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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 26, 2010.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HENRY CUELLAR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord, our God, You reward the just and hate injustice. You forgive those who repent their sins and stir compassion for those who suffer.

Once again, Lord, during Black History Month, You have brought to mind pitiful stories of slavery and the deep yearning of people to be free.

With the craft of mass communication and the skill of good teachers, You have brought to life again powerful stories of African American heroes, scholars, artists, and outstanding leaders throughout our Nation's history.

Much of this artistry, delightful spirit, strong determination, and hard work was inspired by religious faith in You and the promise of the Holy Bible. Their witness to undying hope and peaceful resolution changed this Nation forever.

Lord, we praise and thank You for the African American communities across this landscape who have shared our past, bless our present culture, and endow our future with profound hope, genuine laughter, memorable music, and so many other contributions to our common good.

May the African American people continue to be a blessing, Lord, upon this Nation, now and forever.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Ms. TSONGAS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. TSONGAS 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 PRO TEMPORE

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

END THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN AND BRING OUR TROOPS HOME

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

Mr. KUCINICH. The Washington Post reports that nearly \$1 billion a year in cash, suspected to include U.S. aid, opium trade receipts, or both, is moving from Afghanistan to Dubai, where friends and family of Afghanistan's President Karzai have multimillion dollar villas. Dubai real estate deals and a number of crooked enterprises connected to the Karzai family have

created crony capitalism in a country awash in U.S. cash and U.S. blood.

Nearly 1,000 U.S. soldiers have died, and for what? Hundreds of billions spent, and for what? To make Afghanistan safe for crooks, drug dealers, and crony capitalism?

Next Thursday I will bring a privileged resolution to this House so that Congress can claim our constitutional right to end this war and to bring our troops home. Please support the resolution.

HEALTH CARE SUMMIT

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the President missed an important opportunity to restart the national debate on health care reform. Americans who tuned into this health care summit were disappointed that they were left with the same Big Government health care takeover.

The American people are facing waves of Groundhog Day, as they have already rejected this type of government health care takeover.

There are substantive alternatives to consider. Republicans have offered 70 different health care bills to the Washington liberal majority. With 14.8 million Americans out looking for work, Congress should not be taking over a health care system that will destroy jobs, which the National Federation of Independent Business says will kill 1.6 million more jobs.

It's time to come to consensus on responsible health care elements that both parties agree on, and then move on to focus on job creation policies.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

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