

Ways and Means and to the Committee on Commerce, reconcile the budget; here is \$40 billion for the first 5 years, \$155 billion over the next 10 years, establish a prescription drug benefit for Medicare.

That is all we want to do today. We want to take this iffy, mushy language now in this resolution and stiffen it up. We want to stiffen the spine and resolve of the conferees and tell them, go to conference determined to see that the first order of business of this House is not tax cuts, it is a prescription drug benefit. Then they can turn to tax cuts. We do not rule that out.

We provide in our budget resolution for tax reduction of \$50 billion over the next 5 years, \$201 billion over the next 10 years, and we say in this resolution recede to the Senate tax proposal, which is \$147 billion.

Why do we say that? Because, Mr. Speaker, going back to a chart I used repeatedly when we argued this resolution, we think that the other side is coming perilously close to putting us in the position of being back in the red, back into the Social Security surplus once again.

The budget resolution the Republicans brought to the floor produces, according to their numbers, a surplus of \$110 billion over 5 years, provided they can hold discretionary spending below the rate of inflation to the tune of \$117 billion over 5 years. A very big proviso.

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But if they then go from a \$150 billion tax cut to a \$200 billion tax cut, that \$110 billion is reduced by 50. And then if they do the prescription drug

benefit at 40, they take another 50 off. They are down to a \$110 billion surplus over the next 5 years. By our calculation, Mr. Speaker, they will have a \$10 billion surplus next year, but every year thereafter they will have a zero surplus.

They are skating on thin ice. They are putting us in danger of invading the Social Security surplus again. And when that crunch comes, prescription drug coverage will never get done. That is why we say do it first.

Now, this is simply a test of their sincerity. If they are earnest, if they are sincere, if they really want to do prescription drugs, vote for this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I include the following chart for the RECORD:

THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET RESOLUTION USES UP THE ENTIRE SURPLUS—AND MAYBE MORE

[All figures exclude the Social Security surplus; negative signs indicate savings; dollars in billions]

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Five years	Ten years
CBO Surplus w/o Social Security	27	15	29	36	42	48	171	893
Tax cuts (before use of "reserve")	10	22	22	31	42	45	150	750
Non-defense cuts including timing shifts	12	-16	-13	-21	-30	-37	-117	-377
Defense	3	2	2	2	3	2	12	23
Farm payments	6	1	1	2	2	2	7	18
Extend expiring Customs Service fee					-1	-2	-3	-13
Medicaid/CHIP access and benefits		(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	1	2
Interest costs of policies	(1)	1	1	2	3	4	11	75
Surplus claimed by Republicans	8	17	16	20	24	33	110	415
Reserve for \$50 billion additional tax cuts		5	10	10	10	15	50	250
Reserved for Medicare "reform" and drugs		2	5	8	11	14	40	155
Interest cost of reserves		(1)	1	2	3	4	10	80
Surplus/Deficit(-) when reserves are used	8	10	0	0	0	0	10	-70

¹ means "less than \$½ billion".

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). All time has expired.

Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct offered by the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT).

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

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules and then on the motion to instruct conferees on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H. Con. Res. 282, by the yeas and nays; H. Con. Res. 228, by the yeas and nays; S. 777, by the yeas and nays; and the motion to instruct conferees on H. Con. Res. 290, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

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DECLARING AMERICAN G.I. "PERSON OF THE CENTURY" FOR 20TH CENTURY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 282, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HAYES) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 282, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 397, nays 0, answered "present" 1, not voting 36, as follows:

[Roll No. 111]
YEAS—397

Abercrombie	Baker	Barton
Aderholt	Baldacci	Bass
Allen	Baldwin	Bateman
Andrews	Ballenger	Becerra
Archer	Barcia	Bentsen
Armey	Barr	Bereuter
Baca	Barrett (NE)	Berkley
Bachus	Barrett (WI)	Berman
Baird	Bartlett	Berry

Biggert	Danner	Gejdenson
Billirakis	Davis (FL)	Gekas
Bishop	Davis (IL)	Gephardt
Blagojevich	Davis (VA)	Gibbons
Bliley	Deal	Gilchrist
Blumenauer	DeFazio	Gillmor
Boehlert	Delahunt	Gilman
Boehner	DeLauro	Gonzalez
Bonilla	DeLay	Goode
Bonior	DeMint	Goodlatte
Bono	Deutsch	Goodling
Boswell	Diaz-Balart	Gordon
Boucher	Dickey	Goss
Boyd	Dicks	Graham
Brady (PA)	Dingell	Granger
Brady (TX)	Dixon	Green (TX)
Brown (FL)	Doggett	Green (WI)
Brown (OH)	Dooley	Greenwood
Bryant	Doolittle	Gutknecht
Burr	Doyle	Hall (OH)
Burton	Dreier	Hall (TX)
Callahan	Duncan	Hansen
Calvert	Dunn	Hastings (FL)
Camp	Edwards	Hastings (WA)
Capps	Ehlers	Hayes
Capuano	Ehrlich	Hayworth
Cardin	Emerson	Hefley
Carson	Engel	Herger
Castle	English	Hill (IN)
Chabot	Eshoo	Hill (MT)
Chambliss	Etheridge	Hilleary
Chenoweth-Hage	Evans	Hilliard
Clay	Everett	Hinchee
Clayton	Ewing	Hinojosa
Clyburn	Farr	Hobson
Coble	Fattah	Hoefel
Collins	Filner	Hoekstra
Combest	Fletcher	Holden
Condit	Foley	Holt
Conyers	Forbes	Hooley
Costello	Ford	Horn
Coyne	Fossella	Hostettler
Cramer	Fowler	Houghton
Crane	Frank (MA)	Hoyer
Crowley	Franks (NJ)	Hulshof
Cubin	Frelinghuysen	Hunter
Cummings	Gallegly	Hutchinson
Cunningham	Ganske	Hyde