improved the quality of education for the students in his community.

Mr. Quail grew up in Astoria, Queens, and is the son of Irish immigrants. With ambitions of going to law school, Mr. Quail always had an affinity for the importance of education to promote one’s wellbeing. After graduating from Fordham University he decided to follow in the footsteps of his sister and pursue a career in teaching.

Mr. Quail subsequently began his illustrious career as a student-teacher in the District 14 community. His first assignment at the then Board of Education was to report to P.S. 132 on Metropolitan Avenue. Mr. Quail spent five years at P.S. 132, while also earning educational administration degrees in his out-of-school time that enhanced his professional development. With such experience and dedication, Mr. Quail was promoted to Assistant Principal at P.S. 250 and served in that capacity for five years.

At P.S. 250, Mr. Quail would have the biggest impact on the students he encountered as well as in his personal life. With the support and confidence of student parents, school administration, and the community; Mr. Quail was selected to serve as the Principal of P.S. 250. Mr. Quail would spend the next 25 years in this post as the educational leader of P.S. 250. During his tenure, Mr. Quail accomplished many notable achievements which include leading P.S. 250 to become one of the top schools in the district.

In 2003, Mr. Quail was named superintendent of District 14. In this capacity he has served as the top education official in our community, overseeing all 26 schools and the 15,000 children they serve. Mr. Quail has led the efforts to implement a number of new initiatives in the district. Among them includes the Federal 21st Century grant which supports schools in their effort to create specialized initiatives in the district. Among them includes the Federal 21st Century grant which supports schools in their effort to create specialized initiatives in the district.

Over the past four decades, Mr. Quail has been fully committed to ensuring a quality education for the students of the District 14 community. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mr. Jim Quail on his retirement and for leading the charge of education reform in his community.

SENATOR ROBERT SHANKLIN WHAM TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPPTON
OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 13, 2012

Mr. TIPPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Colorado State Senator Robert Shanklin Wham. Mr. Wham, a long time resident of Colorado was an active and giving citizen of our State.

Following his graduation from the University of Illinois School of Law, Mr. Wham joined a law firm in Montrose, Colorado. It did not take him long to become involved in Colorado Government, accepting a position as an Assistant U.S. District Attorney and moving to Denver where he later served as Deputy City Attorney, and later the City Attorney. In 1976, he was elected to the Colorado State Senate. Mr. Wham remained active in the practice of law until 2009.

Mr. Wham loved to spend time in the Colorado Mountains with his family. A passionate outdoorsman, you could find Mr. Wham throughout the year driving through the mountains, skiing, hiking and sailing.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Senator Robert Shanklin Wham. I rise today in memory of his devotion to his family and to the State of Colorado.

IN HONOR OF THE BARRINGTON BAND

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 13, 2012

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the centennial anniversary of the Barrington Band and commemorate its many contributions to the cultural community of South New Jersey. This community band comprised of approximately thirty members ranging from teenagers to seniors has delighted audiences with their patriotic and seasonal repertoire for one hundred years, and today we thank them for the joy they have brought to their many listeners this past century.

The Barrington Band formed on January 1, 1912 when four townsmen rang in the New Year parading through the streets with cowbells, whistles, a clarinet and drum. They had such fun that they decided to form a community band. Recruitment proved to be easy, as many members of the Barrington Improvement Association were eager to join despite a lack of musical knowledge. This was soon remedied as local musicians were hired to teach the new band, and this day July 4, 1912 the band held their first performance at the flag-raising of the Barrington Fire Company.

Since that day, the Barrington Band has been marching and playing at all sorts of community building events including 17 Philadelphia Mummers Day Parades, the inauguration of New Jersey Governor Harold Hoffman in 1935, on the way to the shore on the Wildwood Boardwalk, and at the annual Concert at the Gazebo in Cape May.

Through decades of excellent musicianship, the Barrington Band has built an unparalleled reputation for providing a fun and entertaining show comprised of marches, patriotic and Broadway songs. Beyond being a staple at Barrington civic events and nursing homes, the band has established the Harold Houck Award for musicianship and academic achievement, to be given to a member of the Woodland School eighth grade graduating class. The award was named after Harold Houck, son of the original band director, who played with the band from fourteen to eighty-nine years old. He started a tradition of life-long participation that continues to this day, a unique legacy for this talented band.

The Barrington Band has been an integral part of the South Jersey community for one hundred years, bringing people together through the shared joy of music. I join the township and all of South Jersey in paying tribute to this exceptional band on its one-hundredth anniversary.

THE LEGACY OF REVEREND JOHN LAWSON VAUGHN

HON. PHIL GINGREY
OF GEORGIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 13, 2012

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, the theme of the Civil Rights Era, “Road to Freedom,” honors the legacy in Leadership exemplified by Rev. J.L. Vaughn. While riding the bus to Main High School, the students witnessed Reverend Vaughn walking across the South Rome Bridge in Rome, Georgia, daily at 7 a.m. carrying a Bible under his arm. He was going to City Hall, the Courthouse, and to business owners in the district to advocate for equal rights. The lunch counter sit-ins took place in Rome on March 28, 1963. When the Civil Rights Bill was passed in 1964 and the Voting Rights Act was passed in 1965, Reverend Vaughn used his pulpit to speak to the citizens and allowed white politicians to give a campaign speech in his church. The voting ballot was unfamiliar to black citizens and they had to be taught how to use it. He stressed the importance of exercising the right to vote.

The legacy of Reverend Vaughn began long before he crossed over the bridge in the 1960's through times of racial struggles in Rome to be a voice for the Black community. He died in 1979, and Rome’s first African American was appointed to town as a public official on the City Board of Commissioners in 1980. Reverend Vaughn’s funeral service was held at the First Baptist Church on East 4th Street, Rome, Georgia. John Lawson Vaughn was one of twelve children, born in 1881. He worked hard helping his father make a living for the family.
Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Ms. Clespie West Carr of Houston, Texas, on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Ms. Carr celebrated her 100th birthday on January 4, 2012, and hers is a life rich in history and life experience.

Ms. Carr’s childhood was not easy, and from an early age she had the strength of character that would carry her throughout her life. At age 2, Ms. Carr was orphaned and placed under the care of her grandmother. Just a few short years later, when she was not attending the Marquez School four months out of the year, she was hard at work in the fields picking cotton and vet sick travelers. Having lived for 100 years, Ms. Carr has seen many of our Nation’s historic events. When Ms. Carr was only 23, the Great Depression was in full swing. A young mother, she cared for her small children during the harsh economic realities of the time. Her resilience and strong work ethic helped carry her family through one of the toughest periods in American history.

She too has witnessed our country’s decades-long struggle for civil rights. She lived through a time of segregation and violence, motivated by hate, and decades later she would see the first African American elected to the highest office in the land. If there was one thing in particular that endured through these hardships and struggles did for Ms. Carr, it was to forge and break the bonds with her children and family. Ms. Carr recalls the happiest time in her life as watching her children grow up and being able to attend school. Her constant and enduring desire to work hard so that her children could live a better life and her duty to family is as selfless as it is noble.

But Ms. Carr’s selflessness extended far beyond her own family; the benefits of her service and generosity poured out into the community. Ms. Carr served as Secretary for the Robinson Chapel Baptist Church for 40 years. There, she was one of several members of the Sick Committee who would aid the sick by cooking, cleaning and running errands for the needy.

Mr. Speaker, Clespie Carr is now part of the small number of centenarians in the U.S. but her determination and dedication to her family and friends only make her that much more unique. I am pleased to acknowledge this monumental occasion and Ms. Carr’s tireless efforts for the sake of others this past century, and I wish her continued health and prosperity.

HONORING GREG HAMILTON

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN
OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, January 13, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the extraordinary achievements of my constituent, Mr. Gregory V. Hamilton. Greg is dedicated and he is passionate, and he has devoted his entire life to serving our country, his community, and the causes he champions so well. Many Montgomery County residents know him by his signature braids and his colorful garb that reflect his love of country, his Native American heritage, and his pride as a Vietnam veteran.

Unfortunately, Greg's braids are gone now, a victim to the cancer that is ravaging his body because of his exposure to Agent Orange during his service in Vietnam in 1969 and 1970. Greg served in the U.S. Navy and was honorably discharged in 1970. He received numerous medals and ribbons for his service, including the Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon and the Combat Action Ribbon for his service on the USS Hickman County LST 825 in the Brown Water Navy in Vietnam.

Despite his lifelong fight against the effects of Agent Orange—or maybe because of it—he is passionate about improving the lives of veterans nationwide, and he has dedicated himself to doing so. A lifetime member of Vietnam Veterans of America and a committed member of Rolling Thunder Maryland Chapter 1, Greg has for many years been a part of the Wall Washing Crew, volunteers who wash and maintain the Vietnam Veterans Memorial from April to November each year. He also participates in the arrival of “Honor Flights,” greeting and escorting World War II veterans to the Memorial in Washington, DC. Greg has been active in assisting those affected by military service ever since his own discharge 40 years ago. He supports military families by sharing with them his own experiences and offering advice. He was critical to the creation of the Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs and, most recently, he has been involved in the cautious, responsible, and thoughtful association of Montgomery County’s initiative “Serving Together: Troops, Veterans, and Family Care Project.” He has tirelessly provided support and care for military families throughout our community.

Greg is of African-American and Cherokee descent. He maintains a strong connection to his Native American heritage, having spent much of his life working with Native American organizations. In 2002, he was elected Council
President of the American Indian Heritage and Education Association, Inc., an organization that serves the Native American community by honoring Native American culture and providing outreach to veterans and their families. In 1995, he helped plan the first American Indian Heritage Day Powwow in Montgomery County. More recently, he has produced two public access cable shows—“American Indians: Past and Present” and “Our Veterans, Our Warriors.”

Greg’s professional career has also been devoted to public service. He has served on county boards and committees around Montgomery County. For example, he was President of the Park Ritchie Tenants’ Association, Inc., served on the Board of Directors of Suburban Maryland Fair Housing, Inc., served three terms as a Councilmember for the City of Takoma Park, and served as chair of the Takoma Park Cable TV Advisory Board, the Montgomery County Community Leadership Task Force on Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention, and the Public, Health and Safety Committee and the Housing Committee of the City Council. Greg’s level of community involvement is extraordinary—he has never hesitated to be involved, to take a stand and to make a difference.

Every resident of Montgomery County, Maryland and every veteran in America owes a debt of gratitude to Greg Hamilton for his dedicated, selfless, and passionate work. I am proud to speak today to honor this extraordinary man. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Greg’s many accomplishments, his lifelong work on behalf of our Nation’s veterans, and his profound commitment to honoring their service.

HONORING CAPTAIN JEFFREY MACLAY

HON. CORRINE BROWN OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, January 13, 2012

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, as the representative of Florida’s third congressional district, I would like to commend Captain Jeffrey Maclay for the outstanding service he provided for NAS-Jax during his tenure as Commanding Officer. The importance of Naval Air Station-Jacksonville, both for our area’s residents, as well as our Nation’s national defense, cannot be overstated, and Captain Maclay performed a remarkable job as a leader in this post.

Captain Maclay, a native of New Bedford, Mass., graduated from the Virginia Military Institute in May 1986 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in civil engineering, and during his six Seahawk deployments, accumulated more than 3,800 flight hours in the SH-3H Sea King and SH-60F/HH-60H. His fleet assignments include tours with HS-2 and HS-14, Carrier Air Wing Two and SH-60F/HH-60H.

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A graduate of the Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB, Montgomery Ala., he also attended Auburn University, and earned a Masters Degree with a distinction in political science. He also completed a one-year Federal Executive Fellowship at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C.

Under Captain Maclay’s leadership, NAS-Jax was the chosen winner of the 2011 Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNC) Commander in Chief’s Installation Excellence Award. In the words of Captain Maclay, “this was an award that reflected the hard work by all who help NAS-Jax deliver the most effective and efficient readiness from the shore.” And throughout 2011, NAS-Jax served as the premier installation for delivering effective, sustained and improved shore readiness to its 15 home based squadrons, sailors and civilian personnel, as well as supporting numerous joint commands, government agencies and carrier readiness sustainment exercises.

I wish Captain Maclay the best of success in his future endeavors, and, like all Jacksonville area residents, am honored to have had him serve as NAS-Jacksonville’s Commanding Officer.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF TUOLUMNE GENERAL HOSPITAL

HON. JEFF DENHAM OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, January 13, 2012

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge that the last patient cared for by Tuolumne General Hospital (TGH), also known as the Tuolumne General Medical Facility, was transferred out on November 23, 2011. With the transfer of that patient, a proud 162-year history of service to the residents of Tuolumne County was brought to an end.

The beginning of Tuolumne General Hospital dates back to about 1849. Plans for a public hospital began on November 7, 1849, when the citizens of Sonora saw a need to establish a hospital for the sick and the destitute of the county. The first facility in Tuolumne County consisted of a canvas tent erected on the hill near the present courthouse in 1849. In November of that year, a wooden structure with a canvas roof was constructed to serve as a hospital at a cost of $542. Patients occupied berths along the walls and were nursed by a male steward who received $4 per day for his services.

A hospital was established near the Roman Catholic Church in June, 1851. Two months later, another hospital was established on Washington Street. No permanent arrangement was only $9 per week per patient, but it specified that the County would be responsible for the burial expense of unfortunate patients. In addition, the contracting doctors were allowed to take in private patients.

In 1856, the Board of Supervisors decided to purchase their own hospital. A building was secured on the northwest corner of Lyons and Shepherd Streets, now part of the China Town parking lot. After a decade of use, the building was no longer suitable. In 1873, the County purchased the old Leonard residence located on the west side of South Washington Street. The building was remodeled and enlarged substantially and made suitable for patients according to the standards of that period. The most noted physician-in-charge was Dr. William Eikelroth. William Eikelroth called a hand pump on the only well near the hospital at his own expense (about $19) and then had to sue the County to get reimbursed. By the mid-1870’s, water was made available to most parts of the hospital and facilities were installed where patients could take either hot or cold baths and wash their clothing and bedding.

In 1897, a new county hospital was constructed at the south end of Sonora where the present TGH is located. Necessitated by Tuolumne County’s own demise during the mid-1890’s, most of the hospital’s early facilities were geared for male occupants only. Females were generally cared for in private homes, although a facility for their care was operated on the north side of South Washington Street during a period when the county hospital was located in the old Gunn building.

Over the next 80 years the hospital continued to grow and in 1984, a major modernization project was completed which included the expansion of the Emergency Room, Radiology Department, Pharmacy, Day Surgery Unit, Reconstruction Room, and several support services. The next year, TGH started Health Promotion Programs and in 1987 the Adult Day Health Care Center opened, the Primary Care Clinics opened, and they began a Prenatal Program to service the over 100 women per year that would not be seen by the OB/Gyn physicians. Additionally, the TGH Foundation was formed.

During the 1990’s, several additional changes took place: the first Satellite Adult Day Health Care Center in California was opened; Dr. Eric Runte was recruited as the first full-time physician director of the Primary Care Clinic; the hospital became affiliated with Visiting Home Nurses & Hospice of the Sierra; and the facility opened a Rehab Center in...
Groveland and began year-round low-cost mammography. In 1997, they signed a Memorandum of Understanding with UC Davis Health System to form a partnership.

On Tuesday, April 10, 2007, Tuolumne County’s Board of Supervisors voted to close Tuolumne General Hospital’s acute care services, handing off its operations to a private operator, and phase out its psychiatric and long-term care units over the following three years. At midnight on June 30, 2007, Tuolumne General Hospital ceased all acute services. The name of the hospital changed to Tuolumne General Medical Facility. On March 4, 2008, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Board of Supervisors and Avalon Healthcare to transfer the 42 Long Term Care residents to Avalon Healthcare, once they completed an addition to their existing facility.

On January 2, 2009, the Acute Psychiatric Unit was closed. A new Memorandum of Understanding was developed with Avalon Healthcare to build a 90-bed addition to their existing building. In June 2010, Avalon celebrated the ground breaking of their new addition. In December, Avalon was contracted to oversee and manage Tuolumne General’s Diabetes, Hand, and Wound Care clinics, hand off its clinics to a private operator, and phase out its psychiatric and long-term care units over the following three years. At midnight on June 30, 2007, Tuolumne General Hospital ceased all acute services.

The Western Tip and Ringers, a Northeast Georgia Minority Business Association, was honored by both the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus and the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce for its outstanding works. Minority Business owners trained in economic development under the state mandate of Economic Development of Small and Minority Businesses. This organization established a legacy to honor the downtown Black Business District—commonly referred to as Five Points. NWGMBBA was retired into History on May 20, 2011 ending Twenty-Five Years of Service to the NW Georgia District. The NWGMBBA has received several honors from numerous organizations, including: the Small Business Development Center of the University of Georgia, the National Minority Business Development Council of Georgia, the Georgia Association for Minority Entrepreneurs (GAME) of Augusta. NWGMBBA has also received the Congressional District Award for Outstanding Community Service Organization, and has been honored by the Era of Integration, Black Caucus and the Atlanta Chapter of Commerce for its outstanding works. Minority Business owners experienced much progress; building and owning new businesses.

Furthermore, “Camelot”—held on January 15, 2009—was a concept of Reverend Allen. As President of local SCLC, he offered a celebration to honor the 80th Memorial Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the historic election of the first African American elected as President of the United States. A ballroom gala affair gave opportunity to citizens to join in the nation’s celebration. Norris and Gladys Allen attended the Inauguration in Washington, held a book signing at the Rome City Auditorium to create a record of Romans who attended the History of the Inauguration. This book was presented to the Gallery of the City of Rome at RAHM on February 15, 2009. The Museum opened its doors on January 20, 2009, celebrating the historical signing-in ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Reverend Allen continues to break barriers and cross racial lines, locally, state-wide, and nationally. On July 28, 2007, he presented a Who’s Who of the MLK Diversity Class to honor a host of multi-racial leaders, making a difference by bringing harmony to our community. Rev. Allen will host “Camelot II”, on January 15, 2013 honoring the 50th Anniversary of The Civil Rights Movement of Rome.
WHERE ARE THE REPUBLICANS?

HON. JAMES P. MORAN
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, January 13, 2012

Mr. MORA N. Mr. Speaker, where are the Republicans?

Democrats stand ready to extend tax cuts for 160 million middle income Americans, unemployment insurance, and making sure seniors can afford their prescription drugs.

But where are the Republicans? The February deadline is rapidly approaching and conferences should be meeting.

But to date, the Republicans haven’t called a single meeting to discuss these critical economic issues. What are they?

According to the Majority, we are in session. This is an attempt to prevent the President from making critical appointments tasked with protecting American consumers and workers.

But as I stand in this empty chamber it is clear the House is not in session. The Majority cannot have it both ways.

Under Republican rules: pro forma sessions are “real” and can stop presidential nominees from being confirmed. But I’m not recognized to speak on the floor.

Under their rules, critically important bills that would block the debt limit and force our nation to default for the first time in its history can be introduced, but I can’t speak.

Under Republican rules, extensions of unemployment benefits are “real” and can stop Presidential nominee appointments, but I’m not recognized to speak on the floor.

They can introduce their bill to cause a default but I can’t be recognized to talk about extending middle class tax cuts and creating jobs.

This is the absurd reality of the Republican pro forma legislative session.

The clock is ticking on the American people and the Majority seems unconcerned.

Right now, the Speaker and the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, a member of the conference committee, are in Latin America. No meetings of the Conference Committee have been convened.

The payroll tax cut in effect for 2011 provided $110 billion of tax relief to 159 million American workers. If the payroll tax cut is not extended by the end of February, middle class families making $50,000 will see their taxes go up by $1,000.

Extending the payroll tax cut will boost consumer demand, sustaining our economic recovery and encouraging job creation. Lack of demand continues to be a significant barrier to economic growth and hiring. Consumer spending represents roughly 70 percent of our economy, and consumer confidence is at levels never seen since the recession.

According to the Chief Economist of Moody’s Analytics, Mark Zandi, continuing the payroll tax cut for employees will result in $1.25 of economic growth for every $1 of budgetary cost. Federal unemployment benefits are also slated to expire. As a result, over 6 million will lose benefits over the next year.

The Economic Policy Institute estimates that allowing these Federal unemployment benefits to expire would hurt consumer demand and thereby cost the U.S. economy $528,000 jobs. And would mean $45 billion less in assistance to unemployed workers, and $70 billion less in economic activity. That reduction in purchasing power would lower GDP by 0.4 percent.

The Congressional Budget Office has indicated that providing extended unemployment benefits is one of the most effective job creation strategies available during a period of high joblessness, stating “Households receiving unemployment benefits tend to spend the additional income they receive on goods and services, both timely and cost-effective in spurring economic activity and employment.”

The Federal government has never allowed emergency extended benefits to expire when the jobless rate has been anywhere close to its current level of nearly 9 percent. In fact, Congress has never allowed an emergency unemployment program to end when the unemployment rate is higher than 7.2 percent. We must not be the first Congress to do so.

The American people deserve a House Majority prepared to work for them.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FORMER MEMPHIS STATE COACH, GENE BARTOW

HON. STEVE COHEN
OF TENNESSEE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, January 13, 2012

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and legacy of former Memphis State men’s basketball coach and President of Hoops, L.P., Gene Bartow. Coach Bartow was born on August 8, 1930 in the tiny town of Browning, Missouri. Mr. Bartow graduated from Browning High School in 1948 and Northeast Missouri State College in 1952. After serving in the U.S. Army for two years, Mr. Bartow earned his master’s degree from Washington University in St. Louis and did additional graduate work at the University of Southern California.

Mr. Bartow began his coaching career at the high school-level before moving first to Central Missouri State University and later to Valparaiso University. In 1970, the Memphis State Tigers, who had posted a dismal 3 and 45 conference record since joining the highly regarded Missouri Valley Conference in 1967, hired Mr. Bartow as their head coach. The Tigers won 18–8 in Bartow’s first season as head coach and made the National Invitational Tournament, NIT, the following year. Despite never having won an National Collegiate Athletic Association, NCAA, tournament game, the Tigers reached the NCAA Championship Game in 1973, playing valiantly but ultimately falling to the John Wooden-coached and Bill Walton-led UCLA Bruins. That same year Bartow was voted NCAA Coach of the Year by his peers.

Coach Bartow left Memphis State in 1974 to coach the Fighting Illini at the University of Illinois for one season before succeeding the revered John Wooden at UCLA in 1976. After amassing a 52–9 record and leading the UCLA Bruins to the Final Four all in just two seasons, he left for the University of Alabama at Birmingham, which had offered him complete control in building an athletic program as athletic director and head basketball coach. At the time, UAB had no teams in any sport. In just its second year of existence, Coach Bartow’s UAB team made the NIT tournament; they followed it up with seven consecutive NCAA tournament appearances. Birmingham Southern athletic director Joe Dean, Jr. stated, “Coach Bartow started an entire Division 1 athletic program from scratch, and by his fourth year he had the basketball program in the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament. No other school in the history of college athletics has done anything like that in such a short period of time.” It is no wonder that he was dubbed “The Father of UAB Athletics.”

Coach Bartow’s storied 36-year coaching career produced 647 wins and 353 losses, and only two losing seasons. He was elected to 10 different Halls of Fame, including the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame, and he will be inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame in May. UAB renamed its basketball arena the Bartow Arena in 1997.

Gene Bartow was loved and revered by many for his contributions to the city of Memphis. University of Memphis basketball coach Josh Pastner commented, “The best description I can give of Coach Bartow is he was as nice a human being and as good a human being as you’ll find.” George Lapides, former sports editor of the defunct Memphis Press-Scimitar and a longtime friend of Bartow, observed, “When you consider what a gentleman Gene was, in addition to what he did for this city in the early ‘70s when this city was so racially divided after the assassination of [Dr.] Martin Luther King, Jr., he might be the top sports figure in Memphis history.” His contributions to cancer research will continue, for each year the University of Memphis and UAB play the Gene Bartow Classic, which donates 2 dollars for every ticket sold to the Coach Gene Bartow Fund for Cancer Research.

I will remember Gene Bartow as a class act, a gentleman and one of the finest people to ever grace our city. Mr. Barlow passed away on January 3, 2012 at 81 years of age. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Ruth, daughter, Beth B. Long, sons Marc and Murry, brother, Russell and eight grandchildren. Beloved throughout the basketball world, Mr. Bartow is perhaps best remembered for his class, humility, integrity, and genuine love not just for his players but for every person he met. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life, contributions, and legacy of Gene Bartow. His was a life well-lived.

SALUTING BOB LAY: A TRUE LOCAL HERO AND PUBLIC SERVANT

HON. BILL POSEY
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, January 13, 2012

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life and service of Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret) Bob Lay for his distinguished service to the U.S. Army and his nation. Colonel Lay honorably served his country for thirty-one years.

After an Army career as a helicopter pilot in which Colonel Lay served three tours in Vietnam, he retired from the United States Army
Mr. Felix Eugene Garrett III, a loving husband and devoted father. Mr. Garrett was a talented individual who bravely served our country and, as an educator, worked for years improving the minds and lives of his students.

In service to his country, Mr. Garrett completed a tour of duty in Vietnam before being assigned to the Air Force Reserve in various regions of the world. In 1975, Mr. Garrett retired after honorably and faithfully serving for more than 20 years in the defense of our Nation.

Consistent with his selfless character and devotion to public service, Mr. Garrett went on to become a member of Elgin High School. Mr. Garrett quickly moved up the ranks to ultimately retire as a school administrator from the Temple Independent School District in 1993, leaving behind a legacy of helping children of all backgrounds and ages. Mr. Garrett's personal life was just as rich as his professional life. Mr. Garrett enjoyed a wide range of hobbies, including hunting, community service, and cherishing his membership in Mensa, the largest and oldest high-IQ society in the world.

Mr. Garrett was a proud University of Texas fan, and traveled far and wide to support the Longhorns during a number of their most notable victories. Mr. Garrett was also proud to see his daughter, Machree Garrett Gibson, become the first African American female president of Texas A&M University, the University of Texas' Alumni Association.

Mr. Speaker, I am saddened to hear of Mr. Garrett's passing, although it is my hope that his family may take solace in the fact that he lived a long and fulfilling life. He will be remembered for his dedication to his family, his community, and his unwavering service to his country.

HONORING OFIELD DUKES

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, January 13, 2012

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Ofield Dukes, an African American pioneer in the field of public relations, and a longtime influential champion of civil rights.

Before Ofield Dukes founded Ofield Dukes and Associates, he served as deputy director for public affairs for the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity and Plans for Progress as well as deputy director for public affairs in the Lyndon B. Johnson Administration. He was a communications consultant for every Democratic presidential campaign since 1972. His work was instrumental in establishing the Congressional Black Caucus and in creating the national holiday for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He also represented the NAACP, Motown Records, and he went on to represent multinational companies such as AT&T, Sony Music Entertainment, and RJR Nabisco. During this period, Dukes was a key figure in establishing the Congressional Black Caucus, in organizing the first Congressional Black Caucus Dinner in 1971. In the 1980s, Dukes joined forces with Stevie Wonder in organizing a march in Washington for a national holiday for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in honoring Ofield Dukes as a true leader and someone who bravely served our country and, due to the depression, he had lived in a church in his early teens, and organized his first church on October 23, 1912, in a shoe shop with three members. He attended Gammon Theological Seminary in South Carolina, and due to the depression, he had lived in New Hampshire and New York before moving to Baltimore, Georgia. He came to Atlanta in May 1919, and organized the Overcoming Church of God. He placed a tent on the corner of Ira and Bass Street in Atlanta, and preached night and day without fear or favor. From this, the Overcoming Church of God was organized and grew throughout the Southeast and other parts of the United States.

He was led to Rome, Georgia, in 1921. The most memorable anecdote was a racial incident—as told by Bishop Mitchell—when
he and his partners came from Atlanta to Rome for the first time and attempted to go South on Broad Street, somewhere between Sixth Avenue and the Cotton Block, he was followed by a police car. While approaching the Etowah River Bridge, he was stopped by a white officer from the Rome City Police and asked where he was going. As a native of Atlanta, he had been put in jail many times for speaking out on injustices, and when the officer spoke to him, he proceeded getting out of his car; showing no fear. He was a black man driving a 1921 Black Cadillac. He was 6'6" and he wore a size 15 shoe. He pointed ahead and looking down on him, he told the officer, “Do you see that bridge? I'm going to cross that bridge, but I don't know what the condition of it will be, when I return.” He was letting the officer know that he was not afraid of whatever might happen to him. He knew it was a possibility that the bridge might be impassable when he needed to cross back over. Yet he had no fear in addressing a white officer during a segregated time in a small rural town in 1921. Bishop Mitchell said the officer looked up and told him to get back into his car and proceed across the bridge.

He continued coming to Rome and became a resident. He found a handful of saints worshiping under the leadership of Mother Ricks. He began preaching, day and night, at 200 Nixon Avenue. At that time, the church was in financial trouble. He helped the church get out of debt, and afterwards, it was completely renovated. The church was named New Hope. Bishop Mitchell was an entrepreneur, investing in rental property throughout the Rome community. He understood the disadvantages of being a black businessman in the South, but that did not stop him from reaching his goals. No matter what the opposition, the success of the church can be attributed to the zeal and honesty of the man who is credited with founding the New Hope Overcoming Church in Rome, Georgia. He lived at 500 Wilson Avenue and served as leader of the Church of God for forty-six years, until his death in 1966. He was the first to be buried in the Shadyside Memorial Gardens, a cemetery located in South Rome. He was highly respected by his peers, who gave honorable remarks at his funeral services: Rev. J.L. Vaughn (Lovejoy Baptist Church), Rev. Clarence Tuggle (Thankful Baptist Church), Rev. G.P. Bowman (Mt. Calvary Baptist Church) and Rev. J.W. Baxter (Solomon Temple).

IN HONOR OF CHARLES ROUSE, VIETNAM VETERAN AND RECIPIENT OF THE SILVER STAR AND BRONZE STAR

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS
OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, January 13, 2012

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Specialist Four Charles Rouse, a courageous and gallant American veteran. Not only did he risk his life to defend America’s ideals in Vietnam, but he served with such heroism that he was awarded two of the most distinguished military honors one can receive, the Silver Star and the Bronze Star. Mr. Rouse’s patriotism and allegiance to his country are nothing short of astounding, and we all owe our livelihoods to individuals like him who make similar sacrifices and bold choices every day.

Like so many others who were drafted to serve in Vietnam, Mr. Rouse had the task of carrying out necessary missions and protecting the lives of his fellow soldiers. Mr. Rouse not only performed those responsibilities with utmost dedication, he chose to go above and beyond the call of duty. The Silver and Bronze Stars are only given to those few individuals who exhibit extraordinary valor and courage in the face of the enemy. To receive even one of them is an extremely high honor. Mr. Rouse was one of those very few who received not only one of these prestigious awards, but both of them. We are so fortunate and so proud that he wore a U.S. uniform.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Rouse’s unfaltering love for this country and its people is truly remarkable and should not go unrecognized. To his family and friends whom he holds dear, you certainly do not have to be told of his magnificent character. While serving his country, Mr. Rouse exhibited the extraordinary courage that is required to do what most of us cannot even imagine. It is for these reasons that we honor him today and why his legacy will live on forever.
Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action
The Senate met at 12:00:03 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 12:00:33 p.m. until 10:15 a.m., on Tuesday, January 17, 2012.

Committee Meetings
(Committees not listed did not meet)
No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action
Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.
Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Harris to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.
Pursuant to section 4(a) of H. Res. 493, the Chair announced that no organizational or legislative business will be conducted on this day.

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted a certification he has made pursuant to section 3101A(a)(2)(A) of title 31, United States Code—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–81).

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H7–8.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Committee Meetings
No hearings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012
(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate
No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House
Committee on Armed Services, Panel on Business Challenges within the Defense Industry, hearing on Doing Business with DOD: Unique Challenges Faced by Small and Mid-Sized Businesses. 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee hearing on a joint resolution relating to the disapproval of the President’s exercise of authority to increase the debt limit, as submitted under section 3101A of title 31, United States Code, 5 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Joint Meetings
Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: To hold hearings to examine the Western Balkans and the 2012 NATO Summit, 1 p.m., B318, Rayburn Building.
Next Meeting of the SENATE
10:15 a.m., Tuesday, January 17

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 p.m., Tuesday, January 17

Program for Tuesday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

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