

global warming pollution than conventional oil—has led me to the conclusion that I hope President Obama does not approve the pipeline.

There are many things we should be doing to rebuild and renew America and create millions of jobs, not a few thousand temporary construction jobs. We ought to be looking at different approaches to revenue and dealing with carbon pollution. For instance, we are discussing a draft that would potentially tax carbon emissions dealing directly with the problem, help provide revenues to lower taxes, pay for what America needs and deal with emerging technologies and level the playing field for technologies of the future.

Now, as we watch climate change begin to have serious impacts on our environment, our fish, our wildlife population, and our seasons and the weather, the least we can do is stop actions that may well make climate change worse.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 56 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

Dr. Ken Whitten, Idlewild Baptist Church, Lutz, Florida, offered the following prayer:

Dear Father in Heaven,

Our heads are bowed because that is the position of humility, a spiritual characteristic that Your Word says brings grace. We fold our hands to express godly fear because You said, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." And we all recognize that is the need of this hour and this day.

Our hearts, Lord, break with the families in Moore, Oklahoma. The loss and devastation leave us speechless, but it is in these heart-wrenching days we find ourselves saying that we are not Republicans, Democrats, or Independents; we are one Nation in need of grace, healing, and salvation.

We pray that the decisions made in this Chamber today will reflect Your heart, a heart for the broken, the bruised, the abused, and the abandoned.

May You help us today to think more about the spiritual than the economical, more about the eternal than the temporal; and Lord, may we echo that Puritan prayer of old:

What we know not, teach us.
What we have not, give us.

What we are not, make us.

In Jesus' wonderful name we pray.
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 Texas (Mr. OLSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. OLSON 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.

WELCOMING DR. KEN WHITTEN

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BILIRAKIS) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome Pastor Ken Whitten before the House of Representatives.

Pastor Whitten serves as the senior pastor at Lutz, Florida's, Idlewild Baptist Church, which has served the Tampa Bay community for almost 80 years.

While originally based out of an old garage building, today it serves a congregation of more than 12,000 members on a 143-acre campus.

Under Pastor Whitten's leadership, the Idlewild family has placed a focus on both local and global missions, a biblical guidance ministry, instructional classes for those who seek to grow spiritually, and activities and ministries for all ages.

Pastor Whitten is a pillar of our community and has guided tens of thousands of people as they develop and grow their personal relationship with the Lord.

Mr. Speaker, I welcome Pastor Whitten to our Nation's capital.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. FOXX). The Chair will entertain 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL MEMORIAL

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

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, earlier this month, I visited the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Memorial on

Eglin Air Force Base in Florida. The memorial wall is located across from the EOD school where men and women from every branch are trained in the elite and specialized skills necessary to locate, identify, render safe, recover, evaluate, and dispose of explosives.

As former Army EOD, I understand the critical role our EOD forces play as the key enablers in the ongoing war on IEDs both at home and abroad. I also understand the omnipresent danger that our EOD warriors face in the battlefield and on civil support missions here in the United States.

The memorial wall contains the names of the brave men and women of the EOD who have given their lives in defense of our freedom. The memorial wall does an excellent job of recognizing the incredible sacrifice that our EOD forces and all of our men and women in uniform make every day on behalf of our freedom.

I would like to take a moment to honor the EOD warriors who lost their lives in the line of duty between World War II and Vietnam but are not recognized on the EOD memorial wall. These men and women served valiantly and lost their lives in the line of duty, but are not included on the memorial wall because they were not physically assigned to an EOD unit at the time of their death. These brave warriors lost their lives performing EOD duties in support of their fellow soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines and deserve to be recognized for their service.

With Memorial Day approaching, now is an appropriate time to recognize their sacrifice. I would like to submit their names for inclusion in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

God bless our troops and God bless the United States of America.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair asks all Members to remove communicative badges prior to being recognized.

THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF SEQUESTRATION

(Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, instead of working together to find a compromise to fully reverse the sequester, House Republicans have turned their backs on the American people and are jeopardizing our fragile economy. In fact, sequestration will cost 750,000 jobs this year alone, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

We saw last month how quickly and easily these cuts can be addressed when the Congress passed legislation to address traffic controller furloughs. But we have not been given the opportunity to address the 70,000 children who could lose access to Head Start or any of the