

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 419, nays 0, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 536]

YEAS—419

Abercrombie	Cummings	Issa
Ackerman	Dahlkemper	Jackson (IL)
Aderholt	Davis (AL)	Jackson-Lee
Adler (NJ)	Davis (CA)	(TX)
Akin	Davis (IL)	Jenkins
Alexander	Davis (KY)	Johnson (GA)
Altmire	Davis (TN)	Johnson (IL)
Andrews	Deal (GA)	Johnson, E. B.
Arcuri	DeFazio	Johnson, Sam
Austria	DeGette	Jones
Baca	Delahunt	Jordan (OH)
Bachmann	DeLauro	Kagen
Bachus	Dent	Kanjorski
Baird	Diaz-Balart, L.	Kaptur
Baldwin	Diaz-Balart, M.	Kennedy
Barrow	Dicks	Kildee
Bartlett	Dingell	Kilpatrick (MI)
Barton (TX)	Doggett	Kilroy
Bean	Donnelly (IN)	Kind
Becerra	Doyle	King (IA)
Berkley	Dreier	King (NY)
Berman	Driehaus	Kingston
Berry	Duncan	Kirk
Biggert	Edwards (MD)	Kirkpatrick (AZ)
Bilbray	Edwards (TX)	Kissell
Bilirakis	Ehlers	Klein (FL)
Bishop (GA)	Ellison	Kline (MN)
Bishop (NY)	Ellsworth	Kratovil
Bishop (UT)	Emerson	Kucinich
Blackburn	Engel	Lamborn
Blumenauer	Eshoo	Lance
Blunt	Etheridge	Langevin
Boccieri	Fallin	Larsen (WA)
Boehner	Farr	Larsen (CT)
Bonner	Fattah	Latham
Bono Mack	Flake	LaTourette
Boozman	Fleming	Latta
Boren	Forbes	Lee (CA)
Boswell	Fortenberry	Lee (NY)
Boucher	Foster	Levin
Boustany	Fox	Lewis (CA)
Boyd	Frank (MA)	Lewis (GA)
Brady (PA)	Franks (AZ)	Linder
Brady (TX)	Frelinghuysen	Lipinski
Braley (IA)	Fudge	LoBiondo
Bright	Gallegly	Loeb
Broun (GA)	Garrett (NJ)	Lofgren, Zoe
Brown (SC)	Gerlach	Lowe
Brown, Corrine	Giffords	Lucas
Brown-Waite,	Gingrey (GA)	Luetkemeyer
Ginny	Gohmert	Lujan
Buchanan	Gonzalez	Lummis
Burgess	Goodlatte	Lungren, Daniel
Burton (IN)	Gordon (TN)	E.
Butterfield	Granger	Lynch
Buyer	Graves	Mack
Calvert	Grayson	Maffei
Camp	Green, Al	Maloney
Campbell	Green, Gene	Manzullo
Cantor	Griffith	Marchant
Cao	Grijalva	Markey (CO)
Capito	Guthrie	Markey (MA)
Capps	Gutierrez	Marshall
Capuano	Hall (NY)	Massa
Cardoza	Hall (TX)	Matheson
Carney	Halvorson	Matsui
Carson (IN)	Hare	McCarthy (CA)
Carter	Harman	McCarthy (NY)
Cassidy	Harper	McCaul
Castle	Hastings (FL)	McClintock
Castor (FL)	Hastings (WA)	McCollum
Chaffetz	Heinrich	McCotter
Chandler	Heller	McDermott
Childers	Hensarling	McGovern
Clarke	Herger	McHenry
Cleaver	Herseth Sandlin	McHugh
Clyburn	Higgins	McIntyre
Coble	Hill	McKeon
Coffman (CO)	Himes	McMahon
Cohen	Hinche	McMorris
Cole	Hinojosa	Rodgers
Conaway	Hirono	McNerney
Connolly (VA)	Hodes	Meek (FL)
Cooper	Hoekstra	Meeks (NY)
Costa	Holden	Melancon
Costello	Holt	Mica
Courtney	Honda	Michaud
Crenshaw	Hunter	Miller (FL)
Crowley	Inglis	Miller (MI)
Cuellar	Inslee	Miller (NC)
Culberson	Israel	Miller, Gary

Miller, George	Rehberg	Souder
Minnick	Reichert	Space
Mitchell	Reyes	Speier
Mollohan	Richardson	Spratt
Moore (KS)	Rodriguez	Stark
Moore (WI)	Roe (TN)	Stearns
Moran (KS)	Rogers (AL)	Stupak
Moran (VA)	Rogers (KY)	Sullivan
Murphy (CT)	Rogers (MI)	Sutton
Murphy (NY)	Rohrabacher	Tanner
Murphy, Patrick	Rooney	Taylor
Murphy, Tim	Ros-Lehtinen	Teague
Murtha	Roskam	Terry
Myrick	Ross	Thompson (CA)
Nadler (NY)	Rothman (NJ)	Thompson (MS)
Napolitano	Roybal-Allard	Thompson (PA)
Neal (MA)	Royce	Thornberry
Neugebauer	Rush	Tierney
Nunes	Ryan (OH)	Tiberi
Nye	Ryan (WI)	Tierney
Oberstar	Salazar	Titus
Obey	Sanchez, Linda	Tonko
Olson	T.	Towns
Oliver	Sanchez, Loretta	Tsongas
Ortiz	Sarbanes	Turner
Pallone	Scalise	Upton
Pascarella	Schakowsky	Van Hollen
Pastor (AZ)	Schauer	Velazquez
Paul	Schiff	Visclosky
Paulsen	Schmidt	Walden
Berman	Schock	Walz
Pence	Schwartz	Wamp
Perlmutter	Scott (VA)	Wasserman
Perriello	Sensenbrenner	Schultz
Peters	Serrano	Waters
Peterson	Sessions	Watson
Petri	Shadegg	Watt
Pingree (ME)	Shea-Porter	Waxman
Pitts	Sherman	Weiner
Platts	Shimkus	Welch
Poe (TX)	Shuler	Westmoreland
Polis (CO)	Shuster	Wexler
Pomeroy	Simpson	Whitfield
Posey	Sires	Wilson (OH)
Price (GA)	Skelton	Wittman
Price (NC)	Slaughter	Wolf
Putnam	Smith (NE)	Woolsey
Quigley	Smith (NJ)	Wu
Radanovich	Smith (TX)	Yarmuth
Rahall	Smith (WA)	Young (AK)
Rangel	Snyder	

NOT VOTING—13

Barrett (SC)	Hoyer	Sestak
Carnahan	Kosmas	Wilson (SC)
Clay	Ruppersberger	Young (FL)
Conyers	Schrader	
Filner	Scott (GA)	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Two minutes remaining on this vote.

□ 1703

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. Madam Speaker, on rollcall 536, I was unable to vote, as I was in New York to receive an award from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, on July 14, 2009, I was not present and therefore missed the following votes:

On the passage of H. Res. 612, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On the passage of H. Res. 469, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On the passage of H.R. 1037, had I been present I would have voted "yea."

On the passage of H.R. 402, had I been present I would have voted "yea."

COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable JOHN A. BOEHNER, Republican Leader:

U.S. CONGRESS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 14, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, U.S. Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: Pursuant to Section 4 of the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission Act, (Public Law 111-25), I am pleased to appoint Mr. Elton Gallegly of California as a member of the Commission.

Mr. Gallegly has expressed interest in serving in this capacity and I am pleased to fulfill his request.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Republican Leader.

WHAT HAS CUBA DONE?

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss our relationship with our neighbor to the south, Cuba. I applaud President Obama for his plan to re-engage Cuba in a constructive dialogue and support his first steps to that end. But I must ask, what has Cuba done?

Improving the relationship between the United States and Cuba is something I strongly support, but I do not support this partnership at any cost.

I must ask, what has Cuba done? Cuba is still imprisoning political dissidents; Cuba still denies gay and lesbian citizens basic rights like freedom of assembly; Cuba still forbids travel outside the country without official permission.

We cannot tacitly reward this behavior by restoring normal relations with Cuba without asking what has Cuba done. Our ultimate progress is up to Cuba, and our shared diplomacy must be a two-way street.

HONORING DR. ROBERT STEELE

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent who has been invaluable to Pennsylvania agriculture and has served with distinction at Penn State University. Dr. Robert Steele has been dean of the University's College of Agricultural Sciences since July 1, 1997. Dr. Steele has been in charge of Penn State's agricultural program, which includes 12 academic departments serving more than 3,000 students.

Under Dr. Steele's leadership, Penn State has performed significant agricultural research, and I'm grateful for

the support that Congress has shown over the years for this important work. Specific programs at Penn State that I proudly support include agricultural entrepreneurial alternatives, sustainable agriculture, dairy farm profitability, improved dairy management practices, and milk safety.

Dr. Steele is stepping down as dean and returning to the classroom.

Thank you, Dr. Steele, for your many years of service and your dedication to agriculture and higher education. I thank you, Dr. Steele, for your service and leadership. Pennsylvania agriculture is stronger for it.

ENSURING THERE ARE ENOUGH MEDICAID DOCTORS

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

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, you know we have a problem today in that many patients who are enrolled in Medicaid really face a tough time finding a doctor who will accept their coverage. A recent article in my hometown paper, *The Dallas Morning News*, highlighted the troubles of a young girl in north Texas covered by Medicaid. She couldn't find a doctor to treat her, stating that because of the lack of Medicaid doctors, "Medicaid patients often grow sicker while hunting for a doctor."

We have an obligation to ensure that Americans covered under Medicaid, who also happen to be some of our poorest and neediest patients, children and American pregnant women, can see the doctor they need to see when they need to see them. Expanding the number of Americans who qualify for Medicaid without first making certain that there are enough doctors to see those Medicaid patients is irresponsible and is a disservice to these individuals.

To avoid this crisis, I propose that the Federal Government undertake the changes necessary to address the barriers of access to a doctor for any government program. Throwing more Americans onto the rolls of government-run health care without first ensuring that there will be a doctor to see them is wrong. Coverage should equal access to a doctor and must be part of the national health care debate.

I encourage the people to go to my Web site, www.healthcaucus.org.

MEDICAL LIABILITY REFORM

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

MR. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, the cost of defensive medicine is a major factor for skyrocketing health care prices for American families. Studies reveal some alarming facts: defensive medicine costs the United States \$170 billion per year; a third of orthopedists, obstetricians, trauma

surgeons, emergency room doctors, and plastic surgeons can expect to be sued in a given year; liability concerns have driven 7 to 8 percent of all OB/GYNs to stop practicing altogether; and data for 2006 show that 71 percent of all cases are either dropped or dismissed and only 1 percent result in a verdict for the plaintiff; and yet it still costs an average of \$25,000 just to defend a lawsuit even if no payment is awarded. The results are higher premiums, less access to treatments, and physician shortages in certain specialties.

Any real health care plan must include long-overdue medical liability reform. Without it, patients and doctors alike will suffer, and the cost of health care for all Americans will continue to go up.

AMERICA'S 33 CZARS

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, czarist Russia, 18 czars over a 300-year period of time. Czarist Obama Nation, America, 33 czars in 7 months, 33 czars who are running policy from Guantanamo Bay, to energy, to a \$790 billion stimulus package, to a myriad of other things and yet none of them have gone before the United States Senate for confirmation even though article II, section 2 of the Constitution says that the President should seek consent and advice from the U.S. Senate before appointing important policy people to his Cabinet.

Now, we do appoint and have the Senate confirm sub-Cabinet members, deputy Cabinet members, a myriad of judges—indeed hundreds if not thousands of people—but 33 people at a salary of \$172,000 each are running a parallel government without consent and approval. We need to stop this.

LAUS DEO

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

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, of course we have heard our President say we are not a Christian Nation. People can decide for themselves. But I thought it was worth pointing out that when the Washington Monument, right down the Mall from us, was dedicated, they put an aluminum-capped stone on it, four sides, there's writing on all four sides, but on the side that faced the Capitol were the Latin words "Laus Deo," Praise be to God.

Now, the reason they put that facing the Capitol was so that every day when the first rays of God's sun hit the very first thing in this Nation's Capitol, it was the words "Praise be to God." Every morning, the first rays of God's sun hit the first thing in the Capitol is "Praise be to God."

Just thought you ought to know.

REAL HEALTH CARE REFORM

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

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today because we had a very important step in the history of America today. The House leadership announced a major initiative on health care reform: the 47 million-plus and growing number of uninsured Americans, the small businesses who get up every day and create the economic engine, the hardworking laborers who work every day, the children of America, just plain America is looking forward to a health reform package that gives a robust and vigorous public option without decreasing quality that says to hardworking Americans, No pre-existing disease or ailment in your family will ever break you again.

That allows for the strength of the integrity of the Federal Government to be a partner in working with those who wish to choose their own insurance which they already have. It is a fair balance, and it is paid for.

And so as we begin this debate, I'm excited to be able to announce that there will be savings, elimination of fraud and abuse, the opportunity for real health care reform.

□ 1715

OUR FINANCIAL INTEGRITY

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

Mr. CULBERSON. Madam Speaker, this is a historic day but not for the reasons my colleague has just specified.

Today is the first day in American history the national deficit has reached \$1 trillion. We in this Congress have an obligation to do everything we can to preserve the financial integrity of this Nation for future generations, and as a Texan, I know the solution is very simple. It's one that is embodied in these wonderful stars which were worn by soldiers in the Army of the Republic of Texas.

This is a star worn by a young man who served in the Marine Corps of the Republic of Texas, and the lone star symbolizes for Texans that the solution is, to our problem as a Nation, just leave us alone. Let Texans run Texas. Stick to the Constitution.

The Federal Government needs to stick to the very limited powers set out in the Constitution and otherwise leave us alone. Stay away from my bank accounts, stay out of my pocket, get off my back, out of my way. Stay away from my home, my family, my kids, my job, my church, my synagogue.

Let Texans run Texas. Let Ohio run Ohio. That's what these young men were fighting for in the Army of the Republic of Texas, and that's what we,