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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 25, 2011, at 10 a.m.

House of Representatives

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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: With the psalmist, we pray for this Congress and the Nation:

“Come, let us bless the Lord at all times. Let praise always be on our lips. If the Lord is your boast, be humble, listen and be moved.

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us reverence the Holy Name. When in difficulty, we looked for the Lord. Then from all our terrors we were set free.

When most vulnerable, we called out to the Lord, and we were rescued from all our difficulties.

So reverence the Lord with all the saints, for those who revere the Lord will lack no blessing.”

In the midst of everything, let us seek the Lord both now and forever. 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 Ohio (Mr. KUCINICH) come forward

and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KUCINICH 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.

ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 33

Resolved, That the following named Members be and are hereby elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

(1) COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.—Mr. Goodlatte, Mr. Johnson of Illinois, Mr. King of Iowa, Mr. Neugebauer, Mr. Conaway, Mr. Fortenberry, Mrs. Schmidt, Mr. Thompson of Pennsylvania, Mr. Rooney, Mr. Stutzman, Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Austin Scott of Georgia, Mr. Fincher, Mr. Tipton, Mr. Southerland, Mr. Crawford, Mrs. Roby, Mr. Huelskamp, Mr. DesJarlais, Mrs. Ellmers, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hultgren, Mrs. Hartzler, Mr. Schilling, and Mr. Ribble.

(2) COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES.—Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Thornberry, Mr. Jones, Mr. Akin, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Miller of Florida, Mr. Wilson of South Carolina, Mr. LoBiondo, Mr. Turner, Mr. Kline, Mr. Rogers of Alabama, Mr. Franks of Arizona, Mr. Shuster, Mr. Conaway, Mr. Lamborn, Mr. Wittman, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Coffman of Colo-

rado, Mr. Rooney, Mr. Platts, Mr. Rigell, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Hartzler, Mr. Heck, Mr. Schilling, Mr. Runyan, Mr. Austin Scott of Georgia, Mr. Griffin of Arkansas, Mr. Palazzo, Mr. West, Mrs. Roby, Mr. Brooks, and Mr. Young of Indiana.

(3) COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE.—Mr. Barton of Texas, Mr. Stearns, Mr. Whitfield, Mr. Shimkus, Mr. Pitts, Mrs. Bono Mack, Mr. Walden, Mr. Terry, Mr. Rogers of Michigan, Mrs. Myrick, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Murphy of Pennsylvania, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Bilbray, Mr. Bass of New Hampshire, Mrs. Blackburn, Mr. Gingrey of Georgia, Mr. Scalise, Mr. Latta, Mrs. McMorris Rodgers, Mr. Harper, Mr. Lance, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Olson, Mr. McKinley, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Pompeo, Mr. Kinzinger of Illinois, and Mr. Griffith of Virginia.

(4) COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES.—Mr. King of New York, Mr. Royce, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Paul, Mr. Manzullo, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Biggert, Mr. Gary G. Miller of California, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Hensarling, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Neugebauer, Mr. McHenry, Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Bachmann, Mr. Marchant, Mr. McCotter, Mr. McCarthy of California, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Posey, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Westmoreland, Mr. Luetkemeyer, Mr. Huizenga of Michigan, Mr. Duffy, Ms. Hayworth, Mr. Renacci, Mr. Hurt, Mr. Dold, Mr. Schweikert, Mr. Grimm, Mr. Canseco, and Mr. Stivers.

(5) COMMITTEE ON RULES.—Mr. Bishop of Utah, to rank immediately after Ms. Poxx.

(6) COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE.—Mr. Young of Alaska, Mr. Petri, Mr. Coble, Mr. Duncan of Tennessee, Mr. LoBiondo, Mr. Gary G. Miller of California, Mr. Johnson of Illinois, Mr. Graves of Missouri, Mr. Shuster, Mrs. Capito, Mrs. Schmidt, Mrs. Miller of Michigan, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Reed, Mr. Harris, Mr. Crawford, Ms. Herrera Beutler, Mr. Guinta, Mr. Hultgren, Mr. Barletta, Mr. Cravaack, Mr. Farenthold, Mr. Bucshon, Mr. Long, Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Meehan, Mr. Hanna, Mr. Fincher,

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Mr. Landry, Mr. Southerland, Mr. Denham, and Mr. Lankford.

Mr. HENSARLING (during the reading). Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

Mr. PASTOR. I object. I would like to have the resolution read, if possible.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

The Clerk will report the resolution. Mr. PASTOR. I withdraw the objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE REGARDING ARIZONA SHOOTING

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of January 12, 2011, to consider in the House without intervention of any point of order a resolution relating to recent events in Tucson, Arizona, if offered by the Speaker or his designee;

such resolution shall be debatable for 6 hours equally divided and controlled by the majority leader and the minority leader or their respective designees; and

the previous question shall be considered as ordered on such resolution and any preamble thereto to final adoption without intervening motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the order of the House of today, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 32) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the tragic shooting in Tucson, Arizona, on January 8, 2011, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 32

Whereas on January 8, 2011, an armed gunman opened fire at a "Congress on your Corner" event hosted by Representative Gabrielle Giffords in Tucson, Arizona, killing 6 and wounding at least 14 others;

Whereas Christina Taylor Green, Dorothy Morris, John Roll, Phyllis Schneck, Dorwan Stoddard, and Gabriel Zimmerman lost their lives in this attack;

Whereas Christina Taylor Green, the 9-year-old daughter of John and Roxanna Green, was born on September 11, 2001, and was a third grader with an avid interest in government who was recently elected to the student council at Mesa Verde Elementary School;

Whereas Dorothy Morris, who was 76 years old, attended the January 8 event with George, her husband of over 50 years with whom she had 2 daughters, and who was also critically injured as he tried to shield her from the shooting;

Whereas John Roll, a Pennsylvania native who was 63 years old, began his professional career as a bailiff in 1972, was appointed to the Federal bench in 1991, and became chief judge for the District of Arizona in 2006, and was a devoted husband to his wife Maureen, father to his 3 sons, and grandfather to his 5 grandchildren;

Whereas Phyllis Schneck, a proud mother of 3, grandmother of 7, and great-grandmother from New Jersey, was spending the winter in Arizona, and was a 79-year-old church volunteer and New York Giants fan;

Whereas Dorwan Stoddard, a 76-year-old retired construction worker and volunteer at the Mountain Avenue Church of Christ, is credited with shielding his wife Mavy, a longtime friend whom he married while they were in their 60s, who was also injured in the shooting;

Whereas Gabriel Matthew Zimmerman, who was 30 years old and engaged to be married, served as Director of Community Outreach to Representative Gabrielle Giffords, and was a social worker before serving with Representative Giffords;

Whereas Representative Gabrielle Giffords was a target of this attack, and remains in critical condition at an Arizona hospital;

Whereas 13 others were also wounded in the shooting, including Ron Barber and Pamela Simon, both staffers to Representative Giffords; and

Whereas several individuals, including Patricia Maisch, Army Col. Bill Badger (Retired), who was also wounded in the shooting, Roger Sulzgeber, Joseph Zimudio, and Daniel Hernandez, Jr., helped apprehend the gunman and assist the injured, thereby risking their lives for the safety of others, and should be commended for their bravery: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) condemns in the strongest possible terms the horrific attack which occurred at the "Congress on your Corner" event hosted by Representative Gabrielle Giffords in Tucson, Arizona, on January 8, 2011;

(2) offers its heartfelt condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of those who were killed in that attack;

(3) expresses its hope for the rapid and complete recovery of those wounded in the shooting;

(4) honors the memory of Christina Taylor Green, Dorothy Morris, John Roll, Phyllis Schneck, Dorwan Stoddard, and Gabriel Zimmerman;

(5) applauds the bravery and quick thinking exhibited by those individuals who prevented the gunman from potentially taking more lives and helped to save those who had been wounded;

(6) recognizes the service of the first responders who raced to the scene and the health care professionals who tended to the victims once they reached the hospital, whose service and skill saved lives;

(7) reaffirms the bedrock principle of American democracy and representative government, which is memorialized in the First Amendment of the Constitution and which Representative Gabrielle Giffords herself read in the Hall of the House of Representatives on January 6, 2011, of "the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances";

(8) stands firm in its belief in a democracy in which all can participate and in which intimidation and threats of violence cannot silence the voices of any American;

(9) honors the service and leadership of Representative Gabrielle Giffords, a distinguished member of this House, as she courageously fights to recover; and

(10) when adjourning today, shall do so out of respect to the victims of this attack.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of today, the resolution shall be debatable for 6 hours equally divided and controlled by the majority leader and the minority leader or their designees.

The gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CANTOR) and the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. PASTOR) each will control 3 hours.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia.

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the Speaker of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BOEHNER).

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker and my colleagues, today we are called here to mourn.

An unspeakable act of violence has taken six innocent lives, and left several more—including our colleague, GABRIELLE GIFFORDS—battling for theirs. These are difficult hours for our country.

Among the fallen is Gabe Zimmerman, a member of Congresswoman GIFFORDS' staff—a public servant of the highest caliber—one of our own. Even in our shock, we are composed and determined to fulfill our calling to represent our constituents. This is the great cause for which Gabe gave his life.

Like us, Gabe swore an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution. At the time of the attack, he was engaged in the most simple and direct of democratic rituals: listening to the people, listening to his neighbors.

The brutality that shattered Saturday morning's calm was devastating, but brief. Bravery and quick thinking prevented a larger massacre, turning innocent bystanders into heroes.

The service and skill of first responders and medical professionals saved lives. Law enforcement officials are working to ensure swift justice. Look to Tucson right now, and you will be reminded that America's most plentiful source of wealth and strength is her people.

We are so thankful GABBY is still with us. We are so thankful that two of her staffers who were also wounded—Ron Barber and Pam Simon—are still with us as well.

In her stead, GABBY's staff has pressed on, opening for business Monday morning right on schedule. The men and women who faithfully serve the people of Arizona's 8th Congressional District have signaled that no act—no matter how heinous—will stop us from doing our duty and being among the people we serve.

To all of the dedicated professionals that we rely on to make this institution work, to each of you: thank you for what you do. And to GABBY's staff—and their families: please know that our hearts and prayers go out to each of you.