

declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 55 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

Reverend Guillermo Maldonado, King Jesus International Ministry, Miami, Florida, offered the following prayer:

Our Father in Heaven, we come together in this House of the Congress to exalt Your Holy Name, thanking You for the rights and freedom You have given us. We ask You for Your wisdom to come upon each Member of Congress as they come together in the business of establishing righteous laws.

We pray, Lord, that Your Kingdom come, that Your will be done in this place as it is in Heaven. Only by Your Holy Spirit can there be real unity, real reconciliation, and real solutions to the pressing issues that come through this House.

Lord, Your Kingdom is righteousness, peace, and joy. May Your righteousness prevail. May Your peace cover each Member of Congress. Give them wisdom. May Your joy be heard throughout the land. May You bless the United States of America.

In Jesus' name, 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 Michigan (Mr. KILDEE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KILDEE 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 REVEREND GUILLERMO MALDONADO

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

There was no objection.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, today we have just heard the words of Pastor Guillermo Maldonado. We are honored to have him as our guest chaplain in the House.

Pastor Maldonado is the founder and senior pastor of King Jesus Inter-

national Ministry in Miami. His ministry, Mr. Speaker, is one of the fastest-growing multicultural churches in the United States and is recognized as the largest Hispanic church in the entire Nation.

Pastor Maldonado, by the way, along with his family, has demonstrated unsurpassed leadership and dedication not only to his local ministry but to communities and ministries across the Nation. He and his lovely wife, Ana, are dear friends of mine and my family who I trust and I greatly admire. So again, we are truly blessed to benefit from his spiritual wisdom and his guidance.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

BIPARTISANSHIP STARTS WITH A TALK

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, in 2006, then-Senator Barack Obama decried a proposed debt ceiling increase as a "sign of leadership failure" and then voted against raising the debt limit. Two years later, Candidate Obama referred to the \$4 trillion debt accrued by his predecessor as "irresponsible" and "unpatriotic." \$6.1 trillion and 4½ years later, he is demanding that Congress raise the debt ceiling without so much as a conversation as to what we can do to get control of spending and leave less debt to our kids and grandkids.

This seems less than responsible to me. To have any hope of solving the challenges before us, leaders have to be willing to work together. So let's defend our credit rating by getting control over our bills and strengthening our fiscal foundation.

Whether the challenge is ending the shutdown or confronting our debt, divided government demands bipartisan solutions, and finding bipartisan agreement starts by sitting down to talk.

A LOST PRIVILEGE

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, my constituents back home in Flint, Saginaw, and Bay City, Michigan, sent me here because they felt that I could represent them in a democratic body and protect their interests. Unfortunately, because of the willfulness and intransigence of some on the other side, we can't have a simple "yes" or "no" vote in this body to reopen government. Despite the fact that all Democrats and around 30 or so Republicans would be willing to take

up the Senate-passed bill to reopen government, we have not been given the opportunity to do that.

What very few know—and I assume some on the other side may not even realize—is that the rule that was adopted here on October 1 takes away a longstanding privilege of Members of the House to call up a Senate bill in the event of a dispute between House and Senate versions of the same legislation. You have taken away that basic right that my voters and the Representatives of this body all should continue to possess in order to achieve or pursue your ideological goal of using a government shutdown to get what you can't get at the ballot box. This is wrong. It needs to end. We need to bring up the Senate-passed bill to reopen government today.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. FOXX). Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

HEALTHCARE.GOV

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

Mr. HOLDING. Madam Speaker, online enrollment for ObamaCare has been open for just 10 days, and healthcare.gov has already proved to be an unmitigated disaster.

Madam Speaker, the launch of ObamaCare's Web site was originally slated to cost the American taxpayers \$93 million. It is now reported to have cost over \$634 million and, with so many problems and failures, will undoubtedly cost even more. Already it has been taken offline to try to fix the glitches.

What is worse is that the administration hasn't been able to give a clear picture of what this \$634 million has gotten us. The number of people who have actually been able to enroll is completely unclear.

Madam Speaker, the Web site has been a failure thus far and a complete waste of taxpayer dollars. President Obama insisted on a mandate but didn't figure out the details of how it would actually work.

MEMORIAL FOR 1ST LIEUTENANT JENNIFER MORENO

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

Mr. VARGAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of 1st Lieutenant Jennifer Moreno, who died on October 6, 2013, in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan. Lieutenant Moreno died of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near her dismounted patrol. Lieutenant Moreno was a member of the Cultural Support Team supporting a Joint Special Operations Task Force for the U.S. Army's Special Operations Command.

Born and raised in San Diego, Lieutenant Moreno graduated from San