

the American people and say, we're at war, we have to have a war tax, or we have to find a way to pay for the war. No. Soldiers go fight, you know, their families suffer, and we do nothing. So you want to know why we're in debt? That's why we're in debt.

And just for the record, this CLASS Act that we're talking about is not this taxpayer-subsidized, endless government funding type of a program here. I mean, it has to be self-financed by the premiums that people pay who volunteer to get into it. It says in the law that this cannot be funded by the dollars of taxpayers. What this is is a framework, a framework to get us to focus on the issue that we need to address, which is long-term health care in this country.

Now, I'm from Massachusetts, and I may be a little sensitive on this issue because one of my heroes, the late Senator Ted Kennedy, championed this issue. He understood that there was a need out there, and he saw, as we all have seen, what families go through when loved ones can't afford or families can't afford to pay for the long-term care of loved ones. So it took us decades to get here, to get to this point where we have a framework. Yes, it is true: This is not perfect. It needs more work. But we have a framework here. And it's not a framework which calls for endless subsidies by the taxpayers. It says we've got to come up with a program that can self-sustain itself, that is financed by those who want to be enrolled in it. Why would you throw this away? Why would you throw this away?

My friend on the other side of the aisle talks about false promises. Please, give me a break. False promises? You got up over a year ago and said we're repealing this health care reform bill, the Affordable Care Act, and we're going to replace it with something. It's been over a year. Nothing, nothing, not a single thing. You know, it's not like we haven't had time to do it or to talk about these issues or debate these issues. I mean, this has become a place where trivial issues get debated passionately and important ones not at all. National Public Radio funding, we had to debate that on the floor. Reaffirming our national motto "In God We Trust," we had time for that. Issues on abortion and every hot button issue you can think of, including we had a debate on making it easier for unsafe people to bring concealed weapons from State to State to State.

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Now, I don't know about Texas or about other countries, but I've got to tell you, people talk to me about a lot of problems and about a lot of things that keep them up at night. Some of the things that you've brought to this House floor never even enter their minds, because what keeps them up at night are things like this:

What happens if I get sick, will I be able to take care of myself? What hap-

pens if my spouse gets sick, seriously ill, will I be able to care for her? Will I be able to care for him? What if it's my child? What if it's my mother, or what if it's my father? Will I be able to take care of them over a long period of time? Those are real-life issues that real people worry about each and every day.

So I would say to my friends on the other side of the aisle, first of all, vote down this rule, because I think it is insulting to bring a rule to the floor on the issue of long-term care and say we're going to cap debate at 3 hours. I think this is too important. This is more important than reaffirming our national motto, number one.

Number two, I would urge my colleagues on this side of the aisle, understand that what this represents is a framework and understand how long it has taken us to get to this point. And I've got to tell you, if we throw this framework away, I doubt very much that at any time in the near future this Congress is going to do anything meaningful on the issue of long-term health care.

So let's get serious about dealing with the real challenges that the American people are faced with. Let's not say that this is going to add to the deficit. It's not going to add to the deficit. In the law, it says it has to be self-sustaining; if not, it doesn't work. It says that we are not going to be subsidizing this program. That's what it says.

If you want to get serious about the deficit, you know what? Then make sure Warren Buffett pays the same tax rate as his secretary. If you want to get serious about the deficit, that's what you can do to help us deal with the issue of the deficit. But going after this with all these smokescreens I think is unfortunate.

So I would urge my colleagues, vote "no" on the rule and vote "no" on the underlying resolution.

I yield back the balance of my time. Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I think what we've done today is fair and honorable. We've talked about a problem. We've talked about a potential answer. First of all, an answer is that, since we do not have a workable program without bringing it back to the Congress, we ought to work with the administration. I think we've been responsible. But we have heard feedback from the administration, in a hearing, that said, we can't make that program work; we cannot make that program work.

So I think that what we are doing today is the fiscally responsible thing, to end the program, to end a program that is not going to work and was not designed to work, and then start back over, if we choose to, and put it into a workable mode. But only to have a false hope out there of something that cannot be sustained and something that the managers of the government cannot make work is a bad idea.

We've got another trillion-dollar deficit that is facing this country, another \$1 trillion. We know who that is. That's Pin the Tail on the Donkey, Mr. Speaker. They are the ones responsible. They are the ones that are happy with that, and they are the ones that try to justify that.

Today we are coming together to find the solution to a long-term care issue in this country by talking about it, doing something that cannot be sustained, and then admitting, as Mr. BOUSTANY did, that we need to do something better. And we should not throw the idea away. Today we are going to vote on something that will do no further harm.

I applaud my colleague from Louisiana, Congressman BOUSTANY, for introducing the bill. I appreciate him coming before us. I respect and appreciate my committee, the Rules Committee, and the gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER) for bringing this debate here in such an open and transparent process. I encourage a "yes" vote on the rule.

I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess for a period of less than 15 minutes.

Accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 16 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. POE of Texas) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1173, FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND RETIREMENT SECURITY ACT OF 2011

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on adoption of the resolution (H. Res. 522) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1173) to repeal the CLASS program, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 251, nays 157, not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 12]

YEAS—251

Adams	Gohmert	Nugent
Aderholt	Goodlatte	Nunes
Akin	Gosar	Nunnelee
Alexander	Gowdy	Olson
Amash	Granger	Palazzo
Amodi	Graves (GA)	Paulsen
Austria	Graves (MO)	Pearce
Bachmann	Griffin (AR)	Pence
Bachus	Griffith (VA)	Petri
Barletta	Grimm	Pitts
Bartlett	Guinta	Poe (TX)
Barton (TX)	Guthrie	Pompeo
Bass (NH)	Hall	Posey
Benishek	Hanna	Price (GA)
Berg	Harper	Quayle
Berman	Harris	Reed
Biggart	Hartzler	Rehberg
Bilbray	Hastings (WA)	Reichert
Bilirakis	Hayworth	Renacci
Bishop (UT)	Heck	Ribble
Black	Hensarling	Rigell
Blackburn	Herger	Rivera
Bonner	Herrera Beutler	Roby
Boren	Huelskamp	Roe (TN)
Boustany	Huizenga (MI)	Rogers (AL)
Brady (TX)	Hultgren	Rogers (KY)
Brooks	Hunter	Rogers (MI)
Brown (GA)	Hurt	Rohrabacher
Buchanan	Issa	Rokita
Buochon	Jenkins	Rooney
Buerkle	Johnson (IL)	Ros-Lehtinen
Burgess	Johnson (OH)	Roskam
Calvert	Johnson, Sam	Ross (AR)
Camp	Jones	Ross (FL)
Campbell	Jordan	Royce
Canseco	Kelly	Runyan
Cantor	Kildee	Ryan (WI)
Capito	Kind	Scalise
Carney	King (IA)	Schilling
Carter	King (NY)	Schmidt
Cassidy	Kinzinger (IL)	Schock
Chabot	Kissell	Schrader
Chandler	Kline	Schweikert
Coble	Labrador	Scott (SC)
Coffman (CO)	Lamborn	Scott, Austin
Cole	Lance	Sensenbrenner
Conaway	Landry	Sessions
Cravaack	Lankford	Shimkus
Crawford	Latham	Shuler
Crenshaw	LaTourette	Shuster
Culberson	Latta	Simpson
Davis (KY)	Lewis (CA)	Smith (NE)
Denham	Lipinski	Smith (NJ)
Dent	LoBiondo	Smith (TX)
DesJarlais	Long	Southerland
Diaz-Balart	Lucas	Stearns
Dicks	Luetkemeyer	Stivers
Dold	Lummis	Stutzman
Donnelly (IN)	Lungren, Daniel	Sullivan
Dreier	E.	Terry
Duffy	Manzullo	Thompson (PA)
Duncan (SC)	Marchant	Thornberry
Duncan (TN)	Marino	Tiberi
Ellmers	Matheson	Tipton
Emerson	McCarthy (CA)	Turner (NY)
Farenthold	McCaul	Turner (OH)
Fincher	McClintock	Upton
Fitzpatrick	McCotter	Walberg
Flake	McHenry	Walden
Fleischmann	McIntyre	Walsh (IL)
Fleming	McKeon	Webster
Flores	McKinley	Welch
Forbes	McMorris	West
Fortenberry	Rodgers	Westmoreland
Fox	Meehan	Whitfield
Franks (AZ)	Mica	Wilson (SC)
Frelinghuysen	Miller (FL)	Wittman
Gallely	Miller (MI)	Wolf
Garamendi	Miller, Gary	Womack
Gardner	Mulvaney	Woodall
Garrett	Murphy (CT)	Yoder
Gerlach	Murphy (PA)	Young (FL)
Gibbs	Myrick	Young (IN)
Gibson	Neugebauer	
Gingrey (GA)	Noem	

NAYS—157

Ackerman	Andrews	Baldwin
Altmire	Baca	Barrow

Bass (CA)	Hanabusa	Pastor (AZ)
Becerra	Hastings (FL)	Payne
Berkley	Heinrich	Pelosi
Bishop (GA)	Himes	Perlmutter
Bishop (NY)	Hinojosa	Peters
Blumenauer	Hirono	Peterson
Boswell	Hochul	Polis
Brady (PA)	Holden	Price (NC)
Braley (IA)	Holt	Quigley
Capps	Honda	Rahall
Capuano	Hoyer	Rangel
Cardoza	Israel	Reyes
Carnahan	Jackson (IL)	Richardson
Carson (IN)	Jackson Lee	Richmond
Castor (FL)	(TX)	Rothman (NJ)
Chu	Johnson (GA)	Roybal-Allard
Ciulline	Johnson, E. B.	Ruppersberger
Clarke (MI)	Keating	Ryan (OH)
Clarke (NY)	Kucinich	Sánchez, Linda
Clay	Langevin	T.
Cleaver	Larsen (WA)	Sanchez, Loretta
Clyburn	Larson (CT)	Sarbanes
Cohen	Lee (CA)	Schakowsky
Connolly (VA)	Levin	Schiff
Conyers	Lewis (GA)	Schwartz
Cooper	Loeb sack	Scott (VA)
Cooper	Loefgren, Zoe	Scott, David
Costa	Lowey	Serrano
Costello	Lujan	Sewell
Courtney	Lujan	Sherman
Critz	Lynch	Sires
Crowley	Maloney	Slaughter
Cummings	Markey	Smith (WA)
Davis (CA)	Matsui	Speier
Davis (IL)	McCarthy (NY)	Stark
DeFazio	McCollum	Sutton
DeGette	McDermott	Thompson (CA)
DeLauro	McGovern	Thompson (MS)
Deutch	McNerney	Tierney
Dingell	Meeks	Tonko
Doggett	Michaud	Towns
Doyle	Miller (NC)	Tsongas
Edwards	Miller, George	Van Hollen
Ellison	Moore	Velázquez
Eshoo	Moran	Walz (MN)
Farr	Nadler	Walters
Fattah	Napolitano	Watt
Fudge	Neal	Waxman
Gonzalez	Olver	Wilson (FL)
Green, Al	Owens	Woolsey
Green, Gene	Pallone	Yarmuth
Hahn	Pascrell	

NOT VOTING—24

Bono Mack	Grijalva	Pingree (ME)
Brown (FL)	Gutierrez	Platts
Burton (IN)	Higgins	Rush
Butterfield	Hinchee	Visclosky
Chaffetz	Inslée	Wasserman
Cuellar	Kaptur	Schultz
Engel	Kingston	Young (AK)
Filner	Mack	
Frank (MA)	Paul	

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Messrs. RAHALL, KUCINICH, AL GREEN of Texas, and MORAN changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall 12, I was away from the Capitol due to prior commitments to my constituents. Had I been present, I would have voted “nay.”

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for a vote in the House Chamber today. Had I been present, I would have voted “nay” on rollcall vote No. 12.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 3630, TEMPORARY PAYROLL TAX CUT CONTINUATION ACT OF 2011

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, under rule XXII, clause 7(c), I hereby an-

nounce my intention to offer a motion to instruct on H.R. 3630, the conference report to extend the payroll tax, unemployment insurance, and SGR payments for doctors.

The form of the motion is as follows:

Mr. Michaud moves that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 3630 be instructed to recede from section 2123 of the House bill, relating to allowing a waiver of requirements under section 3304(a)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, including a requirement that all money withdrawn from the unemployment fund of the State shall be used solely in the payment of unemployment compensation.

PRESIDENT'S ACTIONS THREATEN OUR NATIONAL SECURITY

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last Thursday, the President's plans were revealed to cut almost 80,000 army troops and 20,000 marines. This action will weaken our military's ability to protect us from increasing global threats.

This decision is another prime example of how the President and his administration continue to put American families at risk. Throughout our history, we have learned the consequences of downsizing our military, leading to surprise attacks.

I look forward to working with House Armed Services Committee Chairman BUCK MCKEON to stop the execution of these drastic cuts which will decimate our military capabilities and threaten the security of America's servicemembers.

I would also like to offer my sympathy to the family of Aiken Public Safety Master Corporal Sandra Rogers, who sacrificed her life while on duty Saturday.

In conclusion, God bless our troops and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

TISSUE ENGINEERING AT TEXAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

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

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, over the past 50 years, engineers, scientists, and clinicians have made amazing advances in the design and implementation of artificial organs. However, despite these advances, the gap between the number of patients waiting for an organ transplant and the number of available organs is widening.