

NOES—212

Aderholt	Foxx	Minnick
Adler (NJ)	Franks (AZ)	Mitchell
Akin	Frelinghuysen	Moran (KS)
Alexander	Gallely	Murphy, Patrick
Arcuri	Garrett (NJ)	Murphy, Tim
Austria	Gerlach	Myrick
Bachmann	Gingrey (GA)	Neugebauer
Bachus	Gohmert	Nunes
Barrett (SC)	Goodlatte	Nye
Bartlett	Granger	Olson
Barton (TX)	Graves	Paul
Bean	Griffith	Paulsen
Biggert	Guthrie	Pence
Bilbray	Hall (TX)	Peters
Bilirakis	Harper	Peterson
Bishop (UT)	Hastings (WA)	Petri
Blackburn	Heller	Pitts
Blunt	Hensarling	Platts
Boehner	Hergert	Poe (TX)
Bonner	Herseht Sandlin	Pomeroy
Bono Mack	Hill	Posey
Boozman	Himes	Price (GA)
Boren	Hodes	Putnam
Boustany	Hoekstra	Quigley
Boyd	Hunter	Rehberg
Brady (TX)	Inglis	Reichert
Bright	Issa	Roe (TN)
Broun (GA)	Jenkins	Rogers (AL)
Brown (SC)	Johnson (IL)	Rogers (KY)
Brown-Waite,	Johnson, Sam	Rogers (MI)
Ginny	Jones	Rohrabacher
Buchanan	Jordan (OH)	Rooney
Burgess	Kind	Ros-Lehtinen
Burton (IN)	King (IA)	Roskam
Buyer	King (NY)	Royce
Calvert	Kingston	Ryan (WI)
Camp	Kirk	Scalise
Campbell	Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Schmidt
Cantor	Kline (MN)	Schock
Cao	Kosmas	Schrader
Capito	Kratovil	Sensenbrenner
Carter	Lamborn	Sessions
Cassidy	Lance	Shadegg
Castle	Latham	Shimkus
Chaffetz	LaTourette	Shuster
Childers	Latta	Simpson
Coble	Lee (NY)	Smith (NE)
Coffman (CO)	Lewis (CA)	Smith (NJ)
Cole	LoBiondo	Smith (TX)
Conaway	Lucas	Smith (WA)
Connolly (VA)	Luetkemeyer	Souder
Crenshaw	Lummis	Space
Culberson	Lungren, Daniel	Stearns
Davis (KY)	E.	Sullivan
Deal (GA)	Mack	Taylor
Dent	Manzullo	Teague
Diaz-Balart, L.	Marchant	Terry
Diaz-Balart, M.	Markey (CO)	Thompson (PA)
Donnelly (IN)	Matheson	Thornberry
Dreier	McCarthy (CA)	Tiahrt
Driehaus	McCaul	Tiberi
Duncan	McClintock	Turner
Edwards (TX)	McCotter	Upton
Ehlers	McHenry	Walden
Ellsworth	McKeon	Wamp
Emerson	McMorris	Westmoreland
Flake	Rodgers	Whitfield
Fleming	Melancon	Wilson (SC)
Forbes	Mica	Wittman
Fortenberry	Miller (FL)	Wolf
Foster	Miller (MI)	Young (AK)
	Miller, Gary	

NOT VOTING—6

Johnson, E. B.	Murtha	Speier
Linder	Radanovich	Young (FL)

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Mr. BAIRD changed his vote from "no" to "aye."

So the motion 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. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I was unable to make today's votes on the House floor due to a family illness. Had I been present I would have voted as follows:

"No" on rollcall vote No. 991, on the motion to adopt H.R. 2847, the Jobs for Main Street Act.

LAW STUDENT CLINIC PARTICIPATION ACT OF 2009

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 4194.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. COHEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4194.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

LOCAL COMMUNITY RADIO ACT OF 2009

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 1147, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BUCHER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1147, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REAPPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS TO UNITED STATES-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), amended by division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (22 U.S.C. 6901), and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Chair announces the Speaker's reappointment of the following members on the part of the House to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission, effective January 1, 2010:

Ms. Carolyn Bartholomew, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Jeffrey L. Fiedler, Great Falls, VA

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
December 16, 2009.

HON. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives, H-232,
U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: This letter is to formally notify you that on October 26, 2009 I sent a letter to Governor Charlie Crist of

Florida stating that I will be resigning as the United States Representative from the 19th Congressional District of Florida at the end of the day on January 3, 2010.

I have been honored to serve in the United States House of Representatives for the past 13 years, and I will be eternally grateful to the residents of Florida's 19th Congressional District for giving me the opportunity to be their representative in Washington. When I leave Congress this January, I will serve as the president of the Center for Middle East Peace and Economic Cooperation, where I will take on the critical challenges facing the Middle East. In the coming years, Israeli, Palestinian, and Arab leaders will be faced with monumental decisions that will dramatically affect the region and the entire world for decades. I am confident that now is the best time for me to dedicate myself fully to these significant issues.

While I am deeply saddened to leave this august body, I am looking forward to continuing much of my work in Congress in a different capacity in my new role with the Center for Middle East Peace. I especially want to thank you personally, Speaker Pelosi, for your extraordinary leadership during these difficult times for our nation as well as the kindness and courtesy you have always extended to me. I have particularly admired the dignified manner and deep sense of conviction that you display as Speaker of the House. The opportunity to work with you and all our colleagues in the House has been a great privilege indeed, and I hope to continue these friendships for many years to come.

With warm regards,

ROBERT WEXLER.

HONORING MS. PATRICIA FISHER

(Mr. MEEKS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MEEKS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable woman. Ms. Pat Fisher, who is my office manager, who is retiring next week after 33 years on the Hill.

She came into my office not too long ago and said, You know, I've been thinking about it. I served 11 years with your predecessor, Floyd Flake, and 11 years with his predecessor, Joe Addabbo, and now 11 years with you, and it's time for me to go home to my family.

And she has done it with such grace and such style. She is indeed a treasure and comes here with her father, who served in this House for 50 years. They love this place.

But let me tell you that Pat Fisher, she is a time-honored treasure who will truly be missed. She has been the gatekeeper for the Sixth Congressional District of New York for 33 years. And not only will Washington and this House miss her, but the 640,000 people who comprise the Sixth Congressional District of New York. We will miss her dearly. We wish her well and much success. Our loss will be her husband, Joe's, gain, and the rest of her family's: her daughter, her son, and her grandchild.

We wish you all the luck in the world. Thank you for your service to this great Nation and to the Sixth Congressional District.

TRIBUTE TO STAFF SERGEANT
DENNIS J. HANSEN

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

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of one of America's fallen heroes, Army Staff Sergeant Dennis J. Hansen of Scottsville, New York, and formerly of Indian Lake, Ohio.

Born in Salt Lake City, Staff Sergeant Hansen was stationed at Fort Drum, New York, and assigned to the 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division. He spent more than 8 years in the Marine Corps before joining the Army.

During his military career, Dennis served deployments in Africa, Kosovo, Japan, Panama, Cuba, Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Mediterranean.

He died on December 7, 2009, as a result of injuries sustained while serving his country in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Dennis, age 31, is survived by his loving family, including his wife, Jennifer; their children; and his parents, Dwight and Bonnie.

In reading of Dennis's life and speaking with his family members, it was clear he had a positive impact on the lives of everyone around him. He was a leader, a family man, an accomplished wrestler in his youth, and a champion in every sense of the word. He bravely stood up and volunteered to serve. He gave his life in defense of his family, his community, his State, and his Nation. For this we owe him and his family a great debt of gratitude.

Dennis will be missed each and every day. But the strength of his character and the courage he demonstrated through his service will live on.

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TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
ROBERT WEXLER

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, today ends the first year of the 111th Congress, a Congress that's done much to try to preserve this country's economic security, improve its place among the nations of the world, worked against the global warming problems we have, and protect our planet.

So much of what we've accomplished has been a group effort, and one of the people that's been a part of that group is Congressman ROBERT WEXLER of Florida. I was privileged to sit next to Congressman WEXLER in the Judiciary Committee. Congressman WEXLER served 13 years in this House, and today he cast his last vote and walked off this floor.

I watched him as he walked off. I was sad to see him leave because he was an outstanding Member of Congress like so many people are here who are dedicated to making this country better,

working hard, speaking his opinion to try to make this country a better place. I'm proud to have served in this Congress and to have served with ROBERT WEXLER. I'm proud to be a Member of this Congress, and I want to say to ROBERT WEXLER, you've been an outstanding Congressman, and this Congress will miss you.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

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

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, the Democrat majority voted today to raise our national debt limit by \$290 billion. That vote we took today to raise the debt limit, rollcall vote 988, served as a terrible reminder of all of the votes we didn't take. The debt limit increase vote is the direct opposite of the votes we should have cast earlier this year—the votes to curb spending, the votes to cut pork, the votes for real economic stimulus, the votes for meaningful fiscal discipline.

Today our national debt is \$12.13 trillion. More exactly, it is \$12,134,970,556,795.04. Since January 6, 2009, the start of this 111th Congress, the national debt has increased by \$1.4 trillion. I am sadly familiar with these numbers because I began to place the amount of the national debt in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on a daily basis since last month as a reminder to all of us. We need to stop this borrowing and spending. I urge all of my colleagues to embrace fiscal discipline.

JOBS ARE BEING CREATED IN OUR
COMMUNITIES

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to indicate that jobs are being created in our communities. And if anyone thinks that the loss of 109,000 jobs in my community in Harris County has not hurt families during this season, then they need to be aware of the necessity of the various people who need work.

I'm very proud that in the Defense bill that was passed, we have created jobs. We have created a number of jobs, and those jobs have been the kind of jobs that will serve the entire community: solar jobs, \$800,000; technology jobs, \$1 million; Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Center for the Riverside General Hospital that will help our local soldiers, that is \$1 million.

All total, \$4.8 million have been secured by the 18th Congressional District to provide jobs in Houston to ensure minority research or research on health issues, to ensure green technology jobs, to put people to work.

Mr. Speaker, this is the beginning of a great day when we provide jobs for the 18th Congressional District and all

of America. Merry Christmas to my constituents, as I've said, and Merry Christmas to our first family and all that they have done for America.

WHO DAT!

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

Mr. CAO. Mr. Speaker, the New Orleans Saints are having an historic season. Their success has provided our city so much hope that I wanted to give constituents a chance to honor them.

Today's statement is from Michael DesJardins of New Orleans. Michael writes:

"I believe! Finally. It's been 40 or so years of hope and disappointment—much more disappointment. As I bask in the glow of another victory by the Saints, I have finally let my heart believe that this could be the year. They have the spirit, the talent and the determination. They seem to like and support one another. Their success is not a product of stardom but of common effort by the whole team. They have transformed the Saints into a powerful organization that lifts up the whole community. We can all learn from them.

"Long-suffering, leading to hope, only to be dashed by the heartbreak of defeat and disappointment. This story of the Saints' past could be the story of our city government.

"Our Sainted team has been transformed into a constellation of bright shining stars. Dare we believe that New Orleans can share in that transformation?"

Thank you, and I yield back. Who Dat!

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GARAMENDI). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. CONYERS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

CREDIT IS FROZEN IN THIS
COUNTRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, the job market is bleak. A major reason is that bank credit is frozen in this country still. Business can't get loans to hire and function. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation reports that lending has declined for the last five consecutive quarters.