

MEDICARE

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

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I hold in my hand a letter to the Speaker of the House imploring him to devote 15 percent of the budget surplus to strengthen Medicare. This letter has been signed by 201 Democrats. We speak with a unified message: Do not jeopardize Medicare for political tax breaks.

In the most recent Republican budget, not one penny of the surplus is used to shore up Medicare. Medicare is projected to be bankrupt in the year 2008. That is only 9 years away. The Democratic plan to use 15 percent of the surplus would extend the life of Medicare by a decade, giving us time to reform the program so that it endures the coming strain of the retiring baby boom generation and allows us to put a prescription drug benefit together.

The Republican plan is irresponsible. It puts short-term political gain ahead of long-term fiscal responsibility and, in the process, jeopardizes seniors' health and their retirement security.

Today 99 percent of America's seniors are covered by Medicare. Social Security and Medicare have combined to give our seniors independence, dignity and security in their retirement. Let us strengthen them and not dismantle them.

THE FOREST SERVICE MORATORIUM IS AN ATTACK ON ACCESS TO OUR PUBLIC FORESTS

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

Mr. HILL of Montana. Madam Speaker, the Forest Service roads moratorium now in effect, defies the good common sense required to maintain our Nation's force.

In essence, the administration is saying that we are going to take a time-out in managing our forests. In the meantime, of course, the problems will not wait. They only become more serious.

This moratorium is also an attack on access to our public forests. It is nothing more than a sweeping mandate from Washington. This mandate is not designed to study our forests roads but, rather, to keep the American citizen out of their forests.

A representative from the most respected sportsmen's group in Washington, the Safari Club, called this decision bad for sportsmen and other recreational users, so bad that it must have the dedicated professionals in the Forest Service shaking their heads.

The Forest Service reports that 33 percent of forest road use is for recreational purposes, and now they are

trying to lock up the very roads where we recreate.

It makes no sense. I cannot understand how an agency that is directed to manage our forests is walking away and washing its hands of such a serious issue.

This is a bad policy, Madam Speaker. It is bad for America. It is bad for the economy. It is bad for the forests and it is bad for the citizens.

The question is, who is it good for?

RAIDING THE SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUND TO SPEND MONEY ON 120 NEW GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

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

Mr. WELLER. Madam Speaker, back home, when I am back home in the south side of Chicago, in the south suburbs, I get asked some pretty basic questions by the folks back home. I had a really pretty good one asked to me just this past week.

They say, it is our understanding that there is this \$2.6 trillion surplus of extra tax revenue. If we have all this extra money in Washington, why does President Clinton, the Clinton-Gore Democrats, propose a \$176 billion tax increase, and why do the Clinton-Gore Democrats, why do they propose raiding the Social Security trust fund by \$250 billion to spend money on 120 new government programs?

That is an important question because on the Republican side, we say we do not need \$176 billion in tax increases. We say we do not want to raid the Social Security trust fund. In fact, this year we want to stop something that has been going on for 30 years. We believe it is time to wall off the Social Security trust fund and stop the raids that President Clinton wants to have on Social Security.

Let us stop the raids on Social Security. Let us wall off the Social Security trust fund.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON) laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 10, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House,
The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Having accepted an appointment to the Committee on the Judiciary, I must hereby regretfully resign from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Sincerely,

SPENCER BACHUS,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. GOODLING. Madam Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 108) and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 108

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and they are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

Committee on the Judiciary: Mr. SCARBOROUGH of Florida.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Mr. BAKER of Louisiana.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

EDUCATION FLEXIBILITY PARTNERSHIP ACT OF 1999

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 100 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 800.

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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 further consideration of the bill (H.R. 800) to provide for education flexibility partnerships, with Mr. WELLER (Chairman pro tempore) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Wednesday, March 10, 1999, the demand for a recorded vote on amendment No. 21 by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) had been postponed and all time for consideration of the bill under the 5-minute rule had expired.

AMENDMENT NO. 21 OFFERED BY MR. SCOTT

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. There being no further amendments in order under the rule, the unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment No. 21 offered by Mr. SCOTT:

In section 4(c) (of H.R. 800, as reported), after "Secretary", insert "or a State educational agency".

At the end of section 4(c)(1)(G) (of H.R. 800, as reported), strike "and".

After subparagraph (H) of section 4(c) (of H.R. 800, as reported), insert the following:

(I) in the case of a school that participates in a schoolwide program under section 1114 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, the eligibility requirements of such section if such a school serves a school attendance area in which less than 35 percent of the children are from low-income families; and

RECORDED VOTE

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 195, noes 223, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 40]

AYES—195

Abercrombie	Hall (OH)	Obey
Ackerman	Hastings (FL)	Oliver
Allen	Hill (IN)	Ortiz
Andrews	Hilliard	Owens
Baird	Hinchev	Pallone
Baldacci	Hinojosa	Pascarell
Baldwin	Holden	Pastor
Barcia	Holt	Payne
Barrett (WI)	Hoolley	Pelosi
Bentsen	Hoyer	Peterson (MN)
Bereuter	Inslee	Phelps
Berkley	Jackson (IL)	Pickett
Berman	Jackson-Lee	Pomeroy
Berry	(TX)	Price (NC)
Bishop	Jefferson	Rahall
Blumenauer	Johnson, E. B.	Rivers
Bonior	Jones (OH)	Rodriguez
Borski	Kanjorski	Roemer
Boswell	Kennedy	Rothman
Boucher	Kildee	Roybal-Allard
Brady (PA)	Kilpatrick	Rush
Brown (CA)	Kind (WI)	Sabo
Brown (FL)	Kleczka	Sanchez
Brown (OH)	Klink	Sanders
Capuano	Kucinich	Sandlin
Cardin	LaFalce	Sawyer
Carson	Lampson	Schakowsky
Clay	Lantos	Scott
Clayton	Larson	Serrano
Clement	Lee	Sherman
Clyburn	Levin	Shows
Condit	Lewis (GA)	Sisisky
Conyers	Lofgren	Skelton
Costello	Lowey	Slaughter
Coyne	Lucas (KY)	Snyder
Cramer	Luther	Spratt
Crowley	Maloney (CT)	Stabenow
Cummings	Maloney (NY)	Stark
Danner	Markey	Stenholm
Davis (FL)	Mascara	Strickland
Davis (IL)	Matsui	Stupak
DeFazio	McCarthy (MO)	Tanner
DeGette	McCarthy (NY)	Tauscher
DeLauro	McDermott	Thompson (CA)
Deutsch	McGovern	Thompson (MS)
Dicks	McIntyre	Thurman
Dingell	McKinney	Tierney
Dixon	McNulty	Towns
Doggett	Meehan	Traficant
Dooley	Meek (FL)	Turner
Doyle	Meeks (NY)	Udall (CO)
Edwards	Menendez	Udall (NM)
Engel	Millender-	Velázquez
Eshoo	McDonald	Vento
Etheridge	Miller, George	Visclosky
Evans	Minge	Waters
Farr	Mink	Watt (NC)
Filner	Moakley	Waxman
Ford	Mollohan	Weiner
Frank (MA)	Moore	Wexler
Gejdenson	Moran (VA)	Weygand
Gephardt	Murtha	Wise
Gonzalez	Nadler	Woolsey
Gordon	Napolitano	Wu
Green (TX)	Neal	Wynn
Gutierrez	Oberstar	

NOES—223

Aderholt	Goodlatte	Peterson (PA)
Archer	Goodling	Petri
Armey	Goss	Pickering
Bachus	Graham	Pitts
Baker	Granger	Pombo
Ballenger	Green (WI)	Porter
Barr	Greenwood	Portman
Bartlett	Gutknecht	Pryce (OH)
Barton	Hall (TX)	Quinn
Bass	Hansen	Radanovich
Bateman	Hastings (WA)	Ramstad
Biggert	Hayes	Regula
Bilirakis	Hayworth	Reynolds
Bilev	Hefley	Riley
Blunt	Herger	Rogan
Boehlert	Hill (MT)	Rogers
Boehner	Hilleary	Rohrabacher
Bonilla	Hobson	Ros-Lehtinen
Bono	Hoeffel	Roukema
Boyd	Hoekstra	Royce
Brady (TX)	Horn	Ryan (WI)
Bryant	Hostettler	Ryun (KS)
Burr	Houghton	Salmon
Burton	Hulshof	Sanford
Buyer	Hunter	Saxton
Callahan	Hutchinson	Saxton
Calvert	Hyde	Scarborough
Camp	Isakson	Schaffer
Campbell	Istook	Sensenbrenner
Canady	Jenkins	Sessions
Cannon	Johnson (CT)	Shadegg
Castle	Johnson, Sam	Shaw
Chabot	Jones (NC)	Shays
Chambliss	Kasich	Sherwood
Chenoweth	Kelly	Shimkus
Coble	King (NY)	Shuster
Coburn	Kingston	Simpson
Collins	Knollenberg	Skeen
Combest	Kolbe	Smith (MI)
Cook	Kuykendall	Smith (NJ)
Cooksey	LaHood	Smith (TX)
Crane	Largent	Smith (WA)
Cubin	Latham	Souder
Cunningham	LaTourette	Spence
Davis (VA)	Lazio	Stearns
Deal	Leach	Stump
DeLay	Lewis (CA)	Sununu
DeMint	Lewis (KY)	Sweeney
Diaz-Balart	Linder	Talent
Dickey	Lipinski	Tancredo
Doolittle	LoBiondo	Tauzin
Dreier	Lucas (OK)	Taylor (MS)
Duncan	Manzullo	Taylor (NC)
Dunn	McCollum	Terry
Ehlers	McHugh	Thomas
Ehrlich	McInnis	Thornberry
Emerson	McIntosh	Thune
English	McKeon	Tiahrt
Everett	Metcalf	Toomey
Ewing	Mica	Upton
Fletcher	Miller (FL)	Walden
Foley	Miller, Gary	Walsh
Forbes	Moran (KS)	Wamp
Fossella	Morella	Watkins
Fowler	Myrick	Watts (OK)
Franks (NJ)	Nethercutt	Weldon (FL)
Frelinghuysen	Ney	Weldon (PA)
Gallegly	Northup	Weller
Ganske	Norwood	Whitfield
Gekas	Nussle	Wicker
Gibbons	Ose	Wilson
Gilchrest	Oxley	Wolf
Gillmor	Packard	Young (AK)
Gilman	Paul	Young (FL)
Goode	Pease	

NOT VOTING—15

Barrett (NE)	Cox	Kaptur
Becerra	Delahunt	Martinez
Bilbray	Fattah	McCrery
Blagojevich	Frost	Rangel
Capps	John	Reyes

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Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. TERRY, and Mr. CUBIN changed their vote from "aye" to "no."

Ms. STABENOW and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts changed their vote from "no" to "aye."

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated against:

Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska. Mr. Chairman, on rollcall No. 40, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

The CHAIRMAN. The question is on the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended.

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, was agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN. Under the rule, the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON) having assumed the chair, Mr. WELLER, Chairman pro tempore of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 800) to provide for education flexibility partnerships, pursuant to House Resolution 100, he reported the bill back to the House with an amendment adopted by the Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

Is a separate vote demanded on any amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute adopted by the Committee of the Whole? If not, the question is on the amendment.

The amendment was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

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

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. GOODLING. Madam Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Postponed suspension votes after this vote will all be five-minute votes.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 330, noes 90, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 41]

AYES—330

Aderholt	Bass	Bono
Allen	Bateman	Boswell
Andrews	Bentsen	Boucher
Archer	Bereuter	Boyd
Armey	Berkley	Brady (TX)
Bachus	Berry	Brown (CA)
Baird	Biggert	Bryant
Baker	Bilirakis	Burr
Baldacci	Bishop	Burton
Baldwin	Blagojevich	Buyer
Ballenger	Bilev	Callahan
Barcia	Blumenauer	Calvert
Barr	Blunt	Camp
Barrett (NE)	Boehlert	Campbell
Bartlett	Boehner	Canady
Barton	Bonilla	Cannon

Cardin Hooley Quinn
 Castle Horn Radanovich
 Chabot Rahall Hossettler
 Chambliss Houghton
 Chenoweth Hoyer Regula
 Clement Hulshof Reynolds
 Coble Hunter Riley
 Coburn Hutchinson Rodriguez
 Collins Hyde Roemer
 Combest Inslee Rogan
 Condit Isakson Rogers
 Cook Istook Rohrabacher
 Cooksey Jenkins Ros-Lehtinen
 Cox Johnson (CT) Rothman
 Cramer Johnson, Sam Roukema
 Crane Jones (NC) Royce
 Cubin Kanjorski Ryan (WI)
 Cunningham Kasich Ryun (KS)
 Danner Kelly Sabo
 Davis (FL) Kind (WI) Salmon
 Davis (VA) King (NY) Sanders
 Deal Kingston Sandlin
 DeGette Kleczka Sanford
 DeLauro Klink Saxton
 DeLay Knollenberg Scarborough
 DeMint Kolbe Schaffer
 Deutsch Kuykendall Sensenbrenner
 Diaz-Balart LaHood Sessions
 Dickey Lampson Shadegg
 Dicks Lantos Shaw
 Doggett Largent Shays
 Dooley Larson Sherman
 Doolittle Latham Sherwood
 Doyle LaTourette Shimkus
 Dreier Lazio Shows
 Duncan Leach Shuster
 Dunn Lewis (CA) Simpson
 Edwards Lewis (KY) Sisisky
 Ehlers Linder Skeen
 Ehrlich Lipinski Skelton
 Emerson LoBiondo Slaughter
 English Lofgren Smith (MI)
 Eshoo Lucas (KY) Smith (TX)
 Etheridge Lucas (OK) Smith (WA)
 Evans Luther Snyder
 Everett Maloney (CT) Souder
 Ewing Maloney (NY) Spence
 Farr Manzullo Spratt
 Fletcher Mascara Stabenow
 Foley Matsui Stearns
 Forbes McCarthy (NY) Stenholm
 Ford McCollum Strickland
 Fossella McHugh Stump
 Fowler McInnis Sununu
 Franks (NJ) McIntosh Sweeney
 Frelinghuysen McIntyre Talent
 Gallegly McKeon Tancredo
 Ganske McNulty Tanner
 Gejdenson Metcalf Tauscher
 Gekas Mica Tauzin
 Gephardt Miller, Gary Taylor (MS)
 Gibbons Mollohan Taylor (NC)
 Gilchrest Moore Terry
 Gillmor Moran (KS) Thomas
 Gilman Moran (VA) Thompson (CA)
 Gonzalez Morella Thornberry
 Goode Murtha Thune
 Goodlatte Myrick Tiahrt
 Goodling Napolitano Toomey
 Gordon Nethercutt Traficant
 Goss Ney Turner
 Graham Northup Udall (CO)
 Granger Norwood Udall (NM)
 Green (TX) Nussle Upton
 Green (WI) Ortiz Walden
 Greenwood Ose Walsh
 Gutierrez Oxley Wamp
 Gutknecht Packard Watkins
 Hall (OH) Pascrell Watts (OK)
 Hall (TX) Paul Weiner
 Hansen Pease Weldon (FL)
 Hastert Peterson (MN) Weldon (PA)
 Hayes Peterson (PA) Weller
 Hayworth Petri Wexler
 Hefley Phelps Weygand
 Herger Pickering Whitfield
 Hill (IN) Pickett Wicker
 Hill (MT) Pitts Wilson
 Hilleary Pombo Wise
 Hinojosa Pomeroy Wolf
 Hobson Porter Wu
 Hoeffel Portman Wynn
 Hoekstra Price (NC) Young (AK)
 Holden Pryce (OH) Young (FL)

NOES—90
 Abercrombie Jackson-Lee Oberstar
 Ackerman (TX) Obey
 Barrett (WI) Jefferson Olver
 Berman Johnson, E. B. Owens
 Bonior Jones (OH) Pallone
 Borski Kaptur Pastor
 Brady (PA) Kennedy Payne
 Brown (FL) Kildee Pelosi
 Brown (OH) Kilpatrick Rangel
 Capuano Kucinich Rivers
 Carson LaFalce Roybal-Allard
 Clay Lee Rush
 Clayton Levin Sanchez
 Clyburn Lewis (GA) Sawyer
 Conyers Lowey Schakowsky
 Costello Markey Scott
 Coyne McCarthy (MO) Serrano
 Crowley McDermott Stark
 Cummings McGovern Stupak
 Davis (IL) McKinney Thompson (MS)
 DeFazio Meehan Thurman
 Dingell Meek (FL) Tierney
 Dixon Meeks (NY) Towns
 Engel Menendez Velázquez
 Filner Millender Vento
 Frank (MA) McDonald Visclosky
 Hastings (FL) Miller, George Waters
 Hilliard Mink Watt (NC)
 Hinchey Moakley Waxman
 Holt Nadler Woolsey
 Jackson (IL) Neal

NOT VOTING—14
 Becerra Frost Miller (FL)
 Bilbray Hastings (WA) Minge
 Capps John Reyes
 Delahunt Martinez Smith (NJ)
 Fattah McCrery

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Mrs. LOWEY and Mr. PALLONE changed their vote from "aye" to "no." So 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. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 41, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. MINGE. Madam Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 41, on passage of the Educational Partnership Flexibility Act, H.R. 800, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, earlier today I was inadvertently detained away from the floor during the vote on final passage of H.R. 800. This was my only opportunity to question Attorney General Janet Reno about a heinous murder which occurred in my congressional district. The suspect fled to Mexico, and 15 months later we are still awaiting extradition of this suspect to the United States. Had I been present I would have voted "aye."

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GOODLING. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 800, the Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania? There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN EN-GROSSMENT OF H.R. 800, EDUCATION FLEXIBILITY PARTNERSHIP ACT OF 1999

Mr. GOODLING. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of the bill, H.R. 800, the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes to the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania? There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on the remaining motions to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed on Tuesday, March 9, 1999, in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

- H.R. 808, by the yeas and nays;
 - H. Res. 32, by the yeas and nays;
 - H. Con. Res. 28, by the yeas and nays.
- These will all be 5-minute votes.

THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF RE-ENACTMENT OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 11, UNITED STATES CODE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 808, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. GEKAS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 808, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 418, nays 1, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 42]
 YEAS—418

Abercrombie	Berkley	Brown (OH)
Ackerman	Berman	Bryant
Aderholt	Berry	Burr
Allen	Biggert	Burton
Andrews	Bilirakis	Buyer
Archer	Bishop	Callahan
Armey	Blagojevich	Calvert
Bachus	Bliley	Camp
Baird	Blumenauer	Campbell
Baker	Blunt	Canady
Baldacci	Boehrlert	Cannon
Baldwin	Boehner	Capuano
Ballenger	Bonilla	Cardin
Barcia	Bonior	Carson
Barr	Bono	Castle
Barrett (NE)	Borski	Chabot
Barrett (WI)	Boswell	Chambliss
Bartlett	Boucher	Chenoweth
Barton	Boyd	Clay
Bass	Brady (PA)	Clayton
Bateman	Brady (TX)	Clement
Bentsen	Brown (CA)	Clyburn
Bereuter	Brown (FL)	Coble