

Kasich	Myrick	Shuster
Kelly	Nethercutt	Skeen
Kim	Neumann	Smith (MI)
King	Ney	Smith (NJ)
Kingston	Norwood	Smith (TX)
Klug	Nussle	Smith (WA)
Knollenberg	Oxley	Solomon
Kolbe	Packard	Souder
LaHood	Parker	Spence
Largent	Paxon	Stearns
Latham	Petri	Stockman
LaTourette	Pombo	Stump
Laughlin	Porter	Talent
Leach	Portman	Tate
Lewis (CA)	Pryce	Tauzin
Lewis (KY)	Quillen	Taylor (NC)
Lightfoot	Quinn	Thomas
Linder	Radanovich	Thornberry
Livingston	Ramstad	Tiahrt
LoBiondo	Regula	Upton
Longley	Riggs	Vucanovich
Lucas	Roberts	Waldholtz
Manzullo	Rogers	Walker
Martini	Rohrabacher	Walsh
McCollum	Ros-Lehtinen	Wamp
McCrary	Roukema	Watts (OK)
McDade	Royce	Weldon (FL)
McHugh	Salmon	Weldon (PA)
McInnis	Sanford	Weller
McIntosh	Saxton	White
McKeon	Scarborough	Whitfield
Metcalf	Schaefer	Wicker
Meyers	Schiff	Wolf
Mica	Seastrand	Young (AK)
Miller (FL)	Sensenbrenner	Young (FL)
Molinari	Shadegg	Zeliff
Moorhead	Shaw	Zimmer
Myers	Shays	

Towns	Volkmer	Wise
Traficant	Ward	Woolsey
Velazquez	Watt (NC)	Wyden
Vento	Waxman	Wynn
Visclosky	Wilson	Yates

NOT VOTING—13

Crane	Martinez	Tucker
Fields (LA)	Morella	Waters
Flake	Payne (VA)	Williams
Johnson (CT)	Roth	
Lazio	Tejeda	

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So the resolution was agreed to.
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.
A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. PAYNE of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 727 on House Resolution 238 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present I would have voted "no."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. ROTH. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 727 I was in a meeting on the agriculture trade provisions, but had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 727 I was inadvertently detained, but had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ARCHER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 2425.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

MEDICARE PRESERVATION ACT OF 1995

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 238 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 2425.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2425) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve and reform the Medicare Program, with Mr. LINDER in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered as having been read the first time.

Under the rule, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARCHER] will be recognized

for 45 minutes, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. GIBBONS] will be recognized for 45 minutes, the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. BLILEY] will be recognized for 45 minutes, and the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. DINGELL] will be recognized for 45 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARCHER].

Mr. ARCHER. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, today marks a great and historic occasion. With the action we are about to take, we will perform lifesaving legislative surgery on our Nation's vital Medicare Program.

In just 74 days, for the first time in the 30-year history of Medicare, the Government will begin a year in which it spends more Medicare money than it takes in. I repeat, this has never happened before.

That is why the action we are taking today is so very important.

This bill saves Medicare for seniors. It preserves Medicare for 50-year-olds, and it tells young voters to have faith in their Government. We Republicans have long-term solutions, and we are determined to protect Medicare for them, too, without raising their taxes.

Our bill is innovative, bold, and visionary. It is long term. When it comes to a program as important as Medicare, nothing else is acceptable.

Under our bill, seniors will have the right to freely choose the Medicare plan that best suits their needs, including staying in the present fee for service system, and to keep their own doctor, keep their own hospital, and keep their own plan, if that is their preference. It is their choice to make, and no one in government will force that choice.

For the first time, Medicare will give seniors access to the same kind of health care plans that are available in the private sector, many of which include benefits that are not currently available under Medicare.

We also have to ask, why should not seniors have the same choices like Congressman do? Under Medicare-plus, they will. And to make certain our solution is long term, we protect the savings, thanks to a proposal of the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. ENGLISH], language in this bill guarantees that the savings cannot be used for tax cuts.

The Democrats know that we paid for our tax cuts, more than paid for them, last spring, before we ever got into Medicare. This bill is about saving Medicare for Medicare's sake.

Our bill powerfully and effectively cracks down on fraud and abuse. It rewards seniors who discover fraudulent practices. It doubles civil penalties and creates new criminal penalties against those who commit fraud.

As I mentioned earlier, our solution is long term. It saves Medicare for the next generation. This contrasts with the Democrats' quick fix approach, a Band-Aid approach, designed to save themselves for the next election.

NOES—192

Abercrombie	Frank (MA)	Miller (CA)
Ackerman	Frost	Minge
Andrews	Furse	Mink
Baesler	Gejdenson	Moakley
Baldacci	Gephardt	Mollohan
Barcia	Geren	Montgomery
Barrett (WI)	Gibbons	Moran
Becerra	Gonzalez	Murtha
Beilenson	Gordon	Nadler
Bentsen	Green	Neal
Berman	Gutierrez	Oberstar
Bevill	Hall (OH)	Obey
Bishop	Hall (TX)	Olver
Bonior	Hamilton	Ortiz
Borski	Harman	Orton
Boucher	Hastings (FL)	Owens
Brewster	Hayes	Pallone
Browder	Hefner	Pastor
Brown (CA)	Hilliard	Payne (NJ)
Brown (FL)	Hinchev	Pelosi
Brown (OH)	Holden	Peterson (FL)
Bryant (TX)	Hoyer	Peterson (MN)
Cardin	Jackson-Lee	Pickett
Chapman	Jacobs	Pomeroy
Clay	Jefferson	Poshard
Clayton	Johnson (SD)	Rahall
Clement	Johnson, E. B.	Rangel
Clyburn	Johnston	Reed
Coleman	Kanjorski	Richardson
Collins (IL)	Kaptur	Rivers
Collins (MI)	Kennedy (MA)	Roemer
Condit	Kennedy (RI)	Rose
Conyers	Kennelly	Roybal-Allard
Costello	Kildee	Rush
Coyne	Klecзка	Sabo
Cramer	Klink	Sanders
Danner	LaFalce	Sawyer
de la Garza	Lantos	Schroeder
DeFazio	Levin	Schumer
DeLauro	Lewis (GA)	Scott
Dellums	Lincoln	Serrano
Deutsch	Lipinski	Sisisky
Dicks	Lofgren	Skaggs
Dingell	Lowey	Skelton
Dixon	Luther	Slaughter
Doggett	Maloney	Spratt
Dooley	Manton	Stark
Doyle	Markey	Stenholm
Durbin	Mascara	Stokes
Edwards	Matsui	Studds
Engel	McCarthy	Stupak
Eshoo	McDermott	Tanner
Evans	McHale	Taylor (MS)
Farr	McKinney	Thompson
Fattah	McNulty	Thornton
Fazio	Meehan	Thurman
Filner	Meek	Torkildsen
Foglietta	Menendez	Torres
Ford	Mfume	Torricelli