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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, January 16, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

House of Representatives

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:
We give You thanks, O God, for giving us another day.

We pray that Your spirit will be upon the Members of this people's House, giving them the richness of Your wisdom.

Bless the Members of the majority party as they gather these next days. May they, with those who accompany them, travel safely and meet in peace.

Bless also the minority party as they prepare for their own gathering. May these days be filled with hopeful anticipation.

May the power of Your truth and our faith in Your providence give them all the confidence they must have to do the good work required for service to our Nation. Give all Members the strength of purpose and clarity of mind to do those things that bring justice and mercy to people and maintain freedom and liberty for our land.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

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 Minnesota (Mr. ELLISON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. ELLISON 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 5 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

AMERICANS BENEFIT FROM LOWER ENERGY PRICES

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

Mr. POLIQUIN. Mr. Speaker, compared to last summer, hardworking Maine families are saving \$20 with every fill-up of their vehicles. The \$1,000 annual savings is buying almost 2 months of groceries for a family of four.

This winter, many of our families are saving an additional \$1,000 because the cost of heating oil has plummeted. That is another 2 months of groceries.

Last week, I was proud to join House Republicans and Democrats to finally approve the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline. Our families will have more money, have more jobs, and

enjoy more freedom when America increases the production and transportation of all forms of domestic energy and do it in an environmentally sensitive way.

Increase production, and drive down price.

Now, the House has done its job to approve the Keystone pipeline. I respectfully ask the Senate to do the same; then together, we must ask the President to do his part.

It is the right thing to do for more jobs, fatter paychecks, and more security.

DON'T DEREGULATE WALL STREET AGAIN

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

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today to remind my colleagues on both sides of the aisle who are about to cast votes on a bill that I believe will make Wall Street a little freer to make risky bets for a few more years: Where were we 6 years ago?

Well, let me just give you a blast from the past with some headlines. From The Wall Street Journal, on January 7, 2009, "ADP Reports 693,000 Private Sector Jobs Lost"; CNN, January 9, 2009, "Worst Year for Jobs Since '45"; Bloomberg, January 8, 2009, "December's Job Loss Was Bad. But How Bad?"; in The New York Times, February 14, 2009, "Job Losses Pose a Threat to Stability Worldwide."

President Obama hadn't been in office. This was other stuff, mistakes

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