

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 38 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order at 2 p.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God of the ages, ever-present to Your people today, You befriend humanity by revealing Yourself to all and inserting Your acts in our history through strong manifestations of Your Power and the inner strength of Your Word.

Your grace flows in relationships once personal attitudes change and a fresh openness occurs toward another. Such is the subtle way Your love works in us and through us.

Be with the Members of Congress and all Americans this week. May they imitate Your initiative to befriend others and give You the glory.

Lord, bring forth honest words from us, even when born out of hesitancy and anguish. May affirmative actions follow which will reach across the gap of difference and indifference, so You will lead us to new understandings, healing and transformation of the world. This will inspire new hope in Your people and give glory to Your Holy Name, both now and forever.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. TONKO) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TONKO 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.

ADMINISTRATION CLOSES
PRIVATE CHRYSLER DEALERSHIPS

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, the administration closed 900 Chrysler dealerships overnight last week and put an estimated 100,000, mostly non-

union workers, on the street and out of work. Even though many of these dealerships were profitable, it didn't make any difference to the Auto Task Force, since these unelected and unaccountable bureaucrats have absolute power ever since the government nationalized Chrysler.

And I thought the administration promised more jobs, not fewer ones.

In Chicago-business style, the administration is strong-arming these businesses and workers with a process that leaves them without legal recourse and sticks the business owner with millions of dollars of unsold vehicles by forcing them to close.

It should hardly escape anyone's notice that this is just what Dictator Hugo Chavez did earlier this month when he nationalized two U.S. oil company production facilities in Venezuela. Echoing a scheme that handed a U.S. company's assets over to Chavez's cronies, the administration nationalized these auto businesses and rewarded their own special interest groups, and once again, is picking the winners and losers in Chicago-style politics.

And that's just the way it is.

CONGRATULATING THE ARKANSAS
ASSOCIATION FOR EDUCATION
AND REHABILITATION OF BLIND
AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED FOR 25
YEARS OF SERVICE

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

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the Arkansas Association For Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired for 25 years of dedicated service to the people of Arkansas.

This important organization provides support to the professionals who work with the visually impaired. I have seen the results of the work this organization does through my involvement with the AER, working with the Arkansas School for the Blind in Little Rock and also as an optometrist practicing in Rogers, Arkansas.

This important resource for Arkansans has been recognized recently as the AER chapter showing the greatest increase in membership over the past year. This national recognition is one reason why Arkansas was selected to host the 2010 AER International Conference.

With the help of organizations like this, Arkansas is building a brighter future for the visually impaired community. I commend the service providers for their good work and wish them continued success for another 25 years.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE
CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. CAPPS) laid before the House the fol-

lowing communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 15, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
*The Speaker, The Capitol,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on Friday, May 15, 2009 at 11:50 a.m., and said to contain a message from the President whereby he notifies the Congress he has extended the national emergency with respect to Burma.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL
EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO
BURMA—MESSAGE FROM THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES (H. DOC. NO. 111-39)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. I have sent the enclosed notice to the Federal Register for publication, stating that the Burma emergency is to continue for 1 year beyond May 20, 2009.

The crisis between the United States and Burma arising from the actions and policies of the Government of Burma, including its engaging in large-scale repression of the democratic opposition in Burma that led to the declaration of a national emergency in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997, as modified in scope and relied upon for additional steps taken in Executive Order 13310 of July 28, 2003, Executive Order 13448 of October 18, 2007, and Executive Order 13464 of April 30, 2008, has not been resolved. These actions and policies are hostile to U.S. interests and pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to Burma and maintain in force the sanctions against Burma to respond to this threat.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 14, 2009.

COMMUNICATION FROM COUNSEL,
THE HONORABLE BOBBY RUSH,
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Angelle Kwemo, Counsel, the Honorable BOBBY RUSH, Member of Congress:

BOBBY L. RUSH,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 15, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena, issued in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, for testimony in a criminal case.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

ANGELLE KWEMO,
Counsel.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

CONGRATULATING UNIVERSITY OF
CALIFORNIA AT DAVIS

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 448) congratulating the University of California, Davis, for a century as a premier public research university and one of our Nation's finest institutions of higher education.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 448

Whereas the University of California, Davis (UC Davis), was authorized by Governor George Pardee in 1905 as an agricultural research campus and opened its doors to students in 1908;

Whereas UC Davis became a full University of California campus in 1959;

Whereas UC Davis has since expanded its student body to more than 30,000 students, and its academic offerings to more than 100 undergraduate majors, 87 graduate programs, and 6 professional schools including education, law, management, medicine, nursing, and veterinary medicine;

Whereas UC Davis—true to its land-grant mission—has in a century touched everything that matters to us as human beings, from our health to the economy, to what we eat and drink, to how we experience and interpret life;

Whereas UC Davis scientists and alumni have transformed agriculture to the benefit of California and the world;

Whereas the UC Davis art program has influenced the course of art history and brought critical attention to artists in California;

Whereas UC Davis scientists have helped to protect Lake Tahoe, Mono Lake, and other environmental treasures;

Whereas the UC Davis Medical Center is a top research hospital that also serves as the primary acute-care and trauma center for 6,000,000 people in the region;

Whereas UC Davis research and instruction has fueled the growth of the \$45,000,000,000-a-year California wine industry and provided worldwide leadership and innovation in enology and viticulture;

Whereas from its earliest days UC Davis has hosted international scholars, and currently ranks in the top 5 of all American universities for number of international scholars;

Whereas the often-overlapping and collaborating communities of UC Davis and the City of Davis have forged innovations in environmental housing and bicycle transportation;

Whereas the UC Davis athletics program is as notable for its athletic accomplishments—including a national record for football league championships and a Division II national championship in basketball—as well as for the academic accomplishments of its athletes, which include 3 National Collegiate Athletic Association Woman of the Year award winners;

Whereas UC Davis has 186,000 alumni who make an impact in communities worldwide—and in space—and include UNICEF Director, Ann Veneman, former Treasurer of the United States, Anna Escobedo Cabral, former California State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Delaine Eastin, renowned celebrity chef, Martin Yan, and NASA astronauts, Steve Robison and Tracy Caldwell;

Whereas UC Davis professors and researchers have achieved accomplishments from determining the age of the solar system to identifying and neutralizing numerous diseases;

Whereas UC Davis professors, graduate students and researchers annually generate more than \$500,000,000 in research funding, which is translated into scientific breakthroughs, medical cures, industrial innovations and other benefits to civilization;

Whereas UC Davis undergraduates—who hail from across the State and represent every race and economic class—are California's top young students and future leaders; and

Whereas UC Davis continues to serve California in new and vital ways, through such new facilities as the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing, the Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science, the Tahoe Environmental Research Center, and the expansion of its emergency medical facilities and its schools of law and management: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates the University of California, Davis, for 100 successful years of providing superb educational opportunities for California;

(2) recognizes the incredible range of accomplishments by the faculty, staff, students, and alumni of the University of California, Davis, across the whole range of human endeavor; and

(3) thanks the University of California, Davis, for its contribution to the betterment of our communities, our State, and our Nation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. TONKO) and the gen-

tleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on House Resolution 448.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. TONKO. I yield myself, Madam Speaker, as much time as I may consume.

I rise today to commemorate the University of California at Davis for completing more than 100 years as a public university. First opening its doors to students in 1908 and being formally established as a University of California campus in 1959, UC Davis has grown into one of the Nation's finest research universities.

With over 30,000 students representing all racial and economic classes, over 100 undergraduate majors, 87 graduate programs, six professional schools and world renowned faculty, UC Davis generates more than \$500 million in research funding and consistently contributes meaningful research to academia while also impacting its local community and the world.

UC Davis' medical center serves more than 6 million people in the region. Its research has helped fuel the \$45-billion-a-year California wine industry, helped to preserve local environmental treasures and assisted the city of Davis with innovations in environmental housing and bicycle transportation.

Nicknamed the "Aggies," UC Davis has also produced successful athletic programs. Aggie athletics have produced records in football and a Division II national championship in basketball while also gaining recognition for the academic accomplishments of its athletes.

Initially founded as the University Farm of UC Berkley, UC Davis has grown to receive premier status as a top-tier research university with prestigious graduate programs that is a national leader in interdisciplinary research. One example of UC Davis' leadership in academia was its creation of the very first Native American Studies department and doctoral program in the Nation. The regular success of UC Davis alumni across the spectrum of public and private life demonstrates the prowess of this great university. Today we salute this university's dedication to excellence. And I do want to thank Representative THOMPSON for bringing this resolution forward.

Madam Speaker, once again, I applaud the University of California at Davis.

And I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I might consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 448 congratulating