

AMERICA NEEDS TO INVEST IN ITS DEFENSE SYSTEMS

(Mr. CUNNINGHAM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, our military cannot fight one MRC, that is regional conflict, today. General Ryan shut down the Air Force that put 1 year of life on every aircraft from Kosovo.

Last week the press reported that the services are being hit with a \$5 billion tax, due to a sudden loss of defense budget. We stood in the well on this floor and said that the President's budget was gimmicks.

He said that inflation would stay the same over the next 10 years, and so would fuel prices. They have gone up. Those prices cut \$5 billion out of our defense system. The President knew it when he did it and he still did it, and when the Joint Chiefs said they needed \$150 billion just to come up to fight two conflicts at the same time, the President said, I will give you a \$1 billion offset, which means a net zero.

We need to invest in our defense systems and provide for our men and women the training and assets when we ask them to go into conflict.

NO RETURN TO ANNUAL DEFICITS

(Mr. GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, just before Congress recessed for the August break, the majority Republicans passed the so-called Financial Freedom Act. I think a more appropriate name for the GOP tax plan should be "A Return to the Massive Annual Debt," or maybe "The Medicare Elimination Act."

I think the size of the GOP bill highlights the willingness to neglect the financial security of our Nation. Both Democrats and Republicans want tax cuts. The difference between the two parties is the Democrats want to make sure we save social security and modernize Medicare, including a prescription benefit for our senior citizens, at the same time trying to buy down our national debt, and, to follow my colleague, the gentleman from California, to make sure we modernize our military without adding to the national debt.

The Republican plan is a financial irresponsible scheme which would lead to higher taxes in the future, slow down our economy, and force huge deficits and massive tax increases on our children and grandchildren.

The American people know that the failure to address these issues today will only make the problems greater for the future. Whether we are talking about Medicare, social security, defense, let us not add to our national debt.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Florida). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 360, nays 41, answered "present" 1, not voting 31, as follows:

[Roll No. 408]
YEAS—360

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| Bachus | Crowley | Hall (TX) |
| Baker | Cubin | Hansen |
| Baldacci | Cummings | Hastings (WA) |
| Baldwin | Cunningham | Hayes |
| Ballenger | Danner | Hayworth |
| Barr | Davis (FL) | Heger |
| Barrett (NE) | Davis (IL) | Hill (IN) |
| Barrett (WI) | Davis (VA) | Hilleary |
| Bartlett | Deal | Hinojosa |
| Barton | DeGette | Hobson |
| Bass | DeLahunt | Hoefel |
| Bateman | DeLauro | Hoekstra |
| Becerra | DeLay | Holden |
| Bentsen | DeMint | Holt |
| Bereuter | Deutsch | Hooley |
| Berkley | Diaz-Balart | Horn |
| Berman | Dickey | Hostettler |
| Berry | Dicks | Houghton |
| Biggert | Dingell | Hoyer |
| Bilirakis | Dooley | Hulshof |
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| Blagojevich | Doyle | Insee |
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| Blumenauer | Dunn | Istook |
| Blunt | Edwards | Jackson (IL) |
| Boehlert | Ehlers | Jackson-Lee |
| Boehner | Ehrlich | (TX) |
| Bonilla | Emerson | Jenkins |
| Bono | Engel | John |
| Boswell | Eshoo | Johnson (CT) |
| Boucher | Etheridge | Johnson, E. B. |
| Boyd | Evans | Johnson, Sam |
| Brady (PA) | Everett | Jones (NC) |
| Brady (TX) | Ewing | Kanjorski |
| Brown (OH) | Farr | Kasich |
| Bryant | Fletcher | Kelly |
| Burr | Foley | Kennedy |
| Buyer | Forbes | Kildee |
| Callahan | Ford | Kilpatrick |
| Calvert | Fowler | Kind (WI) |
| Camp | Frank (MA) | King (NY) |
| Campbell | Franks (NJ) | Klecza |
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| Cannon | Frost | Knollenberg |
| Capps | Galleghy | Kolbe |
| Capuano | Ganske | Kuykendall |
| Cardin | Gejdenson | LaFalce |
| Castle | Gekas | LaHood |
| Chabot | Gilchrest | Lampson |
| Chambliss | Gillmor | Lantos |
| Chenoweth | Gilman | Larson |
| Clayton | Gonzalez | Latham |
| Coble | Goode | LaTourette |
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| Linder | Pastor | Smith (NJ) |
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| Lowey | Pease | Snyder |
| Lucas (KY) | Pelosi | Souder |
| Lucas (OK) | Peterson (MN) | Spratt |
| Luther | Peterson (PA) | Stabenow |
| Maloney (CT) | Petri | Stark |
| Maloney (NY) | Phelps | Stearns |
| Manzullo | Pickering | Stenholm |
| Martinez | Pitts | Strickland |
| Mascara | Pombo | Stump |
| Matsui | Pomeroy | Sununu |
| McCarthy (MO) | Portman | Sweeney |
| McCarthy (NY) | Price (NC) | Talent |
| McCollum | Quinn | Tancredo |
| McCrery | Radanovich | Tanner |
| McHugh | Rahall | Tauscher |
| McInnis | Regula | Tauzin |
| McIntyre | Reyes | Terry |
| McKeon | Reynolds | Thomas |
| McKinney | Rivers | Thornberry |
| McNulty | Rodriguez | Thune |
| Meek (FL) | Roemer | Thurman |
| Meeks (NY) | Rogers | Tiahrt |
| Menendez | Rohrabacher | Tierney |
| Metcalf | Rothman | Toomey |
| Mica | Roukema | Towns |
| Millender- | Roybal-Allard | Trafficant |
| McDonald | Royce | Turner |
| Miller (FL) | Rush | Udall (CO) |
| Miller, Gary | Ryan (WI) | Upton |
| Miller, George | Ryun (KS) | Velazquez |
| Minge | Salmon | Vento |
| Mink | Sanchez | Vitter |
| Moakley | Sanders | Walden |
| Mollohan | Sandlin | Walsh |
| Moore | Sanford | Wamp |
| Moran (VA) | Sawyer | Watkins |
| Morella | Saxton | Watt (NC) |
| Murtha | Scarborough | Watts (OK) |
| Myrick | Schakowsky | Waxman |
| Nadler | Scott | Weiner |
| Napolitano | Sensenbrenner | Weldon (FL) |
| Neal | Sessions | Weldon (PA) |
| Nethercutt | Shadegg | Wexler |
| Ney | Shays | Weygand |
| Northrup | Sherman | Whitfield |
| Norwood | Sherwood | Wicker |
| Nussle | Shimkus | Wilson |
| Olver | Shows | Wise |
| Ortiz | Shuster | Wolf |
| Ose | Simpson | Woolsey |
| Owens | Sisisky | Wu |
| Oxley | Skeen | Wynn |
| Packard | Skelton | Young (FL) |
| Pallone | Slaughter | |

NAYS—41

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| Aderholt | Gutknecht | Rangel |
| Baird | Hefley | Riley |
| Bilbray | Hill (MT) | Rogan |
| Borski | Hilliard | Sabo |
| Clay | Hutchinson | Schaffer |
| Clyburn | Kucinich | Stupak |
| Costello | LoBondo | Taylor (MS) |
| Crane | Markey | Thompson (CA) |
| DeFazio | McDermott | Thompson (MS) |
| Doggett | McGovern | Udall (NM) |
| Filner | Moran (KS) | Viscosky |
| Gephardt | Oberstar | Waters |
| Gibbons | Pickett | Weller |
| Gutierrez | Ramstad | |

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Carson

NOT VOTING—31

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| Archer | Hastings (FL) | Obey |
| Barcia | Hinchee | Porter |
| Bonior | Hunter | Pryce (OH) |
| Brown (FL) | Jefferson | Ros-Lehtinen |
| Burton | Jones (OH) | Serrano |
| Clement | Kaptur | Shaw |
| Dixon | Kingston | Spence |
| Dreier | Largent | Taylor (NC) |
| English | Leach | Young (AK) |
| Fattah | McIntosh | |
| Fossella | Meehan | |

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Mr. HALL of Texas and Mr. LAZIO changed their vote from "nay" to "yea".

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.