

greatest hour of need, I cannot in good conscience vote for this bill.

The 9/11 responders are not asking for much. All they are asking for is to be treated with respect and dignity. They rushed to Ground Zero with no concern for their own safety. We were under attack, and America needed help. They responded; and as a result, many of them are very sick now. The government's response has been to fight these heroes every step of the way. Many have had their claims denied or wrapped up in red tape for months or years.

Then when not all of the money was spent in New York State, we are told this is justification for taking it back, even though the need is still great. This shell game would be comical if it were not so sad and so hard on the lives of these people.

I know this decision today is not the fault of the gentleman from Ohio (Chairman REGULA). I understand that his hands are tied on this issue. I would also like to thank a fellow New Yorker, Mr. WALSH. He has been an absolute champion for this issue in the committee.

Despite their hard work and the work of a united New York delegation, united Democrats and Republicans, the outcome today is not what it should be. The one thing I know and I can promise is that this fight is not over. I speak for all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, certainly in the New York delegation, that we are not going to stop until we meet the needs of the heroes of 9/11 and this promised money of \$125 million is restored to the budget. Anything short is just plain wrong, and it hurts the health care of our heroes.

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to talk a little bit about some of the priorities, particularly in the education section of this bill. I have already mentioned the TRIO and GEAR UP programs for first-time college goers. Certainly those are important programs in my State and throughout the United States.

But let us look at something that we are lacking across the Nation, and that is in our math and sciences. There has been special emphasis in this bill on math and science partnerships so we can train our future engineers to compete globally.

The chairman spoke about how the world is flat. Well, if we do not have math and science education at the elementary and high school level, we are not going to be able to compete in the global market. So I am proud of the \$184 million that is going to help with training teachers.

Special education is something that I think touches many, many families throughout the United States. We hear a lot about that in our office, and I am certain every Member's office. In special ed, this bill is funding over last year's budget \$100 million. Will that meet every need for every special ed

student? No, unfortunately it will not, and it cannot. But it will go towards helping those families and that student become a productive person in their adult life.

Reading programs and improving teacher quality programs. Certainly the key to success in school is reading, but the key to success in school is a good teacher. We need to improve the teacher quality and help our teachers become not only as good as they can be but even better. And that goes also to the principals. There is a principal shortage here in our country. We have to work with our teachers so they want to become principals and guide our teachers to educate our children. Those are some of the education priorities I wanted to highlight in this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, this country is at a critical crossroads in terms of deciding what it stands for, what its priorities are. Our priorities should be to make decisions based on shared sacrifice and a long-term view that seeks to fight for the least powerful among us.

Unfortunately, this rule would allow legislation with a shortsighted approach to come to the floor. All of us, Democrats and Republicans, hope that medical science will provide the breakthrough to provide relief from a disease which will ease a family member's suffering.

We all worry about whether rising energy costs will force seniors to make life-and-death decisions about where to spend their limited resources.

And yet this conference report ignores those very needs. It narrowly restricts the future of all Americans so that a very few might have a bit more of a tax break. That is an approach that I hope all Members will reject.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support this fair rule and the bipartisan underlying legislation which funds critical dollars to our Nation's educational system, health care delivery system, and as the gentleman from California spoke so eloquently about, our health research areas.

With this funding, low-income Americans will be better prepared for a potentially long winter. It got a little colder here today, and we know it is going to continue to be cold as we move through the winter; and this bill provides \$2 billion in LIHEAP funding. Our seniors will greatly benefit from the money appropriated, allowing CMS to conduct outreach to all Medicare beneficiaries who are now able to sign up for the new Medicare prescription drug plan.

These are all important programs, and there are others too numerous to mention. I urge my colleagues to support the rule, support the legislation.

Mr. Speaker, 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 (Mr. PETRI). The question is on the resolution.

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

Mrs. CAPITO. 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 and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Adoption of H. Res. 558, by the yeas and nays;

Adoption of H. Res. 559, by the yeas and nays;

Motion to suspend the rules on H. Res. 500, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. Res. 72, FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2006

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the vote on adoption of House Resolution 558 on which the yeas and nays are 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 407, nays 21, not voting 5, as follows:

[Roll No. 595]

YEAS—407

Abercrombie	Bishop (UT)	Buyer
Ackerman	Blackburn	Calvert
Aderholt	Blumenauer	Camp
Akin	Blunt	Cannon
Alexander	Boehlert	Cantor
Allen	Boehner	Capito
Baca	Bonilla	Capps
Bachus	Bonner	Capuano
Baird	Bono	Cardin
Baker	Boozman	Cardoza
Baldwin	Boren	Carnahan
Barrett (SC)	Boucher	Carson
Barrow	Boustany	Carter
Bartlett (MD)	Boyd	Case
Barton (TX)	Bradley (NH)	Castle
Bass	Brady (PA)	Chabot
Bean	Brady (TX)	Chandler
Beauprez	Brown (OH)	Chocola
Berkley	Brown (SC)	Clay
Berman	Brown, Corrine	Cleaver
Berry	Brown-Waite,	Clyburn
Biggert	Ginny	Coble
Billirakis	Burgess	Cole (OK)
Bishop (GA)	Burton (IN)	Conaway
Bishop (NY)	Butterfield	Costa