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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, April 4, 2011, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2011

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord God, to Whom we are all accountable, You are also our source of freedom since we are created in Your image.

We praise You and thank You for the blessing to work here in Congress and serve You, Your people, and this Nation.

During this weekend, help us to enjoy the new life of spring and the gifts of family and friends. By drawing closer to beauty and love, mold us by Your spirit to be more fully Your free people and so a blessing to others both next week and forever.

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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. HEINRICH 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.

AMERICA IS READY FOR TOUGH SPENDING DECISIONS

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

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, the work ethic of the people of my district gives me great optimism despite the daily reminders that our Nation teeters on the edge of bankruptcy.

Individual Americans are rich in spirit, tradition, and innovation; but as a country, we're broke, all because the Federal Government has maxed out its credit card. This House is listening to the American people, and we have passed legislation representing significant spending cuts of historic proportions.

But HARRY REID and the President are not listening. Instead, they are threatening to shut down the government. Now they'll try to shift the blame and deny that America's economic problems are the result of their failed policies.

I believe America is ready for some tough spending decisions. We must give Americans the tools to grow the econ-

omy instead of growing government. I hope my fellow colleagues will join me in asking two questions when any spending bill comes before this House: How much is it going to cost? And who is going to pay for it? And if we can't afford it, and if the American taxpayer is going to foot the bill, we should be voting a resounding "no."

HONORING LIEUTENANT CANDICE KILLIAN

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

Mr. HEINRICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Women's History Month and to honor a very special hero stationed at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque.

First Lieutenant Candice Killian, of the 58th Training Squadron, is our Nation's first female pilot for the CV-22, also known as the Osprey. It is an elite honor for any pilot to fly the CV-22, and it's particularly unique to be the first woman in history to do so.

Unfortunately, the contributions that women make to our military and our Nation don't always get their due recognition; so it's a very special honor for me today to recognize First Lieutenant Killian as part of Women's History Month. I continue to be inspired by the great sacrifices made by leaders like First Lieutenant Killian in service to our Nation. Congratulations to First Lieutenant Killian on her distinguished service and sacrifice.

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