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

PRAYER

Reverend James Stoeger, S.J., President, Jesuit Secondary Education Association, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

God of love, bless the Members of this House. Please help those who labor here recognize how You are present in their service and leadership. Guide them as they seek to be effective for the good of all Your people.

Loving God, may our leaders be alert to the cares, hurts, and challenges of our citizens and our communities. Help those leaders choose well directions and actions that benefit those likely to be left out and all who express and strengthen our Nation's values, which are our greatest assets.

May we hear and pursue Your sacred message, merciful God, that we be women and men with the capacity of peacemakers, realistic and also deeply thoughtful and wise.

Finally, gentle God, bring to those who serve here a participation in Your own gifts, such as rich insight and also joy, in their care for the well-being of our country and the world.

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. BURGESS. 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. BURGESS. 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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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 (SAM JOHNSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

NUCLEAR DEAL WITH IRAN

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, by all accounts, President Obama seems hell-bent on striking a nuclear deal with Iran, a deal that would hurt our national security interests and sell out our proven ally and friend, Israel.

Let's be clear: Iran is a foe, not a friend. Just consider: last week, Iran's supreme leader said "death to America"; the regime has blood of American soldiers on its hands; and Iran is working overtime to expand influence in the region.

Mr. Speaker, Iran is determined to be a nuclear power, period. Unfortunately,

the President seems intent to ignore the majority of American people who believe this deal would not prevent Iran from gaining a nuclear weapon.

Mr. Speaker, the President is going rogue. That is wrong. He needs to stop. Nothing less than our national security is at stake.

HONORING THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH

(Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the city of Miami Beach in Florida's 23rd Congressional District.

Incorporated on March 26, 1915, Miami Beach took its place on the map with only a handful of residents. Now home to nearly 100,000 people, the city of Miami Beach has not only grown in population, but in reputation. This vacation paradise is an internationally recognized tourist destination visited by millions each year, a hub for business, and a trendsetter in the areas of arts, culture, fine dining, and entertainment.

This week, Miami Beach celebrated its centennial with 100 hours of showcasing its history and all that the city has to offer, culminating in an oceanfront concert by Miami Beach residents and cultural icons Gloria Estefan, Barry Gibb, and Andrea Bocelli.

It is a great honor for me to represent the city of Miami Beach in our Nation's Capitol. I thank Mayor Philip Levine, the members of the city commission, and the city's staff for their many accomplishments that have made the city of Miami Beach a wonderful place to work, live, visit, and raise a family.

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