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## House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HARRIS).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
August 5, 2011.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANDY HARRIS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Deputy Parliamentarian, Thomas J. Wickham, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage, we humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. 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. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore 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. Pursuant to section 4 of House Resolution 375, legislative business is not dispensed with on this day.

### 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:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, August 2, 2011.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
*The Speaker, The Capitol,  
Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. 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 August 2, 2011, at 2:13 p.m., and said to contain a message from the President whereby he submits to the Congress a certification he has made pursuant to section 3101A(a)(1)(A) of title 31, United States Code.

With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,  
*Clerk of the House.*

### CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBT SUBJECT TO LIMIT—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 112-48)

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 Ways and Means and ordered to be printed:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Pursuant to section 3101A(a)(1)(A) of title 31, United States Code, I hereby certify that the debt subject to limit is

within \$100,000,000,000 of the limit in 31 U.S.C. 3101(b) and that further borrowing is required to meet existing commitments.

BARACK OBAMA,  
THE WHITE HOUSE, August 2, 2011.

### RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, August 3, 2011.

DEAR SPEAKER BOEHNER: Thank you for your courtesies to me as Speaker and your fairness as Chairman of the Education Committee.

By this letter, I give notice of my resignation from the United States House of Representatives, effective immediately.

I have included a copy of my letter to the Governor of Oregon.

I shall miss this honorable work and this institution. God bless the United States of America and God bless the House of Representatives.

DAVID WU,  
*Member of Congress.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, August 3, 2011.

DEAR GOVERNOR KITZHABER: Serving as a United States Congressman has been the greatest honor of my life. There is no other job where you get up every day and ask, "How can I try to make the world a better place today?"

Of particular significance to me in this effort to improve the world is investing in more and better science and education. Also, I believe my support of people around the world who are struggling for human rights and civil liberties will ultimately bear fruit in a world which is more just and peaceful.

DAVID WU,  
*Member of Congress.*

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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