

Staff Sergeant Romesha serve me and our Nation in ways we can't even imagine. May God bless Mr. Romesha and his family and all of our American heroes who serve the cause of freedom around the world.

CONGRATULATING THE BALTIMORE RAVENS

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

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the world champions of football, the Baltimore Ravens. On February 3, the Vince Lombardi Trophy returned home to "Charm City." Like Coach Harbaugh said, the win wasn't pretty, it wasn't perfect, but it was Baltimore.

We overcame the doubts of a Nation. Baltimore was just an afterthought, playing against a 3½-point favorite.

We overcame injury. Bernard Pollard, our safety, played with not one, not two, not three, not four, not five, but six broken ribs throughout the season.

We overcame an agonizing 34-minute delay, when we seemed to lose not only power in the stadium but the wind in our sails.

We overcame a second-half surge that left us screaming at our televisions, from Dundalk to Havre de Grace.

I watched the game with my family and my 92-year-old mother, and even she was fired up. The team stuck together and got it done.

I want to congratulate the owner, Steve Bisciotti, a class act who does so much for our city on and off the field. Also, Ravens President Dick Cass and General Manager Ozzie Newsome, who has the greatest mind in football. And, of course, the players—especially No. 52, Ray Lewis, and No. 5, Joe Flacco, who won the MVP of the game.

Last Sunday, the lights were out in the Superdome for awhile, but at the end of the day, it was just lights out for the 49ers. Baltimore cannot be more proud to welcome our players and the Vince Lombardi Trophy back home.

I also want to say that our leader, NANCY PELOSI, who is homegrown Baltimore, now a 49ers fan, did accept the defeat with her regular class and dignity.

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(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PELOSI. I rise, Madam Speaker, to congratulate Congressman RUPPERSBERGER and the other members of the Maryland delegation and, more importantly, join them in congratulating the Ravens. They beat a mighty champion at the Super Bowl.

As a proud 49ers fan who grew up on Johnny Unitas in Baltimore and going to those games as a teenager and rais-

ing my own children on Joe Montana and Steve Young, you can just imagine how exciting this game was for me.

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER quoted Coach Harbaugh. I will quote him in another way. They asked him after the game, Was it hard coaching against your very own brother in the Super Bowl? He said that it was very hard. The only thing that would have been worse is if one of us were not coaching in the Super Bowl.

So while it was hard to lose to the Ravens, it would have been even harder to lose to someone else. If someone had to beat the 49ers, I congratulate the Ravens on a game well played.

I was in the stadium. I wondered who on the Baltimore side decided to pull the plug on the electricity. They were wondering who on the 49ers' side did. In any event, there was good spirit. I think if you were there and you saw that delay in the game and you saw the mood of the people, it was a real tribute to the people of New Orleans, who had extended such gracious hospitality in every way. People were in a good mood and they rode out that time.

I want to join you in commending the owner, Steve Bisciotti, in his leadership of the Ravens, but I also want to acknowledge the wonderful leadership of Art Modell. He passed away in the fall after being such a great leader in the Baltimore community, bringing the Ravens to Baltimore and in being a part of the city in philanthropic and other ways. He was a great man. It was wonderful to see the Ravens and everyone else, including Governor O'Malley and Mayor Rawlings-Blake, with "Art" on their lapels throughout the weekend.

So to Art Modell's family, to the ownership of the Ravens, congratulations. To the people of Baltimore, I know how exciting it is and what it means to Baltimore. I extend my congratulations. And I didn't have a bet, because I said while I'm rooting for the 49ers, I would never bet against Baltimore. So congratulations to all concerned.

REQUIRE PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP AND NO DEFICIT ACT

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WILSON of South Carolina). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 48 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 444.

Will the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) kindly take the chair.

□ 0918

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 444) to require that, if the President's fiscal year 2014 budget does not achieve balance in a fiscal year covered by such budget, the President shall submit a supplemental unified budget by April 1, 2013, which identifies a fiscal year in which balance is achieved, and for other purposes, with Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Tuesday, February 5, 2013, 30 minutes remained in general debate.

The gentleman from Georgia (Mr. PRICE) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) each has 15 minutes remaining.

Who yields time?

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Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Chair, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCLINTOCK).

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Madam Chairman, a family that earns \$27,000 but spends \$36,000 and has run up a credit card debt of \$165,000 is obviously on the brink of financial ruin. Proportionally, that is exactly where our Federal Government is today.

Now, if that family went to see a credit counselor, the first thing he's going to tell them is we've got to sit down and draw up a budget. Now, that family is going to have to make some very difficult choices. It may take several years to work its way back to solvency. But our Senate has not passed a budget in nearly 4 years, and our President has offered only entirely un-serious budgets that continue to spend recklessly and that never balance.

This bill simply requires that if the President can't balance the budget this year, he tell us how long it will take and what needs to be done to do so. We would expect that from any family. We should demand it from our government.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Chairman, as we debated yesterday, the bill before us is unfortunately nothing more than a political gimmick at a time when we're facing huge issues with respect to jobs and the economy.

It's very unfortunate that we did not have an opportunity to vote on an amendment that we proposed to replace the sequester—which is now less than a month away and which will do grave economic harm—our proposal to replace that sequester with a balanced mix of cuts and revenue from closing loopholes. But in this body, which says it wants to be transparent in the people's House, we were denied an opportunity to take a vote on something that's very important to the American