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## House of Representatives

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HARRIS).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
January 13, 2012.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANDY HARRIS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, we give You thanks for giving us another day. We pause now in Your presence and acknowledge our dependence on You. We ask Your blessing upon the men and women of this, the people's House, who are soon to return to their stations here on Capitol Hill.

As the new session begins, help them, and indeed help us all, to obey Your law, to do Your will, and to walk in Your way. Grant that they might be good in thought, gracious in word, generous in deed, and great in spirit.

Make this a glorious day in which all are glad to be alive and ready to serve You. May all that is done this day be done for Your greater honor and glory. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 493, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. MORAN)

come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MORAN 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.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 112-81)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the President of the United States:

THE WHITE HOUSE,  
Washington, January 12, 2012.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 3101A(a)(2)(A) of title 31, United States Code, I hereby certify that the debt subject to limit is within \$100,000,000,000 of the limit in 31 U.S.C. 3101(b) and that further borrowing is required to meet existing commitments.

Sincerely,

BARACK OBAMA.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The communication is referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

### 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,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, January 3, 2012.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. 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 January 3, 2012 at 1:02 p.m.:

That the Senate pursuant to the order of December 23, 2011, Senate appoints conferees H.R. 3630.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Patrick Hirsch, Director, House Recording Studio:

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, January 4, 2012.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House that I have received a subpoena for testimony issued by the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in connection with a misdemeanor case now pending before that court.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined to comply with the subpoena to the extent that it is consistent with Rule VIII.

Sincerely,

PATRICK HIRSCH,  
*Director, House Recording Studio.*

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, January 3, 2012.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. 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 January 3, 2012 at 1:02 p.m.:

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



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That the Senate insists on the amendments to the bill and agrees to a conference asked by the House H.R. 3630.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

493, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2012.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 5 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 2 p.m.

referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. REED:

H.J. Res. 98.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 relating to the power to pay the debts of the United States.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII,

Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. SCHILLING, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. PAUL, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, Mr. WOODALL, and Mr. QUAYLE) introduced a joint resolution (H.J. Res. 98) relating to the disapproval of the President's exercise of authority to increase the debt limit, as submitted under section 3101A of title 31, United States Code, on January 12, 2012; which was

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 493, no organizational or legislative business will be conducted on this day.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(c) of House Resolution