

Senate come back to town and join us in passing a long-term extension of the payroll tax cut. Anything less is unacceptable.

#### SUPPORT SENATE SOLUTION

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

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, it is so unfortunate that today we find ourselves continuing to argue over whether or not an extension of the middle class tax cut should take place now as opposed to continuing to try to load the bill up with poison pills, cutting off people's unemployment insurance, and getting into an argument with the Senate.

The proposal after a year of deliberations that the Republicans came up with was rejected in the Senate on a bipartisan basis. Another bill was passed overwhelmingly to give us a 2-month extension so that we can continue to try to work out a long-term solution to a middle class tax cut without accepting poison pills.

But now what we see is the Republicans choose to turn down that compromise that brought the Senate together, that can bring this House together, to refuse to let us have a vote on that measure because they know there will be bipartisan support for that measure in this House.

We can come together and, in this holiday season, give American middle class families the security that they will have a continuation of the tax cut on January 1, but that's not what the Republicans are going to do. They're going to throw families and our economy into chaos for the sake of trying to make political points.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 3630, MIDDLE CLASS TAX RELIEF AND JOB CREATION ACT OF 2011; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 501, SENSE OF HOUSE REGARDING ANY FINAL MEASURE TO EXTEND CERTAIN EXPIRING PROVISIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 502 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

#### H. RES. 502

*Resolved*, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order, without intervention of any point of order or question of consideration, to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 3630) to provide incentives for the creation of jobs, and for other purposes, with the Senate amendments thereto, and to consider in the House a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Ways and

Means or his designee that the House disagree to the Senate amendments and request a conference with the Senate thereon. The Senate amendments and the motion shall be considered as read. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the motion to its adoption without intervening motion except one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

SEC. 2. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order, without intervention of any point of order or question of consideration, to consider in the House the resolution (H. Res. 501) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding any final measure to extend the payroll tax holiday, extend Federally funded unemployment insurance benefits, or prevent decreases in reimbursement for physicians who provide care to Medicare beneficiaries. The resolution shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the resolution are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution and preamble to adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question except one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

SEC. 3. During consideration of a motion to instruct conferees pending their appointment to a conference on H.R. 3630, the previous question shall be considered as ordered to its adoption without intervening motion except one hour of debate under clause 7(b) of rule XXII. Such motion shall be considered as read and shall not be subject to any question of consideration.

SEC. 4. During consideration of a motion specified in the first section of this resolution or section 3 of this resolution, the chair may—

(a) notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, postpone further consideration of the motion to such time as may be designated by the Speaker as though under clause 1(c) of rule XIX; and

(b) postpone the question of adoption of the motion as though under clause 8 of rule XX.

SEC. 5. The requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House is waived with respect to any resolution reported through the legislative day of January 17, 2012.

SEC. 6. It shall be in order at any time through the calendar day of January 15, 2012, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules as though under clause 1(c) of rule XV.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from South Carolina is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

For the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER), pending which I yield myself as much time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. House Resolution 502 provides for a motion to go to conference on H.R. 3630 and for a closed ruled on H. Res. 501.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this rule and the underlying bill.

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To be honest, Mr. Speaker, being here today is almost ridiculous because last week the House passed a very good bill, and the three major components of it are very simple:

Payroll tax extension, a holiday—not a 60-day holiday, but a 1-year payroll tax extension that is paid for;

Unemployment insurance; we addressed unemployment insurance in a very compassionate way, working as the President has suggested. We need to cut it by 20 weeks over time. So our House, in a bipartisan fashion, is working to take it from 99 weeks to 59 weeks, holding in truth the spirit of our President;

Finally, the doc fix. If we're going to keep Medicare and the recipients of Medicare whole, we have to address the reimbursement rates of the doctors. This doc fix stops an almost 30 percent cut in the reimbursement rate.

But beyond that, we decided that it is time to create American jobs. So the Keystone pipeline that creates more than 20,000 jobs is in this bill. But not only do we want to create jobs, we want to save jobs, and so you think of the Boiler MACT that saves more jobs than the pipeline creates. Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, our friends on the left want to continue to hold the middle class hostage because they have a plan to continue to raise taxes as they have over the last year.

As a matter of fact, in 2010, in one bill only, Mr. Speaker, they raised taxes on the middle class, and this year, because we're moving into an election year, they decided it's time to remember the American middle class. Last year, they were taxing that middle class and taxing that middle class and taxing that middle class.

Let me give you a few examples:

A new \$123 billion of taxes on the middle class in investment income; a hike in Medicare payroll taxes with \$86 billion passed through to the middle class.

I don't know why this year all of a sudden they want to talk about tax breaks for the middle class and only give them 60 days, Mr. Speaker. I believe that the middle class deserves certainty, and our bill gives them certainty. We say for 1 year we need to extend to the middle class, people who are struggling every day to make their ends meet.

Our friends on the left are getting ready for campaign season, so what they're really concerned about is themselves. But what we've said is, when you take into consideration that a person who needs a medical device must now pay a pass-through tax upwards of \$20 billion, that's not compassionate. That's not fair, Mr. Speaker.