

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to personally welcome to the House our guest chaplain, Pastor Roy Bennett of Missouri. His son David is accompanying him in the gallery. A native of the Show-Me State, Pastor Bennett was raised on a farm in southeast Missouri, and attended high school in Zalma. Moving with his family to St. Louis following high school, he attended Brooks Bible Institute, and was ordained in the Assemblies of God. Excelling in his ministry, Pastor Bennett would go on to serve congregations in the communities of Marble Hill, Potosi, Salem, and Versailles.

For the past 7 years, Pastor Bennett has grown a vibrant congregation at the First Assembly of God Church in Jefferson City, Missouri, where he currently serves as senior pastor. As his 50 years of service throughout rural Missouri demonstrate, Pastor Bennett has been an invaluable leader for several communities throughout our State.

I join my colleagues in welcoming Pastor Bennett to the U.S. House of Representatives, and we thank his son, David, who is with him today—one of his two sons. David is a former member of the Armed Services.

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,
Washington, DC, September 24, 2010.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on September 24, 2010 at 12:43 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 3339.

That the Senate passed S. 3196.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6190.

Appointments: (3).

State and Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board.

Federal Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board.

Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Review Board.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER.

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,
Washington, DC, September 28, 2010.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following mes-

sage from the Secretary of the Senate on September 28, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.:

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 553.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3553.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3808.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2923.

That the Senate passed with amendments H.R. 946.

That the Senate passed with amendments H.R. 2092.

That the Senate concur in House amendment to the text of the bill with an amendment; Senate agrees to the House amendment to the title of the bill. S. 1510.

That the Senate concur in House amendments to the text and title of the bill. S. 2868.

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 2701.

That the Senate passed S. 1338.

That the Senate passed S. 3802.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by the Speaker on Friday, September 24, 2010:

S. 1674, to provide for an exclusion under the Supplemental Security Income program and the Medicaid program for compensation provided to individuals who participate in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions;

S. 3717, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Company Act of 1940, and the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to provide for certain disclosures under section 552 of title 5, United States Code, (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes;

S. 3814, to extend the National Flood Insurance Program until September 30, 2011.

SENATOR PAUL SIMON WATER FOR THE WORLD ACT KEY FACTS

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, almost 1 billion people lack access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation. Sick children miss 300 million school days a year from waterborne illness. And it kills 5,000 children every day. Our Water for the World Act emphasizes building sustainable expertise in these troubled countries. Their version of the Water for the World bill passed out of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee unanimously, and it passed the full Senate unanimously. Our House version has over 80 bipartisan cosponsors. This legislation does not provide new money, but helps us focus existing resources much more effectively to save lives.

I hope that our leadership on both sides of the aisle will schedule and support this important legislation, a sym-

bol that we can work together while we help poor people around the globe.

WHERE IS THE TAX POLICY?

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

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, as you know, we're back in town for a 1- or 2-day workweek. But where is the tax policy that this country so desperately needs to know? People are waiting. We heard it all the month of August while we were home in our districts. End-of-the-year tax planning; businesses making hiring decisions; employee pay raises; and yes, people doing estate planning—no one can move because this Congress has yet to act on extension of tax policy. We're all on hold until next year. Now the Internal Revenue Service cannot even begin to print the forms that it will send out for people who want to be in compliance with our tax laws—forms that Americans will need to be and be expected to fill out in January are not yet being printed.

Now, Mr. Speaker, Madam Speaker, we worked late when it suited your purpose. Cap-and-trade, may I remind you, was passed in this House late on a Friday night. The first version of health care passed this House in November, late on a Saturday night. And the second version of health care, the Senate version, which is now the law, passed late on a Sunday night. This House is capable of working late, but it seems only when it suits the purpose of the Speaker of the House.

Madam Speaker, I urge us to complete this important task before we go home. The House should not adjourn until our work is done.

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A COMPREHENSIVE PEACE AGREEMENT

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

Mr. POLIS. One of the most troubled areas of the world is at the threshold of a great breakthrough for peace and for humanity. I call upon the Israeli and Palestinian leadership to remain committed to peace talks. I applaud the courageous decision of both Prime Minister Netanyahu and President Abbas to work together to achieve peace.

A majority of Israelis and Palestinians supports an agreement of creating a Palestinian state. The majorities in both populations support a negotiated two-state solution, and there is not a lot left to negotiate.

We have known the basic parameters of such an agreement for many years. It is critical that, as new developments threaten to derail the process, President Abbas must put his people and