

Price (NC)	Schakowsky	Thornberry
Quayle	Schiff	Tipton
Quigley	Schilling	Tonko
Rahall	Schmidt	Towns
Rangel	Schrader	Tsongas
Reed	Schwartz	Turner (NY)
Rehberg	Schweikert	Upton
Reichert	Scott (SC)	Van Hollen
Renacci	Scott (VA)	Velázquez
Reyes	Scott, Austin	Visclosky
Ribble	Scott, David	Walberg
Richardson	Sensenbrenner	Walden
Rigell	Serrano	Walsh (IL)
Rivera	Sessions	Walz (MN)
Roby	Sewell	Wasserman
Roe (TN)	Sherman	Schultz
Rogers (AL)	Shimkus	Waters
Rogers (KY)	Shuler	Watt
Rogers (MI)	Shuster	Waxman
Rohrabacher	Sires	Webster
Rooney	Slaughter	Welch
Ros-Lehtinen	Smith (NE)	West
Roskam	Smith (NJ)	Westmoreland
Ross (AR)	Smith (TX)	Wilson (FL)
Ross (FL)	Smith (WA)	Wilson (SC)
Rothman (NJ)	Southerland	Wittman
Roybal-Allard	Stark	Wolf
Royce	Stearns	Womack
Runyan	Stivers	Woodall
Ruppersberger	Stutzman	Woolsey
Rush	Sullivan	Yarmuth
Ryan (WI)	Sutton	Yoder
Sánchez, Linda	Terry	Young (AK)
T.	Thompson (CA)	Young (FL)
Sanchez, Loretta	Thompson (MS)	Young (IN)
Scalise	Thompson (PA)	

NOT VOTING—43

Bachmann	Gardner	Pingree (ME)
Blumenauer	Giffords	Poe (TX)
Brady (TX)	Grijalva	Richmond
Broun (GA)	Gutierrez	Rokita
Butterfield	Hirono	Ryan (OH)
Cardoza	Inslee	Sarbanes
Carnahan	Johnson (GA)	Schock
Costello	Lewis (GA)	Simpson
Culberson	Lipinski	Speier
DeGette	Lujan	Tiberi
Diaz-Balart	McCarthy (NY)	Tierney
Dingell	McKinley	Turner (OH)
Donnelly (IN)	Moran	Whitfield
Filner	Murphy (CT)	
Fortenberry	Paul	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There is 1 minute remaining.

□ 1908

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall 839, I was away from the Capitol due to prior commitments to my constituents. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for votes in the House Chamber today. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 837, 838 and 839.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 822, NATIONAL RIGHT-TO-CARRY RECIPROCITY ACT OF 2011

Mr. NUGENT, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 112-283) on the resolution (H. Res. 463) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 822) to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a national standard in accordance with

which nonresidents of a State may carry concealed firearms in the State, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

□ 1910

SMALL BUSINESS TAX REFORM

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

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, small businesses account for nearly all the new job creation in America and nearly half of America's workforce. Yet in this economy, small business owners are struggling just to stay afloat. Most small businesses file taxes as individuals, so any tax hike, like the one proposed by the White House, or the expiration of previous tax cuts, will kill growth and American jobs.

We need a simpler tax code. Our current Tax Code is so complex that America's businesses spend roughly \$74 an hour on paperwork for compliance. That's real money, money that could give jobs to thousands of Americans struggling to take care of their families.

House Republicans have a plan to fix the Tax Code to help job creators by giving them more time, more money, and more resources to invest in expansion and job creation.

Madam Speaker, America's job creators deserve a simpler and more equitable tax system, and House Republicans plan to give them exactly what they deserve.

BLUESMAN BOBBY RUSH HONORS VETERANS

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

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, this weekend many of us, probably all of us, honored our veterans. And they deserve the honors that we gave them. The Senate honored them with the passage of a COLA increase, which I hope our House will, too—and I'm sure it will—in a bipartisan fashion.

In Memphis, I had a Veterans Day lunch, and so did our city mayors, and we honored Bobby Rush. Not the BOBBY RUSH of the United States Congress, but Bobby Rush, the great blues guitarist, singer, and guitar player; a blues legend in Memphis who has done much to honor veterans throughout this country. Bobby Rush has been the International Ambassador of the Blues, named by the State of Tennessee, and has traveled to Iraq, Kuwait, and Afghanistan to perform for our troops. He holds an annual Red, White and Blues Day Jam in Memphis to honor our veterans. When he visited Iraq, Bobby Rush said: I was just overwhelmed to witness the very real level of commitment and sacrifice they go through so that people like me and you can live our lives without feeling threatened. It is something that must not be forgotten or taken for granted.

So as I did in Memphis last weekend and I do again today, I thank our veterans, and I thank Bobby Rush for taking his talents to entertain our troops and honor our veterans and be a great American.

PROVIDING HOPE FOR THOSE WITH PANCREATIC CANCER

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

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today for the 44,030 Americans who will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer this year and also for the 600 Minnesotans in my own community who, sadly, lost their lives in their fight against this devastating disease in 2010.

November is Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. This little-understood disease is the number four killer in the United States and the only one in the top four which does not have a known cure. Of all of the cancers tracked by both the American Cancer Society and the National Cancer Institute, pancreatic cancer has the lowest relative survival rate.

Over the past 5 years, more than 210,000 individuals have been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and over 92 percent of those diagnosed have passed away during the first year of their diagnosis. These numbers are simply unacceptable.

To help find a cure, researchers must have the tools they need to learn more about this disease. That's why I've supported legislation that provides funding for assistance and education around pancreatic cancer across our country.

Madam Speaker, pancreatic cancer is one of the few cancers for which survival rates have not improved substantially over the past 40 years. By volunteering and supporting research, we can do a lot to defeat this debilitating disease.

STOPPING SEXUAL ABUSE OF CHILDREN

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I apologize for my raspy voice, but my passion for standing up overrules my voice. I am speechless, combined with outrage and anguish over the little boys that have been sexually abused. It is not a question of football and what is king. It is not a question of what State it is and what great university it is. It is a question of adults and institutions ignoring the pain of these children.

It is documented that it takes 2 years before a child is willing to talk about sexual abuse. And in my own State today, an 18-year-old took her life because she had been sexually abused by a family member, and finally, it was investigated. I don't know how long the law enforcement took to investigate it, but she finally took her life

with the belief that no one would be prosecuted.

So I'll be introducing legislation that will immediately suspend all Federal funds of any institution that is found to have covered up—employed someone who has been engaged in sexual abuse and no one reported it, including the prosecutor's office, who are now just saying that they will be looking at this in the State of Texas. It will exclude scholarships and Pell Grants. I intend to introduce that legislation and stop the funding now for any institution that thinks that they are above the law and will watch a grown man perform a sexual act on a child and refuse to do something about it. Refuse to do something about it. It is an outrage.

JOB CREATION AND WHY IS OUR CONGRESS SO DYSFUNCTIONAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. RIGELL) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. RIGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise tonight to address two matters that are of great concern to the good folks of the Second Congressional District of Virginia and, I believe, to every American across this great land. Those two issues are job creation and why our Congress is so dysfunctional. As a businessperson with a lifetime of experience in creating jobs and fixing things, I really want to emphasize the practical solutions that I think we can bring to bear on these two important issues.

I don't think, Madam Speaker, that there is a family in America that has not been affected in some way or another by this painful economy. Unemployment continues to hover around 9 percent. My wife, Teri, and I have two dear families in our lives who have lost their business because of the economy and how difficult things are. They are small businesses. We watched them and walked with them through as they had to file bankruptcy and let go of their employees. And, Madam Speaker, the problem is particularly acute in our black community. For black men, the unemployment rate is over 19 percent. This should concern every American and command our full attention.

Madam Speaker, this is my first elected office—I have been up here about 10½ months or so—but I've had 30 years of experience in job creation. The first business that my wife and I started when I was 22 years old was a cleaning business, and we started it because we had more money going out than we had coming in. I had a couple of options, and it seemed like the best one was to start a small business, and we did—a cleaning business. We hired two people: Teri hired me and I hired her.

□ 1920

That is how we got started. I know, and I fully understand what an entre-

preneur, a small businessowner or a potential small businessowner, experiences when they're trying to put capital at risk to get what I refer to as an entrepreneurial return. I know that healthy fear that really inspires you to work long hours. We would call it key-to-key, open your business and close your business at night. I know the great joy of being able to say to someone these wonderful words, "you're hired." I also know what it's like to sit down with a banker, a good friend, a person who stood by us in difficult times, but yet they've come to the end, and they say, Scott, I can't help you, meaning they can't approve a critical loan. I understand what that's like.

It all revolves around, whether you own a big business or a small business, there's something in common, and that is every business has a financial statement, an income statement. And if we look at the income statement, that document that is being looked at by entrepreneurs across America and if we start at the top and you just go down line by line and if you see the intersection of what we're doing here in Congress in our Federal Government, you see the intersection of the actions that we're taking with each line on a financial statement.

I'd submit, Madam Speaker, that the evidence is clear that the steps that we're taking in this Congress—well, at least on our side I believe the Republicans are taking the right steps, but the cumulative effect of what's taking place in this Chamber, in the Senate, and in the White House has made it ever more difficult for the American entrepreneur to make it, to give them a reasonable expectation that they could achieve what we refer to as an entrepreneurial profit.

Listen, if a person is okay with a 2 percent return or a 1 percent return, they'll just leave their money where it is. It takes a lot of courage, I think, for a person to put a second mortgage on their home, to call a family member to borrow money or save up over years and maybe put \$15,000 at risk. They have to be able to earn a better return than that. And in doing so, they'll start to hire people.

Let's just take a look at a basic job creator's financial statement. Now, it may look slightly different from one industry or one business to another, but it always starts out at the top with this category right here: sales. Nothing happens until you sell something. It could be anything. It could be cupcakes like some wonderful entrepreneurs in our district. It could be automobiles, it could be homes, and it could be energy and those companies that supply and help us become more independent.

Let's look at this critical area. We have over \$500 billion a year that is flowing out of our country, capital that should be circulating within America. Is it here? No. It's going outside of this country to folks like Hugo Chavez. They do not share our values, and we are funding them because of our fail-

ure—Republicans and Democrats—year after year after year in failing to move this great country toward energy independence. It is hurting us, Madam Speaker.

Recently, I stood and clapped for our President as he walked in this Chamber, and I listened intently on September 8. He drew us together as Congress and said, I have a bold message for you. I desperately wanted to hear our President address energy independence. I waited expectantly, sitting right back over there. I didn't even get a chair. I think I was behind everybody and had to stand up. That's all right. The Chamber was full.

There were some things I agreed with, and I said, yes, Mr. President, I can sign up for that. And I looked forward to improving or voting for the veterans bill and the reversal of that 3 percent withholding that would hurt so many contractors within the Second District of Virginia and also across this great country. And it also has a wonderful tax credit in it to help those who are helping and hiring our veterans. I look forward to supporting that and enthusiastically want to vote for it, and I support what the President is doing.

But absent in his remarks, a 4,134-word address to Congress, was the word "energy." Certainly absent was the phrase "energy independence." This is a tragic mistake. It hurts America. It hurts employment in the Second Congressional District of Virginia and across this great land.

We have so much opportunity to put folks at work with great-paying jobs. I'm talking about \$70,000, \$80,000-a-year jobs, and some of them will pay even more—good-paying jobs. We have great potential. And if there were any question about where the President stands on this issue, he made it abundantly clear last week. He said nothing, nothing off the coast of Virginia. The energy resources that are there will be locked up while residents of the Second District are hurting because they don't have employment opportunities.

Madam Speaker, I would submit that our pain in America is largely self-inflicted. We are regulating ourselves out of our prosperity at every opportunity. It's wrong. We can and we should take a different direction.

Let's look at the expenses faced by our small business owners. I just hit one area of sales. I could have gone a lot longer on that. Let's just go down to some of these expenses that we see here. Interest, well, interest rates are extraordinarily low right now. I'd say that is a positive thing. It's only because there's a near collapse of confidence in the European economy. That's why folks are still rushing over here to America, driving down interest rates. Do not be fooled. That will not sustain itself. There is a risk, and I would say it's backed by the evidence that folks ought to be mindful that interest rates can go up, and I think they likely will.