

Americans might not think that's news, but when you tell them the player was the WNBA's Candace Parker, only the second woman to dunk in WNBA history, you get a different reaction.

Parker's slam dunk is just one more sign that title IX is a slam dunk. At its core, title IX is a one-sentence law that bans sex discrimination in Federally funded education programs. Title IX tore down the quotas in law and medical schools that would often limit the enrollment of women to 15 per year.

Today, more women than men are attending college. And in law schools, women are now the majority. In 1970, only one out of 27 high school girls played varsity sports. Today that figure is two in five, and these girls are reaping the benefits that come from sports: lower rates of substance abuse, unintended pregnancies, breast cancer, and osteoporosis.

Title IX has made it possible for women to pursue any career they want. I am excited to see what today's girls and young women will do with the opportunities title IX will provide for their futures.

CONGRESS NEEDS TO STOP LIMITING OPTIONS

(Mr. SHUSTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, today the average price of gas in the Ninth Congressional District of Pennsylvania is over \$4 a gallon. It has had a dramatic impact on families and small businesses across my district and across Pennsylvania.

The American people know that drilling isn't the only answer, which my colleagues on the other side of the aisle continue to say, but they do know it is a huge part of the solution. They also know that it will have the greatest impact in the shortest period of time. It is a real solution.

The American people also know that we can explore and drill in places like ANWR and off the coast of the United States. We can do it in environmentally safe ways and extract tremendous amounts of energy in those parts of the world.

The American people also know that this Congress has done nothing, has done nothing to solve the problem at the pump, has done nothing to help this economy with solving our oil and energy crisis that we face today. This Congress needs to act. We need to stop talking and limiting our options available to us. The American people are crying out for us to solve their problem and help them and help this economy grow.

BIG OIL: USE IT OR LOSE IT

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, the American people are looking for real energy solutions that will bring down prices at the pump. Unfortunately, all they are getting from Washington Republicans are more of the same old policies that are actually responsible for the high gas prices in the first time.

The Republican solution is to open up more of our pristine land and our ocean to oil drilling. They neglect to say that Big Oil already has leases for 68 million acres that, for whatever reason, Big Oil refuses to explore. Experts estimate that these 68 million acres of leased land could produce about 4.8 million barrels of oil which would nearly double our Nation's total production.

Why should we give Big Oil access to more of our land and water when they refuse to drill on 68 million acres they already have? And if drilling is indeed the answer to high gas prices, as my Republican friends always claim, why aren't they demanding that Big Oil start drilling on these lands?

Mr. Speaker, this week House Republicans will have an opportunity to act on their rhetoric by supporting Democratic legislation that tells Big Oil to either use it or lose it.

PROPERTY OWNERS AT RISK

(Mr. SULLIVAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday was the third anniversary of the Supreme Court's 2005 decision in the *Kelo v. City of New London* case.

In that decision, a divided Supreme Court ruled that the government may take people's homes and bulldoze them to make way for strip malls or other private development in order to increase tax revenue.

The negative effects of this far-reaching decision places all private property owners at risk. No property owner is safe if the government decides that their land would serve a better purpose and be an economic gain if something bigger and more taxable were in its place.

To combat these unjust property takings, I introduced H.R. 6219 to protect the rights of the private property owners. With this bill, all Americans now have the tools they need to fight unjust property takings and defend their homes and small businesses.

The government has overstepped its bounds in taking private property from people. It has also done the wrong thing in not allowing us to drill for oil and gas in America. It is very important that we get it in our own backyard. A lot of people on the Democratic side talk about alternative energy sources, and that is good. And we as Republicans believe in that. But also, we believe we need to get energy right here in our own backyard as well as we need to develop these technologies.

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HONORING THE LAKE HIGHLANDS EXCHANGE CLUB AND LAKE HIGHLANDS MILITARY MOMS

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

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the Lake Highlands Exchange Club and Rhonda Russell, founder of the Lake Highlands Military Moms. Rhonda formed Military Moms so that mothers could meet once a month to exchange stories, updates, and photographs of their children serving our Nation in uniform overseas.

Recently, these two groups joined together to ensure that our servicemen and women received the local recognition they deserved for their heroic efforts. For example, they created posters for display throughout the Lake Highlands Community featuring photographs of 54 men and women serving our Nation in uniform. Additionally, they ensure that every returning servicemember is publicly honored at the Exchange Club meetings.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Fifth District of Texas, I'm honored to be able to recognize the Lake Highlands Exchange Club and Lake Highlands Military Moms for their continued efforts in honoring our heroes in uniform.

WHAT IS CONGRESS DOING TO LOWER GAS PRICES?

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, my constituents, almost every single one, want to know what Congress is doing to lower the gas prices. Here is part of a letter from Matthew, a Boy Scout, from Winston-Salem, North Carolina: The problem I'm talking about how the gas prices are so high. If gas prices keep going up, we won't be able to go on vacation, we won't be able to go to the grocery store, we won't be able to go to church.

This is completely unacceptable for my constituents and also unacceptable for the constituents represented by my friends on the other side of the aisle. Unfortunately, it's because of the out-of-touch Democrat leadership that Congress has done nothing to combat record gas prices. Democrats pledged to deliver low gas prices well before they even took control of Congress promising a "commonsense" plan to lower gas prices. And here we are with national gas prices at \$4 a gallon.

While Democrats only offer more of the same—broken promises in tax increases—House Republicans are committed to pursuing solutions that will help alleviate the pain at the pump and grow the American economy.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn.

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

Mr. SULLIVAN. 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 87, nays 299, not voting 48, as follows:

[Roll No. 441]

YEAS—87

Akin	Fallin	McKeon
Alexander	Feeney	McMorris
Bachus	Flake	Rodgers
Barrett (SC)	Fox	Miller (MI)
Bartlett (MD)	Franks (AZ)	Miller, Gary
Biggert	Gallely	Miller, George
Bilbray	Garrett (NJ)	Musgrave
Bilirakis	Gordon	Myrick
Bishop (UT)	Granger	Neugebauer
Blackburn	Hastings (WA)	Petri
Blunt	Hensarling	Pickering
Boehner	Herger	Pitts
Bonner	Hobson	Rehberg
Brady (PA)	Hoekstra	Reichert
Bralley (IA)	Hunter	Renzi
Broun (GA)	Inglis (SC)	Rogers (AL)
Camp (MI)	Issa	Roskam
Campbell (CA)	Keller	Ryan (WI)
Cantor	King (IA)	Sensenbrenner
Carter	LaHood	Sessions
Coble	Lamborn	Shadegg
Conyers	LaTourette	Shimkus
Crenshaw	Lewis (KY)	Shuster
Cubin	Lucas	Sullivan
Davis, Tom	Lungren, Daniel	Upton
Doolittle	E.	Walden (OR)
Duncan	Manzullo	Westmoreland
Emerson	McCaul (TX)	Whitfield (KY)
English (PA)	McHenry	Wilson (SC)
Everett	McHugh	

NAYS—299

Ackerman	Castle	Ehlers
Aderholt	Castor	Ellison
Allen	Cazayoux	Ellsworth
Altmire	Chabot	Emanuel
Andrews	Chandler	Etheridge
Arcuri	Childers	Farr
Baca	Clarke	Fattah
Bachmann	Clay	Ferguson
Baird	Cleaver	Filner
Baldwin	Clyburn	Forbes
Barrow	Cohen	Fortenberry
Barton (TX)	Cole (OK)	Fossella
Bean	Conaway	Foster
Becerra	Cooper	Frank (MA)
Berkley	Costello	Frelinghuysen
Berman	Courtney	Gerlach
Berry	Cramer	Giffords
Bishop (GA)	Crowley	Gilchrest
Bishop (NY)	Cuellar	Gingrey
Blumenauer	Culberson	Gonzalez
Bono Mack	Cummings	Goode
Boozman	Davis (AL)	Goodlatte
Boren	Davis (CA)	Graves
Boucher	Davis (KY)	Green, Al
Boustany	Davis, David	Green, Gene
Boyd (FL)	Davis, Lincoln	Grijalva
Boyd (KS)	Deal (GA)	Gutierrez
Brady (TX)	DeFazio	Hall (NY)
Brown (SC)	DeGette	Hall (TX)
Brown, Corrine	DeLauro	Hare
Brown-Waite,	Dent	Harman
Ginny	Diaz-Balart, L.	Hayes
Buchanan	Diaz-Balart, M.	Heller
Butterfield	Dicks	Higgins
Buyer	Dingell	Hill
Calvert	Doggett	Hinches
Capito	Donnelly	Hinojosa
Capps	Doyle	Hirono
Capuano	Drake	Hodes
Carnahan	Dreier	Holden
Carney	Edwards (MD)	Holt
Carson	Edwards (TX)	Honda

Hooley	Meek (FL)	Schmidt
Hoyer	Meeks (NY)	Schwartz
Hulshof	Mica	Scott (GA)
Inslee	Michaud	Scott (VA)
Israel	Miller (FL)	Serrano
Jackson (IL)	Miller (NC)	Sestak
Jackson-Lee	Mitchell	Shays
(TX)	Moore (KS)	Sherman
Johnson (GA)	Moore (WI)	Shuler
Johnson, E. B.	Moran (KS)	Simpson
Jones (NC)	Moran (VA)	Sires
Jones (OH)	Murphy (CT)	Skelton
Jordan	Murphy, Patrick	Smith (NE)
Kagen	Murphy, Tim	Smith (NJ)
Kanjorski	Murtha	Smith (TX)
Kaptur	Nadler	Smith (WA)
Kennedy	Napolitano	Snyder
Kildee	Neal (MA)	Solis
Kilpatrick	Oberstar	Space
Kind	Obey	Speier
King (NY)	Olver	Spratt
Kingston	Ortiz	Stark
Kirk	Pallone	Stearns
Klein (FL)	Pastor	Stupak
Kline (MN)	Paul	Tanner
Knollenberg	Pearce	Tauscher
Kucinich	Perlmutter	Taylor
Kuhl (NY)	Peterson (MN)	Terry
Lampson	Platts	Thompson (CA)
Langevin	Poe	Thornberry
Larson (CT)	Pomeroy	Tiahrt
Latham	Porter	Tiberi
Latta	Price (GA)	Tierney
Lee	Price (NC)	Towns
Levin	Putnam	Tsongas
Lewis (CA)	Rahall	Udall (NM)
Lewis (GA)	Ramstad	Van Hollen
Linder	Rangel	Velázquez
Lipinski	Regula	Visclosky
LoBiondo	Richardson	Walberg
Loeb sack	Rodriguez	Walsh (NY)
Lofgren, Zoe	Rogers (KY)	Walz (MN)
Lowe	Rogers (MI)	Wamp
Lynch	Rohrabacher	Wasserman
Mack	Ros-Lehtinen	Schultz
Maloney (NY)	Rothman	Waters
Marchant	Roybal-Allard	Watson
Markey	Royce	Watt
Marshall	Ruppersberger	Weldon (FL)
Matheson	Ryan (OH)	Weller
Matsui	Salazar	Wexler
McCarthy (CA)	Sali	Wilson (NM)
McCarthy (NY)	Sánchez, Linda	Wilson (OH)
McCollum (MN)	T.	Wittman (VA)
McCotter	Sanchez, Loretta	Wolf
McDermott	Sarbanes	Woolsey
McGovern	Scalise	Wu
McIntyre	Schakowsky	Yarmuth
McNerney	Schiff	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—48

Abercrombie	Johnson (IL)	Reynolds
Boswell	Johnson, Sam	Ross
Burgess	Larsen (WA)	Rush
Burton (IN)	Mahoney (FL)	Saxton
Cannon	McCrery	Shea-Porter
Cardoza	McNulty	Slaughter
Costa	Melancon	Souder
Delahunt	Mollohan	Sutton
Davis (IL)	Nunes	Tancredo
Delahunt	Pascrell	Thompson (MS)
Engel	Payne	Turner
Eshoo	Pence	Udall (CO)
Gillibrand	Peterson (PA)	Waxman
Gohmert	Pryce (OH)	Weiner
Hastings (FL)	Radanovich	Welch (VT)
Herseth Sandlin	Reyes	Young (AK)
Jefferson		

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Messrs. WITTMAN of Virginia, RAMSTAD, DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee, SESTAK, MICA, PERLMUTTER, SCOTT of Georgia, AL GREEN of Texas, HINOJOSA, ELLISON, GRIJALVA, CLAY, SHERMAN, MCNERNEY, HOLT, COHEN, ISRAEL, OBEY, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY and Mrs. CAPPIS changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Messrs. UPTON, PICKERING and WESTMORELAND and Mrs. McMOR-

RIS RODGERS changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, due to inclement weather and aviation delays some 86 Members, including myself, were unable to be on the House Floor for rollcall votes.

Had I been present I would have voted “yea” on rollcall vote 438—Honoring the life, musical accomplishments, and contributions of Louis Jordan on the 100th anniversary of his birth; “yea” on rollcall vote 439—Supporting the goals and ideals of Black Music Month; “yea” on rollcall vote 440—Congratulating James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, for 100 years of service and leadership to the United States; and “nay” on rollcall vote 441—a Motion to Adjourn.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions 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.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

MEDICARE IMPROVEMENTS FOR PATIENTS AND PROVIDERS ACT OF 2008

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6331) to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to extend expiring provisions under the Medicare Program, to improve beneficiary access to preventive and mental health services, to enhance low-income benefit programs, and to maintain access to care in rural areas, including pharmacy access, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6331

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—MEDICARE

Subtitle A—Beneficiary Improvements

PART I—PREVENTION, MENTAL HEALTH, AND MARKETING

Sec. 101. Improvements to coverage of preventive services.

Sec. 102. Elimination of discriminatory copayment rates for Medicare outpatient psychiatric services.