

But treating food stamps as the fungible means to worthy ends is a cowardly blight on Congress. After the Bush years of guilt-free tax cutting and deficit budgeting, lawmakers are self-righteously embracing pay-as-you-go legislation lest they be demagogued at the ballot box. So they resort to fiscal triage.

Originally, school nutrition was slated to be paid for by cuts in a farm conservation program. But Republicans rated this a high priority for the livestock industry. A deal was struck with Democrats to cut back on the scheduled boost in future food stamp benefits that was part of last year's economic stimulus. Food stamps took a second hit as lawmakers turned to it like an all-purpose A.T.M. to help cover the cost of state aid.

Senator Blanche Lincoln, a Democrat of Arkansas who fought hard to get the school nutrition improvements, told Politico.com that the food stamp increase was doomed in any case: "You saw the teachers grab for it." Her comfort was those dollars would feed children. But this is a pale rationalization that downgrades the hunger of entire families. A companion bill in the House, yet to be paid for, is an opportunity to right this wrong.

In the crunch of the recession, if Congress lacks the guts to meet vital needs with deficit financing, it should have the decency to chisel some less-humane program than food stamps.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 1606, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the motion by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY).

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

Mr. LEVIN. Madam 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 247, nays 161, not voting 25, as follows:

[Roll No. 518]

YEAS—247

Ackerman	Clay	Foster
Adler (NJ)	Cleaver	Frank (MA)
Altmire	Clyburn	Fudge
Andrews	Cohen	Garamendi
Arcuri	Connolly (VA)	Giffords
Baca	Conyers	Gonzalez
Baird	Costa	Gordon (TN)
Baldwin	Costello	Grayson
Barrow	Courtney	Green, Al
Bean	Critz	Green, Gene
Becerra	Crowley	Grijalva
Berkley	Cuellar	Gutierrez
Berman	Cummings	Hall (NY)
Bishop (GA)	Dahlkemper	Halvorson
Bishop (NY)	Davis (AL)	Hare
Blumenauer	Davis (CA)	Harman
Bocchieri	Davis (IL)	Hastings (FL)
Boren	Davis (TN)	Heinrich
Boswell	DeFazio	Herseth Sandlin
Boucher	Delahunt	Higgins
Boyd	DeLauro	Hill
Brady (PA)	Deutch	Himes
Braley (IA)	Dicks	Hinchee
Brown, Corrine	Dingell	Hirono
Butterfield	Doggett	Hodes
Cao	Donnelly (IN)	Holden
Capps	Doyle	Holt
Capuano	Driehaus	Honda
Cardoza	Edwards (MD)	Hoyer
Carnahan	Edwards (TX)	Inslee
Carney	Ellison	Israel
Carson (IN)	Ellsworth	Jackson (IL)
Castle	Engel	Jackson Lee
Castor (FL)	Eshoo	(TX)
Chandler	Etheridge	Johnson (GA)
Childers	Farr	Johnson, E. B.
Chu	Fattah	Kagen
Clarke	Filner	Kanjorski

Kaptur	Moore (KS)	Schauer
Kennedy	Moore (WI)	Schiff
Kildee	Moran (VA)	Schrader
Kilpatrick (MI)	Murphy (CT)	Schwartz
Kilroy	Murphy (NY)	Scott (GA)
Kind	Murphy, Patrick	Scott (VA)
Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Nadler (NY)	Serrano
Kissell	Napolitano	Sestak
Klein (FL)	Neal (MA)	Shea-Porter
Kosmas	Nye	Sherman
Kratovil	Oberstar	Shuler
Kucinich	Obey	Sires
Langevin	Olver	Skelton
Larsen (WA)	Ortiz	Slaughter
Larson (CT)	Owens	Smith (WA)
Lee (CA)	Pallone	Space
Levin	Pascrell	Spratt
Lewis (GA)	Pastor (AZ)	Stark
Lipinski	Payne	Stupak
Loeb sack	Pelosi	Sutton
Lofgren, Zoe	Perlmutter	Teague
Lowe y	Perriello	Thompson (CA)
Lujan	Peters	Thompson (MS)
Lynch	Peterson	Tierney
Maffei	Pingree (ME)	Titus
Maloney	Polis (CO)	Tonko
Markey (CO)	Pomeroy	Towns
Markey (MA)	Price (NC)	Tsongas
Marshall	Quigley	Van Hollen
Matheson	Rahall	Velázquez
Matsui	Rangel	Visclosky
McCarthy (NY)	Reyes	Walz
McCollum	Richardson	Wasserman
McDermott	Rodriguez	Schultz
McGovern	Ross	Waters
McIntyre	Rothman (NJ)	Watson
McMahon	Roybal-Allard	Watt
McNerney	Ruppersberger	Rush
Meeks (NY)	Rush	Waxman
Melancon	Ryan (OH)	Weiner
Michaud	Salazar	Welch
Miller (NC)	Sánchez, Linda	Wilson (OH)
Miller, George	T.	Woolsey
Minnick	Sanchez, Loretta	Wu
Mitchell	Sarbanes	Yarmuth
Mollohan	Schakowsky	

NAYS—161

Aderholt	Fleming	McCotter
Akin	Forbes	McHenry
Alexander	Fortenberry	McKeon
Austria	Foxx	McMorris
Bachmann	Franks (AZ)	Rodgers
Bachus	Frelinghuysen	Mica
Barrett (SC)	Gallegly	Miller (FL)
Bartlett	Garrett (NJ)	Miller (MI)
Barton (TX)	Gerlach	Moran (KS)
Biggett	Gohmert	Murphy, Tim
Bilbray	Goodlatte	Myrick
Bilirakis	Granger	Nunes
Bishop (UT)	Graves (GA)	Olson
Blackburn	Graves (MO)	Paul
Boehner	Griffith	Paulsen
Bonner	Guthrie	Pence
Bono Mack	Hall (TX)	Petri
Boozman	Harper	Pitts
Brady (TX)	Hastings (WA)	Platts
Bright	Heller	Poe (TX)
Brown (SC)	Hensarling	Posey
Brown-Waite,	Herger	Price (GA)
C.	Hoekstra	Putnam
Ginny	Hunter	Rehberg
Burgess	Inglis	Reichert
Burton (IN)	Issa	Roe (TN)
Buyer	Jenkins	Rogers (AL)
Calvert	Johnson (IL)	Rogers (KY)
Camp	Johnson, Sam	Rogers (MI)
Campbell	Jordan (OH)	Rohrabacher
Cantor	King (IA)	Ros-Lehtinen
Capito	King (NY)	Royce
Carter	Kingston	Ryan (WI)
Cassidy	Kirk	Scalise
Chaffetz	Kline (MN)	Schmidt
Coble	Lamborn	Schock
Coffman (CO)	Lance	Sensenbrenner
Cole	Latham	Sessions
Conaway	Latta	Shadegg
Cooper	Lee (NY)	Shimkus
Crenshaw	Lewis (CA)	Shuster
Culberson	LoBiondo	Simpson
Davis (KY)	Lucas	Smith (NE)
Dent	Luetkemeyer	Smith (NJ)
Diaz-Balart, M.	Lummis	Smith (TX)
Djou	Mack	Stearns
Dreier	Manzullo	Sullivan
Duncan	Marchant	Taylor
Ehlers	McCarthy (CA)	Terry
Emerson	McCaul	Thompson (PA)
Fallin	McClintock	Thornberry
Flake		

Tiahr t	Walden	Wittman
Tiberi	Westmoreland	Wolf
Turner	Whitfield	
Upton	Wilson (SC)	

NOT VOTING—25

Berry	Jones	Rooney
Blunt	LaTourette	Roskam
Boustany	Linder	Snyder
Broun (GA)	Lungren, Daniel	Speier
Buchanan	E.	Tanner
DeGette	Meek (FL)	Wamp
Diaz-Balart, L.	Miller, Gary	Young (AK)
Gingrey (GA)	Neugebauer	Young (FL)
Hinojosa	Radanovich	

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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.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. OBEY. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 1586 and the motion to concur.

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

There was no objection.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of medical reasons.

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of emergency dental surgery.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of medical reasons.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 511. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to terminate certain easements held by the Secretary on land owned by the Village of Caseyville, Illinois, and to terminate associated contractual arrangements with the Village.

H.R. 2097. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the writing of the Star-Spangled Banner, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3509. An act to reauthorize State agricultural mediation programs under title V of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987.

H.R. 4275. An act to designate the annex building under construction for the Elbert P. Tuttle United States Court of Appeals Building in Atlanta, Georgia, as the "John C. Godbold Federal Building".

H.R. 5552. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that the payment of the manufacturers' excise tax on recreational equipment be paid quarterly and to provide for the assessment by the Secretary of the Treasury of certain criminal restitution.