

of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on May 11, 2010 at 10:05 a.m.:

Appointments:  
Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress.  
With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk of the House.*

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:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
*Washington, DC, May 7, 2010.*

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker, 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, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on May 7, 2010 at 11:06 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 1053.  
That the Senate passed S. 1405.  
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5160.  
That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 689.  
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1121.  
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1442.  
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2802.

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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, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on May 7, 2010 at 3:04 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 3333.  
That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 247.  
That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 263.  
That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 3619.

With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely,

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CONGRATULATING THE 2010  
MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL WE THE  
PEOPLE TEAM

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

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, once again the students of Mount Carmel School have won the honor to represent the Northern Mariana Islands in the annual We the People competition. Mount Carmel has a tradition of excellence in speech and debate and this year's group of orators continued that tradition with distinction.

The competition is directed by the Center for Civic Education and funded by Congress through the Education for Democracy Act. This is a program we should continue to support. I watched the Mount Carmel students testify in a simulated congressional hearing on constitutional issues they had studied in the We the People: The Citizen & the Constitution textbook. They are nothing short of impressive in their knowledge and their understanding of the historical basis and the philosophical concepts underlying the document that established our national government.

Let me acknowledge each student by name:

Matthew Aquino  
Geza Baka III  
Maria Balajadia  
Ryenne Camacho  
Ericka Celestino  
John Edward Elenzano  
Ji Yeon Kim  
Min Seong Kim  
Savana Manglona  
Ivan Matala  
Nicoli Matala  
Anthony Sablan  
Nicolas Sablan  
Troy Villafuerte  
Brittany Yamagata  
Calvin Yang  
Joseph Yoon.

CASH FOR CAULKERS

(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, first there was a government scheme that offered financial incentives to upgrade to more energy efficient cars—Cash for Clunkers—and that program came in over budget—by 300 percent. Now Congress is trying to do the same thing again with Cash for Caulkers, a program designed to encourage you to make your home more energy efficient.

I support the bill's intent to encourage energy efficiency, but I believe there are other ways to achieve our energy goals without borrowing money we can't afford. This is the people's money, not the government's money. Almost \$5 billion has already been spent on weatherization programs in the spending bill, and there is plenty of evidence that the funds have not been spent as they should. Despite the evidence, Congress decided last week to pile on another \$6.6 billion at a time when Washington must get serious about spending.

The American people cannot afford for Congress to pass another multibil-

lion-dollar bill we can't afford. Tough choices are needed to curb Washington's spending habits and Cash for Caulkers is one such easy choice to forgo.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

U.S. TO BAIL OUT GREECE

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the International Monetary Fund, the IMF, is guaranteeing up to \$321 billion in loans to bail out European Union countries, like Greece, Portugal and Spain. That means American taxpayers will be on the hook for billions of dollars for these unsecured loans. We're the IMF's largest contributor.

Also, the European Union was formed to compete economically with the United States. Now it's crashing down like a socialist stack of cards. So U.S. taxpayers are going to pay to support our international competitor—the EU.

Why should American taxpayers bail out Europe's big pensions—and their government-run health care? Greece is in the EU and it's the EU's responsibility, not ours.

I don't see the IMF coming to the rescue of California and New Jersey. Their economies are bigger than Greece's and they are in financial chaos as well.

Mr. Speaker, the American taxpayer is tapped out. We have 10 percent unemployment. We don't have the money to bail out Greece. It's time Uncle Sam quit being the ATM for the rest of the world, stop spending money we don't have, and stop the bailout nonsense.

And that's just the way it is.

MAY IS WORLD TRADE MONTH

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

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, this month we are celebrating World Trade Month to honor the nearly 300,000 American businesses which support millions of American jobs. International markets represent 73 percent of the world's purchasing power, 87 percent of its economic growth, and 95 percent of the world's consumers. More than 50 million Americans work for companies which engage in international trade and 1 in 3 acres of American farmland grows food for consumers overseas.

Unfortunately, approval of pending trade agreements with countries such as Colombia, South Korea and Panama have languished, awaiting approval by Congress. Every day we delay, the more ground our Nation and our economy lose to our international competitors. Trade is an indispensable part of American prosperity, and Congress needs to make increasing international opportunities a much higher priority.