

I began working with that and working with Representative CLEAVER on the other side. We joined together in a Special Order where we both debated civilly over the pros and cons of tax relief without throwing the usual big word bantering, disrespecting words at one another that we have a tendency to do in our debate. I would ask my colleagues who are listening, join together in this effort with Representative CLEAVER so we can grow the amount of Members, we can have Special Orders where we debate the pros and cons of such hot issues like the war in Iraq or immigration or tax relief, all these things that are so important to the American public, but we do it in a way where we have a little bit more time where we can go back and forth and ask each other questions. It is difficult the way our structured debate is, to actually make a point in one minute and then be able to respond to the other side.

So I would join with my colleague and maybe convince him to join our Subcommittee on Civility and we can have longer, more meaningful, and I think the American public would actually embrace the opportunity to sit down in front of their TV, watch C-SPAN for an hour, become educated on an issue on both sides, and then understand a little bit more about why we are voting one way or the other, where our belief systems are.

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

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

Let me also say to my colleague from West Virginia that I have enjoyed serving on the Rules Committee with her as well, and I have enjoyed our debates. I admire her intellect and I appreciate her efforts to create a more civil Congress, and I regret that she will no longer be on the Rules Committee because I thought she added a lot to the debate and to the civility in that committee.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would simply say to my colleagues that this process is not the process in which we should conduct our business. This martial law rule is not needed. We can stay here next week and get our business done in regular order. There is no need to rush out of here, and my fear is that we have created a process in which Members are not going to have an opportunity to even know what they are voting on.

So, with that, I would urge my colleagues to vote "no" on this martial law rule.

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

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my colleague. Again, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this rule to provide that suspensions will be in order anytime the legislative day of December 7, a very historic day in our Nation's history, 2006, and that special rules will be considered on the same day.

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. 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 vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 212, nays 190, not voting 30, as follows:

[Roll No. 528]

YEAS—212

Aderholt	Gilchrest	Neugebauer
Akin	Gillmor	Northrup
Alexander	Gingrey	Nunes
Bachus	Gohmert	Osborne
Baker	Goode	Oxley
Barrett (SC)	Goodlatte	Pearce
Bartlett (MD)	Granger	Pence
Barton (TX)	Graves	Peterson (PA)
Bass	Green (WI)	Petri
Beauprez	Pitts	Gutknecht
Biggert	Hall	Poe
Bilbray	Hart	Pombo
Bilirakis	Hastings (WA)	Porter
Bishop (UT)	Hayes	Price (GA)
Blackburn	Hayworth	Pryce (OH)
Blunt	Hefley	Putnam
Boehert	Hensarling	Radanovich
Boehner	Herger	Ramstad
Bonilla	Hobson	Regula
Bonner	Hoekstra	Rehberg
Bono	Hostettler	Reichert
Boozman	Hulshof	Renzi
Boustany	Hunter	Reynolds
Bradley (NH)	Inglis (SC)	Rogers (AL)
Brady (TX)	Issa	Rogers (KY)
Brown (SC)	Jenkins	Rogers (MI)
Brown-Waite,	Jindal	Rohrabacher
Ginny	Johnson (CT)	Ros-Lehtinen
Burgess	Johnson (IL)	Royce
Buyer	Johnson, Sam	Ryan (WI)
Calvert	Jones (NC)	Ryun (KS)
Camp (MI)	Keller	Saxton
Campbell (CA)	Kelly	Schmidt
Cannon	Kennedy (MN)	Schwarz (MI)
Cantor	King (IA)	Sekula Gibbs
Capito	King (NY)	Sensenbrenner
Carter	Kingston	Sessions
Castle	Kirk	Shadegg
Chabot	Kline	Shaw
Chocola	Knollenberg	Shays
Coble	Kolbe	Sherwood
Cole (OK)	Kuhl (NY)	Shimkus
Conaway	LaHood	Shuster
Crenshaw	Latham	Simmons
Culberson	LaTourette	Smith (NJ)
Davis (KY)	Leach	Smith (TX)
Davis, Tom	Lewis (CA)	Sodrel
Deal (GA)	Lewis (KY)	Souder
Dent	Linder	Stearns
Diaz-Balart, L.	LoBiondo	Sullivan
Diaz-Balart, M.	Lucas	Tancredo
Doolittle	Lungren, Daniel	E.
Drake	E.	Terry
Dreier	Mack	Thomas
Duncan	Manzullo	Thornberry
Ehlers	Marchant	Tiahrt
Emerson	McCaul (TX)	Tiberi
English (PA)	McCotter	Turner
Everett	McCrery	Upton
Feeney	McHenry	Walden (OR)
Ferguson	McHugh	Walsh
Fitzpatrick (PA)	McKeon	Wamp
Flake	McMorris	Weldon (FL)
Forbes	Rodgers	Weldon (PA)
Fortenberry	Mica	Weller
Fossella	Miller (FL)	Wicker
Fox	Miller (MI)	Wilson (NM)
Franks (AZ)	Miller, Gary	Wilson (SC)
Frelinghuysen	Moran (KS)	Wolf
Galleghy	Murphy	Young (AK)
Garrett (NJ)	Musgrave	Young (FL)
Gerlach	Myrick	

NAYS—190

Abercrombie	Andrews	Baldwin
Ackerman	Baca	Barrow
Allen	Baird	Bean

Becerra	Higgins	Pallone
Berkley	Hinojosa	Pascarell
Berman	Holden	Pastor
Bishop (GA)	Holt	Payne
Bishop (NY)	Honda	Pelosi
Blumenauer	Hooley	Peterson (MN)
Boren	Hoyer	Pomeroy
Boswell	Inslee	Price (NC)
Boucher	Israel	Rahall
Boyd	Jackson (IL)	Rangel
Brady (PA)	Jackson-Lee	Reyes
Brown (OH)	(TX)	Ross
Brown, Corrine	Johnson, E. B.	Rothman
Butterfield	Jones (OH)	Roybal-Allard
Capps	Kanjorski	Ruppersberger
Capuano	Kennedy (RI)	Rush
Cardin	Kildee	Ryan (OH)
Carnahan	Kilpatrick (MI)	Sabo
Carson	Kind	Salazar
Chandler	Kucinich	Sanchez, Linda
Clay	Langevin	T.
Cleaver	Lantos	Sanchez, Loretta
Clyburn	Larsen (WA)	Schakowsky
Conyers	Larson (CT)	Schiff
Cooper	Lee	Schwartz (PA)
Costa	Levin	Scott (GA)
Costello	Lewis (GA)	Scott (VA)
Cramer	Lipinski	Serrano
Crowley	Lofgren, Zoe	Sherman
Cuellar	Lowey	Sires
Cummings	Lynch	Skelton
Davis (AL)	Maloney	Slaughter
Davis (CA)	Markey	Smith (WA)
Davis (FL)	Marshall	Snyder
Davis (IL)	Matheson	Solis
Davis (TN)	Matsui	Spratt
DeFazio	McCarthy	Stark
DeGette	McCollum (MN)	Stupak
Delahunt	McDermott	Tanner
DeLauro	McGovern	Tauscher
Dicks	McIntyre	Taylor (MS)
Dingell	McKinney	Thompson (CA)
Doggett	McNulty	Thompson (MS)
Doyle	Meehan	Tierney
Edwards	Meek (FL)	Towns
Emanuel	Meeks (NY)	Udall (CO)
Engel	Melancon	Udall (NM)
Eshoo	Michaud	Van Hollen
Etheridge	Miller (NC)	Velázquez
Farr	Miller, George	Visclosky
Filmer	Mollohan	Wasserman
Ford	Moore (KS)	Schultz
Frank (MA)	Moore (WI)	Waters
Gonzalez	Moran (VA)	Watt
Gordon	Murtha	Waxman
Green, Al	Nadler	Weiner
Green, Gene	Napolitano	Wexler
Grijalva	Neal (MA)	Woolsey
Gutierrez	Oberstar	Wu
Harman	Obey	Wynn
Hastings (FL)	Olver	
Herseth	Ortiz	

NOT VOTING—30

Berry	Hyde	Pickering
Burton (IN)	Istook	Platts
Cardoza	Jefferson	Sanders
Case	Kaptur	Simpson
Cubin	Millender-	Strickland
Davis, Jo Ann	McDonald	Sweeney
Evans	Norwood	Watson
Fattah	Nussle	Westmoreland
Gibbons	Otter	Whitfield
Harris	Owens	
Hinchev	Paul	

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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.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. REHBERG). Pursuant to House Resolution 1096, the following resolutions are laid on the table: H. Res. 810, H. Res. 939, H. Res. 951, and H. Res. 1047.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings

today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later today.

**SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF PLAN AHEAD WITH AN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE WEEK**

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 934) supporting the goals and ideals of Plan Ahead with an Advance Directive Week.

The Clerk read as follows:

**H. RES. 934**

Whereas life and death situations confront hundreds of thousands of persons within the United States each year due to life threatening illness or injury;

Whereas advance directives offer individuals the opportunity to discuss with loved ones and family members in advance and decide what measures would be appropriate for them when it comes to end-of-life care;

Whereas the preparation of an advance directive, would advise family members, medical providers, and other persons of how an individual would want to be treated in certain crisis situations;

Whereas physicians, other health care providers, clergy, legal counsel, and family members should, or may, provide guidance and insight into determining the final wishes of a person when an advance directive is being prepared;

Whereas to avoid any legal or medical confusion due to the emotions involved in end-of-life decisions, it is in the best interest of all Americans that each person over the age of 18 communicate his or her wishes by creating an advance directive; and

Whereas the designation of the first week of April each year as Plan Ahead with an Advance Directive Week would give honor and respect to all persons as they make critical decisions about their end-of-life care and allow death with dignity according to their own decisions: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of Plan Ahead with an Advance Directive Week;

(2) encourages each person in the United States who is over the age of 18 to prepare an advance directive to assist his or her family members and medical professionals and others as they honor his or her final wishes; and

(3) encourages medical, civic, educational, religious, and other nonprofit organizations to encourage individuals to prepare advance directives to ensure that their wishes and rights with respect to end-of-life care are protected.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

**GENERAL LEAVE**

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on this legislation and to insert extraneous material on the resolution.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 934, supporting the goals and ideals of Plan Ahead with an Advance Directive Week. The resolution encourages all Americans to take time to discuss with their loved ones what their wishes would be in a health care situation where that person is unable to communicate.

As many of my colleagues are aware, an advance directive may comprise two types of legal documents that enable individuals to plan for and communicate end-of-life wishes in the event an individual is unable to convey them due to failing health.

The first type of advance directive is what is known as a living will. It documents a person's wishes concerning medical treatments at the end of life. The second type of advance directive is a medical power of attorney or a health care proxy which allows individuals to appoint a person they trust as their health care agent. This person is authorized to make medical decisions on another's behalf.

Mr. Speaker, living wills and medical powers of attorney are valuable tools to help communicate the wishes about future medical care. Thoughtfully prepared advance directives can ease the burden on those who must make health care decisions for us.

In conclusion, I want to encourage all Americans to set aside time to have what may well be one of the most important conversations that a family can have.

At this time, I would like to thank Dr. GINGREY for helping bring this important issue to the American people, and I urge my colleagues to support the resolution.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Resolution 934, legislation which supports the goals and ideals of Plan Ahead with an Advance Directive Week. Advance directives are an integral part of any care delivery plan. Simply put, advance directives are statements by competent persons which articulate that person's medical, legal and personal wishes regarding medical treatment in the event of future incapacity.

When advance directives are available, medical professionals, families and loved ones are best able to make critical care decisions should a patient become unable to make sound judgments about their health care.

This resolution encourages those 18 years of age and older to prepare advanced directives. It also encourages medical, civic, educational, religious, and other nonprofit education to promote advance directive preparation, particularly amongst their constituencies. Many organizations are already leading the effort to provide guidance

for patients on advance directive preparation, including the American Medical Association, the American Hospital Association, the American Academy of Family Physicians and the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.

H. Res. 934 enjoys the support of the National Consensus Project for Quality Palliative Care, a coalition of leading U.S.-based palliative care organizations dedicated to address the needs of health care professionals who care for patients with advanced, chronic or life-threatening illnesses, as well as the needs of patients' families.

I would like to thank Representative GINGREY for bringing this resolution before us today, and I encourage my colleagues to support this resolution.

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

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I would like now to recognize the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. GINGREY), a fellow physician who is the author of this fine piece of legislation for 5 minutes.

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, first of all, I thank my colleague for yielding me this time, and I also thank my friend from New Jersey for his support.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 934, a resolution that supports the goals and ideals of a Plan Ahead with an Advance Directive Week. This resolution is supported by Members on both sides of the aisle. It is endorsed by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, and it is backed by the Cobb County Medical Society in Georgia, and commended to me by my friend and colleague, child psychiatrist Dr. Durk Huttenback.

As a physician for nearly 30 years, I wholeheartedly believe in executing advance directives. Every individual in this country, in every stage of life, should have conversations with their families, friends and loved ones regarding their wishes as they pertain to end-of-life care. Advance directives help clarify the desire of individuals to their health care providers, their care givers and family members during these difficult and trying times.

Advance directives are valuable tools to help communicate wishes about future medical care. Thoughtfully prepared advance directives can ease the burden on those who must make health care decisions for us. This resolution encourages all Americans to set aside time for what may very well be one of the most important conversations a family can ever have.

Giving advanced direction to those who are providing your medical care and explaining to your loved ones your wishes are essential ways to ensure that these wishes are fulfilled if those painful times present themselves and communication is not possible.

Mr. Speaker, I believe advance directives are a great avenue for facilitating these vitally important conversations, and therefore I encourage my colleagues to support this resolution.