

While I opposed the conference report, I am pleased that it includes language from the amendment that I offered with Congresswoman BALDWIN to Republicans included language I proposed to increase access to Medicaid CHIP and fund access to Medicaid coverage for uninsured women diagnosed with breast cancer. In my state of Texas, there are more than 800,000 Medicaid-eligible kids who are not enrolled in the program but still get sick, and we have more uninsured women, whom if they contract breast cancer, are in dire straits.

Taken all together, the only reasonable conclusion I can arrive at is that the Republicans have once again thrown together a haphazard budget scheme that is not fiscally sound, does not pay down the debt, does not extend the life of Social Security or Medicare and provides no meaningful prescription drug benefit. For these reasons, I am compelled to vote against H. Con. Res. 290.

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to this fiscally irresponsible budget resolution conference agreement. Not only is this agreement bad fiscal policy, but it is flawed economic strategy. America has emerged from an era of struggling to eliminate billion-dollar deficits into a new age of setting priorities for an expanding budget surplus. Instead of seizing the opportunity to help American families prepare for the future, this budget resolution proposes deep cuts in domestic programs to make room for a fiscally irresponsible tax cut that could force us to return to spending the Social Security trust fund.

We owe it to our nation's seniors to enact a Medicare prescription drug plan this year. Prescription drugs now account for about one-sixth of all out-of-pocket health spending by the elderly. Ensuring our seniors can afford the prescription drugs they need should be a higher priority than providing tax relief to the wealthiest members of our society.

This conference agreement allows a prescription drug benefit of up to \$40 billion over five years but only if accompanied by unspecified Medicare "reforms." Under this agreement, the Republicans have chosen to hold the prescription drug benefit hostage to unspecified Medicare reforms which may or may not be enacted. By contrast, the Democratic alternative budget required that a full \$40 billion be devoted to a prescription drug benefit.

We should be focusing on taking care of our elderly, ensuring the long term solvency of Social Security and Medicare, educating our children and paying down the national debt. This agreement sacrifices these national priorities for a massive tax cut. Passing such an irresponsible budget resolution will force the Appropriations Committee to either invent gimmicks that make a sham of the entire budget process or produce bills with significant deficits in funding. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to reject this conference agreement.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the conference report.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 220, nays 208, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 125]

YEAS—220

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

NAYS—208

Abercrombie	Blagojevich	Clyburn
Ackerman	Blumenauber	Conyers
Allen	Bonior	Costello
Andrews	Boswell	Coyne
Baca	Boucher	Cramer
Baird	Boyd	Crowley
Baldacci	Brady (PA)	Cummings
Baldwin	Brown (FL)	Danner
Barcia	Brown (OH)	Davis (FL)
Barrett (WI)	Capps	Davis (IL)
Becerra	Capuano	DeFazio
Bentsen	Cardin	DeGette
Berkley	Carson	DeLaunt
Berman	Clay	DeLauro
Berry	Clayton	Deutsch
Bishop	Clement	Dicks

Dingell	Lantos	Porter
Dixon	Larson	Price (NC)
Doggett	Lee	Rahall
Dooley	Levin	Rangel
Doyle	Lewis (GA)	Reyes
Edwards	Lipinski	Rivers
Engel	Lofgren	Rodriguez
Eshoo	Lowey	Roemer
Goss	Lucas (KY)	Rothman
Etheridge	Luther	Roybal-Allard
Evans	Maloney (CT)	Rush
Farr	Maloney (NY)	Sabo
Fattah	Markey	Sanchez
Filner	Mascara	Sanders
Forbes	Matsui	Sandlin
Ford	McCarthy (MO)	Sanford
Frank (MA)	McCarthy (NY)	Sawyer
Frost	McDermott	Schakowsky
Gejdenson	McGovern	Scott
Gephardt	McIntyre	Serrano
Gonzalez	McKinney	Sherman
Gordon	McNulty	Shows
Gordon	McNulty	Meehan
Green (TX)	Meek (FL)	Meek (NY)
Gutierrez	Meek (NY)	Menendez
Hall (OH)	Menendez	Millender
Hastings (FL)	McDonald	Stabenow
Hill (IN)	Miller, George	Stenholm
Hilliard	Minge	Strickland
Hinches	Mink	Stupak
Hinojosa	Moakley	Tanner
Hoeffel	Mollohan	Tauscher
Holden	Moore	Taylor (MS)
Holt	Moran (VA)	Thompson (CA)
Hooley	Morella	Thompson (MS)
Hoyer	Murtha	Thurman
Inslee	Nadler	Tierney
Jackson (IL)	Napolitano	Towns
Jackson-Lee	Neal	Turner
(TX)	Oberstar	Udall (CO)
Jefferson	Obey	Udall (NM)
John	Oliver	Velazquez
Johnson (CT)	Ortiz	Vento
Johnson, E. B.	Owens	Visclosky
Jones (OH)	Pallone	Waters
Kanjorski	Pascrell	Watt (NC)
Kaptur	Pastor	Waxman
Kennedy	Paul	Weiner
Kildee	Payne	Weygand
Kilpatrick	Pelosi	Wise
Kind (WI)	Peterson (MN)	Woolsey
Klecza	Phelps	Wu
Klink	Pomeroy	Wynn
Kucinich		
LaFalce		
Lampson		

NOT VOTING—7

Borski	Houghton	Wexler
Campbell	Myrick	
Cook	Stark	

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Ms. DANNER and Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. BARTON of Texas changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. KASICH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the conference report on House Concurrent Resolution 290.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.