

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 438 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 438 I was attending a White House briefing on Iraq. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 438 I was at the White House for a briefing on Iraq. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 438 I was attending a White House briefing on Iraq. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 438 I was detained at a meeting in the White House and could not return to the House floor before the vote concluded. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ISAKSON). The question is on the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3781

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 3781.

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

There was no objection.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H.J. Res. 112, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

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

There was no objection.

#### FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2003

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 568, I call up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 112) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

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The text of House Joint Resolution 112 is as follows:

H.J. RES. 112

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Public Law 107-229 is further amended by striking the date specified in section 107(c) and inserting in lieu thereof "October 11, 2002".*

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ISAKSON). Pursuant to House Resolu-

tion 568, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Chairman YOUNG).

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.J. Res. 112 is the second continuing resolution for fiscal year 2003. It will extend the current CR until next Friday at midnight, October 11.

The terms and conditions of the initial CR will remain in effect. All ongoing activities will be continued at current rates under the same terms and conditions as fiscal year 2002.

I will briefly mention them again for Members. It will continue all ongoing activities at current rates, including supplementals, under the same terms and conditions as fiscal year 2002.

The term "rate for operations not exceeding the current rate" continues to be defined as stated in OMB Bulletin No. 01-10.

As in past CRs, it does not allow new starts, and it allows for adjustment for one-time expenditures that occurred in fiscal year 2002.

It continues the eight funding or authorizing anomalies in the original CR.

Mr. Speaker, this CR is non-controversial. I urge the House to move this legislation to the Senate so that the government can continue to operate until we have that glorious day when we conclude all of the appropriations bills.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER).

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, let us be thankful that the millions of American children who just started the new school year have better things to do than to watch proceedings on the House floor, because if they were, they would be learning some terrible lessons from the Republican leadership.

Lesson 1: 2 plus 2 equals 3. That is what we call the GOP's "fuzzy" math. And that is what enabled our Republican friends to enact enormous tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans while still pretending that they are committed to a balanced budget, deficit reduction and priorities like education.

Lesson 2: Say one thing, do another. Our Republican friends have voted 7 times over the last 3 years to put our Social Security surpluses in a so-called lockbox, and then they have turned right around and passed a budget that raids those surpluses to the tune of \$2 trillion.

Lesson 3: Do not do homework because, as this Republican leadership has demonstrated, we do not even need to worry about completing the basics.

While our Republican friends act like they are on a permanent summer vacation, the truth is they simply have become congressional truants. On this, the third day of the new fiscal year, this House has failed to complete work on even 1 of the 13 appropriations bills.

Since Members returned from the August district work period, we have not considered one spending bill on the floor of this House. Not one. Rather than bring up the energy and water bill, we are loading up the suspension calendar. Rather than consider the foreign operations bill, we are spending time on sense of House resolutions. Rather than doing the work that the American people expect to be done, we are in session for only 3 days again this week.

While we dither, the American people suffer the consequences, and our economy is tanking. A real Patients' Bill of Rights, stalled by the GOP leadership. A real prescription drug benefit for seniors under Medicare, blocked by the GOP leadership. Pension reform that protects workers and legislation to eliminate offshore corporate tax havens, disregarded by the GOP leadership. An increase in the minimum wage and an extension of the unemployment insurance benefits, a critical step that we ought to be taking, ignored by the GOP leadership.

Mr. Speaker, this leadership would even undo important bipartisan legislation that we have already passed. After all the fanfare about the No Child Left Behind Act, our Republican friends would slash spending on the act's programs by \$90 million, and they call for the smallest increase in education spending in 7 years.

Today, as we pass this second continuing resolution, let us be thankful that America's children are hard at work at school doing what is expected of them, because we are not. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said of us.

Mr. Speaker, I see the gentleman from California on the floor, and with the last remaining seconds I have, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) may speak. The gentleman will come up here and say, "Look at what the Democrats did."

Mr. Speaker, I came here in 1981. For the next 6 years with a Republican President and a Republican United States Senate, we ran up the largest deficits in the history of America. From 1993, under Bill Clinton, until the time he left, for 8 straight years we brought the deficit down and came into surplus. We have now squandered that \$5.6 trillion, and we are down to zero, and the economy is hurting. Let us do better.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 1½ minutes.

Mr. Speaker, I seldom try to put words in the mouth of other Members, but I listened carefully to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), and I think he did misspeak on one particular issue. The gentleman emphasized that the House had not considered one appropriations bill. The fact