

day, the President jetted off to Michigan to campaign for tax increases, instead of staying in Washington to work on a possible plan.

With a national debt of over \$16 trillion, Washington's out-of-control spending is placing our national security at risk. Clearly, spending is the threat, with an increase of 93.5 percent over 10 years and revenues increased only 15.7 percent. Raising taxes on the American economy will destroy jobs.

Reports have indicated that raising taxes on the top 2 percent will generate up to \$80 billion a year. This amount of money covers less than 10 percent of our Nation's annual deficits. It's my hope that the President will address the fiscal cliff to work with House Republicans to promote small business job growth.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

WORKING TOWARD BIPARTISAN SOLUTIONS

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

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise because the fiscal cliff is upon us. And one thing that I know is clear in talking to my constituents, time and time again, they're looking for solutions to the problems that we face. I believe that the solutions that are out there aren't going to come from one party or the other party; they're going to come from us working together, forging a bipartisan solution to the problems that we face. And I hope that we can go bigger than what is simply asked of us.

Mr. Speaker, one of the great pleasures of being here is to be able to work with good friends, and I want to thank my good friend STEVE LATOURETTE for his leadership and JIM COOPER as well for the thought of putting together the Cooper-LaTourette budget based on Simpson-Bowles, that talks about a solution that really helps us get our entitlements under control, helps raise revenues, and puts a solution on the table.

So today, I'm asking my colleagues to join with me to try to make sure that together we put a bipartisan solution on the table. And I want to thank my good friend, STEVE LATOURETTE, for his leadership, and JIM COOPER as well.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER

(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. I thank the Speaker this afternoon, and I am grateful for the words, the prayer that was offered about light, both of inspiration and collaboration.

I think there are bipartisan voices crying out for an acceptance of a tax cut on 98 percent of the American people.

That is why the President went to Michigan, to speak to working men and women, to be able to reaffirm their voices that were spoken so loudly on November 6. Let us have a tax cut that will impact 98 percent of the American people and businesses. And let us collaboratively work together for the steps going forward.

But let me be very clear. Having spoken to physicians yesterday in meetings in hospitals, you cannot raise the eligibility rate of Medicare recipients. It just will not work. You cannot judge a person's physical condition between 65 and 67. That is not the way to balance the budget and reduce the deficit. We know that entitlements, Social Security, is not the issue. Pass the tax cuts on 98 percent, Mr. Speaker, and work collaboratively in 2013 to find a pathway forward to make this economy the growing economy that it has begun to be. I ask my colleagues, let's work together.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 11, 2012.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
*The Speaker, U.S. Capitol,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in clause 2(h) of rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 11, 2012 at 11:08 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3187.

That the Senate agreed to S. Res. 612.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by the Speaker on Friday, December 7, 2012:

H.R. 6156, to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to products of the Russian Federation and Moldova and to require reports on the compliance of the Russian Federation with its obligations as a member of the World Trade Organization, and for other purposes.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. YODER) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 112-700) on the resolution (H. Res. 827) providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, which the Chair will put de novo.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 272, nays 102, answered "present" 3, not voting 54, as follows:

[Roll No. 620]
YEAS—272

Ackerman	Carney	Farr
Aderholt	Carson (IN)	Fattah
Alexander	Carter	Fincher
Amodi	Cassidy	Flake
Austria	Castor (FL)	Fleischmann
Bachus	Chabot	Fleming
Barber	Chaffetz	Forbes
Barletta	Chu	Portenberry
Barrow	Cicilline	Franks (AZ)
Barton (TX)	Clarke (MI)	Frelinghuysen
Bass (NH)	Clarke (NY)	Fudge
Berg	Clay	Garamendi
Berkley	Cleaver	Gerlach
Berman	Clyburn	Goodlatte
Biggert	Coble	Gowdy
Bilirakis	Cohen	Granger
Bishop (GA)	Cole	Green, Al
Bishop (UT)	Conaway	Grimm
Blackburn	Connolly (VA)	Guthrie
Blumenauer	Cooper	Hahn
Bonamici	Courtney	Hall
Bonner	Crenshaw	Hanabusa
Bono Mack	Crowley	Harper
Boswell	Cuellar	Harris
Boustany	Davis (CA)	Hartzler
Brady (TX)	Davis (IL)	Hayworth
Braley (IA)	DeGette	Heinrich
Brooks	DeLauro	Hensarling
Broun (GA)	DelBene	Hерger
Brown (FL)	Dent	Higgins
Buchanan	DesJarlais	Himes
Bucshon	Diaz-Balart	Hinchev
Buerkle	Dingell	Hinojosa
Butterfield	Doggett	Hirono
Calvert	Dreier	Hochul
Camp	Duncan (SC)	Holt
Campbell	Duncan (TN)	Huelskamp
Canseco	Edwards	Huizenga (MI)
Cantor	Ellmers	Hultgren
Capito	Emerson	Hunter
Capps	Engel	Hurt
Carnahan	Eshoo	Israel

Issa	Meeks	Scalise
Jackson Lee	Mica	Schiff
(TX)	Michaud	Schmidt
Jenkins	Miller (MI)	Schwartz
Johnson (GA)	Miller, Gary	Schweikert
Johnson, E. B.	Murphy (CT)	Scott (SC)
Johnson, Sam	Murphy (PA)	Scott (VA)
Jordan	Myrick	Scott, Austin
Kaptur	Nadler	Scott, David
Keating	Napolitano	Sensenbrenner
Kelly	Neugebauer	Serrano
Kildee	Noem	Sessions
King (IA)	Nunes	Sherman
King (NY)	Olson	Shimkus
Kingston	Palazzo	Shuster
Kissell	Payne	Smith (NE)
Kline	Pearce	Smith (NJ)
Labrador	Pelosi	Smith (TX)
Lamborn	Pence	Smith (WA)
Lankford	Perlmutter	Southerland
Larsen (WA)	Petri	Speier
Larson (CT)	Pingree (ME)	Stearns
LaTourette	Platts	Stutzman
Latta	Polis	Sullivan
Levin	Pompeo	Thompson (PA)
Lewis (CA)	Posey	Thornberry
Lofgren, Zoe	Price (NC)	Tiberi
Long	Quigley	Tonko
Lowey	Rehberg	Tsongas
Lucas	Richardson	Turner (NY)
Luetkemeyer	Richmond	Turner (OH)
Lujan	Rivera	Upton
Lummis	Roby	Van Hollen
Lungren, Daniel	Roe (TN)	Walden
E.	Rogers (AL)	Walz (MN)
Mack	Rogers (KY)	Wasserman
Maloney	Rogers (MI)	Schultz
Marino	Rohrabacher	Waters
McCarthy (CA)	Rokita	Watt
McCaul	Rooney	Waxman
McClintock	Ros-Lehtinen	Webster
McCollum	Roskam	Welch
McHenry	Ross (FL)	West
McIntyre	Rothman (NJ)	Westmoreland
McKeon	Roybal-Allard	Whitfield
McKinley	Runyan	Wilson (SC)
McMorris	Ruppersberger	Womack
Rodgers	Rush	Yarmuth
McNerney	Ryan (WI)	Young (FL)
Meehan	Sanchez, Loretta	Young (IN)

NAYS—102

Adams	Hastings (FL)	Peterson
Altmire	Heck	Poe (TX)
Andrews	Herrera Beutler	Price (GA)
Baldwin	Holden	Quayle
Bass (CA)	Hoyer	Rahall
Becerra	Johnson (OH)	Rangel
Benishek	Jones	Reed
Bilbray	Kind	Reichert
Bishop (NY)	Kinzinger (IL)	Renacci
Brady (PA)	Kucinich	Ribble
Burgess	Lance	Rigell
Capuano	Landry	Ryan (OH)
Coffman (CO)	Langevin	Sánchez, Linda
Costa	Latham	T.
Crawford	Lee (CA)	Sarbanes
Critz	LoBiondo	Schakowsky
Cummings	Loeb sack	Schrader
Curson (MI)	Lynch	Sewell
DeFazio	Manzullo	Shuler
Denham	Markey	Slaughter
Dold	Masse	Stivers
Donnelly (IN)	Matheson	Sutton
Doyle	Matsui	Terry
Duffy	McDermott	Thompson (CA)
Farenthold	McGovern	Thompson (MS)
Fitzpatrick	Miller (FL)	Tipton
Fox	Miller, George	Velázquez
Gardner	Moore	Visclosky
Garrett	Mulvaney	Walberg
Gibbs	Neal	Wittman
Gibson	Nugent	Woodall
Graves (GA)	Pallone	Yoder
Green, Gene	Pascrell	Young (AK)
Guinta	Paulsen	
Hanna	Peters	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—3

Amash	Gohmert	Owens
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NOT VOTING—54

Akin	Chandler	Ellison
Baca	Conyers	Flores
Bachmann	Costello	Frank (MA)
Bartlett	Cravaack	Gallely
Black	Culberson	Gingrey (GA)
Boren	Deutch	Gonzalez
Burton (IN)	Dicks	Gosar

Graves (MO)	McCarthy (NY)	Schilling
Griffin (AR)	Miller (NC)	Schock
Griffith (VA)	Moran	Simpson
Grijalva	Nunnelee	Sires
Gutierrez	Olver	Stark
Hastings (WA)	Pastor (AZ)	Tierney
Honda	Paul	Towns
Johnson (IL)	Pitts	Walsh (IL)
Lewis (GA)	Reyes	Wilson (FL)
Lipinski	Ross (AR)	Wolf
Marchant	Royce	Woolsey

□ 1848

Mr. MARKEY changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. HURT changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

Mr. GOHMERT changed his vote from "nay" to "present."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF U.S. MARINE JON HAMMAR

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise here to ask for the immediate release of U.S. Marine Jon Hammar, who has been unreasonably imprisoned by Mexican authorities since August, where, for a time, he was actually being shackled to his bed.

Lance Corporal Hammar is an outstanding young American combat veteran who clearly took every reasonable step to ensure that he was safely and legally transporting the antique firearm that he inherited from his great-grandfather. He spoke with our own Customs and Border Patrol agents, who assured him that he would be fine as long as he registered it with Mexican authorities.

Once in Mexico, Jon attempted to register his old-fashioned Sears and Roebuck shotgun and was immediately arrested as if he were a gunrunner.

I am calling on our State Department to act swiftly to get Jon released, and I am calling on our Department of Homeland Security to explain how their agents could have given Jon this wrong instruction.

Jon has suffered enough. Let's bring him home to his family, where he rightly belongs, in time for Christmas.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DAVE BRUBECK

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

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I come to the House floor to celebrate the life of one of California's greatest native sons, the Ambassador of Jazz, Dave Brubeck. The man behind the immortal classics like "Take Five" and "Blue Rondo a la Turk" was born in Concord, California, a city I'm proud to represent.

Drafted to serve in General Patton's Army during World War II, he formed

the Army's first integrated band. He would later tour with black musicians in the Jim Crow South during the height of the civil rights movement, insisting on a mixed-race quartet and integrated crowds. Because of this courageous stand, 23 out of 25 of his shows were canceled one summer.

"Jazz is the voice of freedom," he said.

With suave sophistication, Brubeck would become a leader in the West Coast cool jazz scene, putting California jazz on the map. Dave Brubeck performed before Presidents, Prime Ministers, Premiers, and pontiffs. He was named a Jazz Master by the National Endowment for the Arts, and he was awarded the National Medal of the Arts.

On a personal note, during the 16 years I represented Stockton, Brubeck often came there to help the University of the Pacific and many charities.

Today, I hope everyone can Take Five to remember a remarkable American: Dave Brubeck.

□ 1900

DENOUNCE CASTRO REGIME

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

Mr. RIVERA. Yesterday, December 10, marked the 60th anniversary of International Human Rights Day. As usual, the Castro dictatorship demonstrated its brutal nature. Cuban state police violently arrested more than 100 dissidents and put another 100 to 150 under house arrest. Among those detained were about 80 members of the Ladies in White organization, a human rights organization that peacefully seeks change in Cuba. Many of them were arrested on their way to mass to celebrate at our Lady of Charity Basilica in the eastern town of El Cobre. About 45 Ladies in White were arrested in Havana, following their traditional march outside the Santa Rita Church after Sunday mass. Thirty-four Ladies in White were detained with violence as they tried to make their way to church.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I call on President Obama, the Obama administration, and the international community to denounce and condemn the terrorist Castro dictatorship's human rights abuses and continue to push for democratic change on that imprisoned island nation.

RIGHT-TO-WORK IS WRONG FOR WORKERS

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

Mr. CLARKE of Michigan. Many decades ago, my father came to this country, like many other immigrants, to seek the American Dream. He got a job