

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

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

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. 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 232, nays 179, not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 358]

YEAS—232

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

Wicker
Wilson

Wolf
Wu

Young (AK)
Young (FL)

NAYS—179

Abercrombie	Hall (TX)	Oberstar
Ackerman	Hastings (FL)	Obey
Allen	Hill (IN)	Olver
Baca	Hilliard	Ortiz
Baird	Hinchey	Owens
Baldacci	Hinojosa	Pastor
Baldwin	Hoeffel	Payne
Barcia	Holden	Peterson (MN)
Barrett (WI)	Hooley	Phelps
Becerra	Hoyer	Pomeroy
Bentsen	Inslie	Price (NC)
Berkley	Jackson (IL)	Rahall
Berman	Jackson-Lee	Rangel
Berry	(TX)	Reyes
Bishop	Jefferson	Rivers
Blagojevich	John	Rodriguez
Blumenauer	Johnson, E. B.	Roemer
Bonior	Jones (OH)	Roybal-Allard
Borski	Kanjorski	Rush
Boswell	Kaptur	Sabo
Boyd	Kennedy	Sanchez
Brady (PA)	Kildee	Sanders
Brown (FL)	Kilpatrick	Sandlin
Brown (OH)	Kind (WI)	Sawyer
Capps	Kleczka	Schakowsky
Capuano	Klink	Scott
Cardin	Kucinich	Serrano
Carson	LaFalce	Sherman
Clayton	Lampson	Shows
Clayburn	Lantos	Sisisky
Condit	Larson	Skelton
Conyers	Lee	Slaughter
Costello	Levin	Smith (WA)
Coyne	Lewis (GA)	Snyder
Cramer	Lipinski	Spratt
Crowley	Lofgren	Stabenow
Cummings	Lowey	Stenholm
Davis (FL)	Lucas (KY)	Strickland
Davis (IL)	Luther	Stupak
DeFazio	Maloney (CT)	Tanner
DeGette	Maloney (NY)	Tauscher
Delahunt	Mascara	Taylor (MS)
DeLauro	McCarthy (MO)	Thompson (CA)
Dingell	McCarthy (NY)	Thompson (MS)
Dixon	McDermott	Thurman
Doggett	McGovern	Tierney
Dooley	McKinney	Towns
Doyle	McNulty	Turner
Edwards	Meehan	Udall (CO)
Engel	Meek (FL)	Udall (NM)
Eshoo	Meeks (NY)	Velazquez
Etheridge	Millender-	Visclosky
Evans	McDonald	Waters
Farr	Minge	Watt (NC)
Filner	Mink	Weiner
Ford	Moakley	Weygand
Frank (MA)	Moore	Wise
Frost	Moran (VA)	Woolsey
Gejdenson	Nadler	Wynn
Gephardt	Napolitano	
Gonzalez	Neal	

NOT VOTING—24

Boucher	Gordon	Oxley
Clay	Hall (OH)	Pelosi
Clement	Hefley	Pickett
Cook	Markey	Shuster
Danner	Martinez	Stark
Dicks	Matsui	Stearns
Fattah	Miller, George	Vento
Gooding	Murtha	Waxman

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Messrs. DEUTSCH, WEXLER, ROTHMAN, and MCINTYRE changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule

XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Such rollcall votes, if postponed, will be taken tomorrow.

SENSE OF THE HOUSE CONCERNING USE OF ADDITIONAL PROJECTED SURPLUS FUNDS TO SUPPLEMENT MEDICARE FUNDING

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 535) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning use of additional projected surplus funds to supplement Medicare funding, previously reduced under the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 535

Whereas Congress is responsible for oversight and spending under the Medicare program;

Whereas the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 was passed in response to major economic concerns about inflation in costs in the Medicare program;

Whereas the savings resulting from enactment of that Act exceeded the estimates at the time of enactment and has resulted in payment rates for classes of providers below the rates previously anticipated;

Whereas the Congress adjusted some elements of the Medicare program in the Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999;

Whereas a significant number of Medicare+Choice organizations is withdrawing, or considering withdrawing, from the Medicare+Choice program because of inadequate reimbursement rates;

Whereas the Medicare prescription drug bill pending in the Congress will delay the date by which Medicare+Choice organizations must decide whether to remain in the Medicare+Choice program from July 1, 2000, to October 1, 2000; and

Whereas, because of improved economic performance, it is anticipated that the Congressional Budget Office in its mid-year re-estimates will project dramatically increased non-Social Security surpluses above those assumed in the adoption of the most recent Congressional Budget Resolution for fiscal year 2001: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that, upon receipt of such mid-year CBO re-estimates, the House of Representatives shall promptly assess the budgetary implications of such reestimates and provide for appropriate adjustments to the Medicare program during this legislative session.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMAS) and the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. TANNER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMAS).

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 535 is an important resolution because just