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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, April 19, 2010, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2010

The House met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 16, 2010.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DONNA F. EDWARDS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Monsignor Charles Antonicelli, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, we give You thanks this day. With the Psalmist, we proclaim, "Praise the Lord, all you nations. Glorify Him, all you peoples, for steadfast is His kindness toward us, and the fidelity of the Lord endures forever."

We ask Your continued blessing on us as we seek to do Your will. Be our strength in time of trial. Protect those who risk their lives to keep us free, Lord, and keep us always grateful for their sacrifice.

Bless the women and men of this House of Representatives. Enkindle in them Your spirit of justice and compassion, of service and sacrifice, of love and understanding so that they may be Your instruments of peace in our world.

We ask this in Your holy name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her 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.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday next for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection. Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at 12:30 p.m., for morning-hour debate.

OATH FOR ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

Under clause 13 of rule XXIII, the following Members executed the oath for access to classified information:

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EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

7050. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. Act 18-374, "Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Preservation Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2010" to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7051. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 18-373, "Abe Pollin City Title Championship and Title Trophy Designation Act of 2010" to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7052. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 18-369, "Ronald H. Brown Way Designation Act of 2010" to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7053. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 18-368, "Msgr J. Mundell Way Designation Act of 2010" to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7054. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 18-362, "Tregaron Conservancy Clarification Temporary Act of 2010" to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7055. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 18-361, "IHOP Restaurant #3221 Tax Exemption Clarification Temporary Act of 2010" to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7056. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 18-360, "SOME, Inc., Technical Amendments Temporary Act of 2010" to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7057. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 18-359, "Special Event Exemption Temporary Amendment Act of 2010" to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7058. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 18-358, "Old Morgan School Place, N.W., Designation Amendment Act of 2010" to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7059. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 18-375, "H Street, N.E. Small Business Streetscape Construction Real Property Tax Deferral Temporary Act of 2010" to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7060. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 18-349, "Newborn Safe Haven Amendment Act of 2010" to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. ADLER of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. HALL of New York, and Mr. ACKERMAN):

H.R. 5064. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the tolling of the timing of review for appeals of final decisions of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS:

H. Res. 1270. A resolution expressing support for Mathematics Awareness Month; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 1020: Mr. HINOJOSA.

H.R. 1549: Ms. MATSUI.

H.R. 4132: Ms. WATERS.

H.R. 4440: Mr. PETERSON.

H.R. 4443: Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, and Mr. KAGEN.

H. Con. Res. 261: Mr. HUNTER, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. WALZ, Mr. CARNEY, and Mr. LEE of New York.

H. Res. 1257: Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. MINNICK, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. JONES, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. HENSARLING, and Mr. CAMPBELL.

DISCHARGE PETITIONS— ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

The following Members added their names to the following discharge petition:

Petition 10 by Mr. JONES on H.R. 775: Mike Rogers (AL), Thomas J. Rooney, and Christopher John Lee.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SINS OF THE FATHER

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, I doubt anyone in this Chamber would deny the enormous amount of hard work and sacrifice that went into building this great nation. Honest and hard labor are at the very heart of our economic system and why our nation has achieved such greatness.

But there is a fundamental shift in the very notion of "hard work" in the country that will have unforeseen consequences for generations to come.

Madam Speaker, my district includes several high tech companies and I was having a conversation with some young professionals—including Michael Young, a former legislative director—last week when the topic of taxes came up.

Each of these professionals was in their 30's and each lamented the higher taxes that await them as they finally begin to be rewarded for the hard work they have endured.

What was particularly frustrating for them was that they had done exactly what they had been told they should do: go to college, work hard and play by the rules.

And it wasn't that they were opposed to taxes either. No, what incensed them was the Administration's insistence that those who did well over the last 30 years should be heavily taxed in the future.

What about those who didn't do well in the past 30 years but who are now, after having sacrificed so much, now finally on the threshold of being successful?

These young people are just entering the prime of their business and professional careers. They played by the rules. They went to college; they saved and struggled. And most importantly, they worked hard. Now, they are going to be penalized for doing everything right.

And penalized not because of what they have done, penalized for what they are going to do—succeed.

I say "going to do" but many of them expressed the opinion that why should they work hard now when the money they earn will just go to the government. Some told me they had already scaled back their future career plans. A few even told me they have worked out the numbers to work just enough so they don't get hit with higher taxes and surcharges.

What a sorry state of affairs when our best and brightest are no longer willing to work hard, to take chances, to achieve greatness. Instead they are content with "getting by" and mediocrity.

The implications for the country as a whole are downright frightening.

As young people in China, India, Brazil and others capitalize on the economic freedom that has been unleashed; America's very system reward for hard, honest work is at stake.

HONORING PETER CARTWRIGHT AND THE CALPINE GEYSERS GEOTHERMAL FACILITY LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, on April 16th, 2010, Calpine's Geothermal Visitors Center in Middletown, California, will be dedicated as the Cartwright Geothermal Visitors Center, in honor of Calpine founder and pioneer Peter Cartwright. I am proud to rise today to recognize Peter Cartwright and thank him for his decades of ingenuity and service to the cause of renewable energy technology.

Mr. Cartwright graduated from Princeton University with a B.S. in Geological Engineering and went on to receive his Masters in Civil Engineering from Columbia University. After serving in the Navy, he spent nearly 20 years at General Electric before founding Calpine in 1984. Calpine has since grown to become one of the largest independent power companies in the United States and is North America's largest producer of clean, renewable geothermal power. The Calpine Geysers is a portfolio of 19 geothermal power plants which supply approximately 750 kilowatts of reliable base load electricity to northern California's power grid.

Mr. Cartwright is widely known for his vision, dedication and commitment to the energy industry, receiving more honors for his work than can be recited here. In 1999, he was awarded the Geothermal Pioneer Award by the Geothermal Resources Council. In 2000, he was named Man of the Year by the Power Association of Northern California and as one of the 100 most influential leaders in the gas and electric industry. In 2004, Scientific American named Mr. Cartwright Business Leader of the Year and Calpine was recognized as a Clean Air Champion by the New York League of Conservation Voters.

Mr. Cartwright has also been very active in community and business organizations. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Sierra Club Foundation for years. He is also Symphony Chair of the Symphony Silicon Valley Governing Board. In the past, he served on the California Chamber of Commerce California Business Round Table as well as the Silicon Valley Manufacturing Group. In addition, Mr. Cartwright was instrumental to Calpine's annual support of the American Lung Association's Asthma walks.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize Peter Cartwright for his years of excellence and to congratulate him on this honor. I join his wife, June, his four children, two grandchildren and our colleagues in wishing him continued success and fulfillment.

NUCLEAR WEAPONS POLICY

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2010

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, President Obama has recently taken three key actions to strengthen our national security and help bring us closer to a world without nuclear weapons.

First, the President issued a Nuclear Posture Review which prioritizes stopping the spread of nuclear weapons and securing nuclear materials that could be used by terrorist groups or states to harm the United States and our allies. Focusing on securing nuclear materials and stopping proliferation will make America safer.

The NPR also maintains America's role as a leader in non-proliferation by demonstrating our commitment to continuing a safe, secure, and reliable nuclear deterrent without resorting to nuclear testing. While I share the President's goal of creating a world without nuclear weapons, it is important to have a deterrent capability to keep Americans safe as long as other states possess nuclear materials.

Second, the President signed a New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty with Russia. The New START Treaty will require the United States and Russia, the two largest nuclear powers in the world, to reduce the number of strategic nuclear warheads and launchers. This will send a strong message to the global community about our commitment to ending proliferation and securing nuclear materials around the world.

Importantly, the New START treaty will place no restrictions on the United States' ability to develop missile defenses that will keep the United States and our allies protected from missile attacks from countries such as Iran.

Third, the President hosted a summit of forty-six nations to discuss the need to prevent nuclear proliferation and secure loose nuclear materials. This meeting has resulted in a historic commitment by these states to secure all the world's loose nuclear materials in the next four years. This is an ambitious goal, but it is necessary to take swift action to reduce the risk of a nuclear attack.

Getting to a world without nuclear weapons will be a long journey, but the steps that the President has taken over the last few weeks have us moving in the right direction.

THE WRONG STUFF

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 16, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, it was reported this week that India's Chandrayaan spacecraft detected water on the Moon. And another study revealed that

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there may be larger deposits of water on Mars than previously thought.

Yet despite these two incredible discoveries, this Administration is content with “earth observation” and “low Earth orbit studies.” Hardly The Right Stuff.

Madam Speaker, when President John F. Kennedy declared the intention of the United States to land on the Moon he knew it wouldn't be easy. To the contrary, he stated boldly that this great challenge would bring out the best in America. He was right.

Two generations of school children dreamed of landing on the Moon and then on to Mars. Countless engineers and scientists credit the Moon endeavor as their inspiration for entering

their field of study. This effort directly led to many of the incredible scientific and aerospace discoveries over the last 30–40 years.

Sadly, the decisions of the Administration will keep Americans stalled on Earth for decades to come. Canceling the Constellation next generation rocket program was just the latest in this Administration's inward looking approach.

Meanwhile, China, India and others are redoubling their efforts to not only go to the Moon, but beyond. It would be a sad state of affairs for the U.S. if the first person back to the Moon was not an American.

And what are the long-term consequences of this visionless endeavor? Important as they

may be, it's hard for anyone except perhaps a special interest group to get excited about earth observation and orbital animal migration studies.

It is a well-known fact that today's students are uninspired and uninterested in careers in math, science and engineering. But it's understandable considering this Administration's lack of vision for space exploration.

Yes, budgets are tight. Yes, we need to prioritize.

But considering the incredible benefit for the U.S., we must have a sustained manned space program.

Madam Speaker, Americans must once again lead in space exploration.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 2 p.m., on Monday, April 19, 2010.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

WALL STREET AND FINANCIAL CRISIS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine Wall Street and the financial crisis, focusing on the role of bank regulators, after receiving testimony from Eric M. Thorson, Inspector General, and John E. Bowman, Acting Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, both of the Department of the Treasury; Jon T. Rymer, Inspector General, John Corston, Acting Deputy Director, Division of Supervision and Consumer Protection, Complex Financial Institution Branch, George Doerr, Deputy Regional Director, San Francisco Re-

gion, and Sheila C. Bair, Chairman, all of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and John M. Reich, Alexandria, Virginia, Darrel Dochow, Issaquah, Washington, and Lawrence Carter, Washington, D.C., all former employees of the Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Goodwin Liu, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and Kimberly J. Mueller, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, who were both introduced by Senator Feinstein, Richard Mark Gergel, and J. Michelle Childs, both to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, who were both introduced by Senator Graham and Representative Clyburn, and Catherine C. Eagles, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 1 public bill, H.R. 5064 and 1 resolution, H. Res. 1270 were introduced. **Page H2646**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2646**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Edwards (MD) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2645**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Monsignor Charles Antonicelli, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Washington, DC. **Page H2645**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 1 p.m. and adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, April 19

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 3 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury, and after a period of debate, vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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