

from over charitable gifts in the first place.

With that very minor and I hope not too nagging technicality, I also, as an original cosponsor of the legislation, urge Members to support the passage of this measure.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from California [Mr. STARK].

□ 1515

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his kindness.

I want to support H.R. 2525, granting antitrust relief to charitable gift annuities, because we are going to need some more charitable gifts.

Now, to my modern-day pharisees on the other side of the aisle, I would point out it is, indeed, a Christian thing to do to encourage giving. The Bible uses the word "give" 862 times, and the phrase "stop giving" does not appear at all. But the Republicans are stopping giving.

H.R. 2525 may help that. But I wonder, and I am not a lawyer so I would have to rely on the Committee on the Judiciary, low-income energy assistance is being cut. Should we, therefore, give an exemption to the oil companies?

Food stamps are being capped and cut 20 percent.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, point of order. Should the gentleman's remarks be confined to the bill and not to extraneous matter that may be lurking within his fertile imagination?

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARR). The gentleman is correct. The Chair would admonish the gentleman from California to limit his remarks to the subject matter of H.R. 2525 currently pending before this body.

Mr. STARK. I thank the Speaker, and I shall continue to talk about granting of antitrust relief to encourage gift annuities, which I believe is the bill, the nexus of the relationship.

For instance, Medicare, which is being cut where it pays for debt for low-income seniors, the hospitals very much want an antitrust exemption, which is really the nexus of this bill.

Would it not be wise to correct the Republican mistake of cutting Medicare and to give hospitals an antitrust exemption?

Or, in the same vein, H.R. 2525 allows antitrust relief. Would it not be good to give antitrust relief to the landlords of Macy's and Wal-Mart because of the \$33 billion in earned income tax credits being cut out of low-income people while rich people will not need it? I suggest that is within the nexus of H.R. 2525 and antitrust relief.

Finally, college aid is being cut \$5 billion. Last weekend Muskingum College in Ohio was dropping tuition from \$13,000 a year to \$9,000 a year. I remember when MIT and the Ivy leagues were clamped for antitrust for getting together on student aid.

Why not give the college antitrust relief? Then we will not need the col-

lege loan program that the Republican are gutting.

So I say support H.R. 2525. Start a movement. Replace the \$254 billion in charitable cuts the Republicans are making with a Thousand Points of Light.

I urge support of the bill.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to add my support to the effort being made to assist our Nation's charities, universities, hospitals, and other organizations that hold as their sole objective assisting the needy. The Philanthropy Protection Act and the Charitable Gift Annuity Antitrust Relief Act are necessary steps toward restoring the interpretation of the purpose of charitable gifts. Without these two pieces of legislation, the foundation for donating charitable gifts and trusts will be eliminated.

Because of a lawsuit filed in my district, organizations ranging from the Girl Scouts of America and the Southern Baptist Foundation to the Red Cross and Texas Tech University will be in true danger of losing their primary source of revenue. In an era when we are asking Americans to take greater responsibility for themselves, their families, and their neighbors, we must protect charitable organizations' ability to continue their work.

The two acts offered on the House floor today will establish charitable gift annuities as an exemption from Federal antitrust and securities laws that require interest return at market rates. This will enable charitable organizations to continue to accept planned giving donations from individuals, pay out reasonable annual returns to the donor and provide the excess interest to benevolent activities.

People who give charitable gifts do not do it to get rich—they do it mainly to help others. Using charitable gift annuities and charitable trusts makes it possible for donors to make a contribution, while still retaining some income from their gift. This flexible arrangement allows the funds to be used to care for and educate the less fortunate while at the same time providing investment income for the donor.

In light of the immense benefit of these kind of gifts, it is only unfortunate that these bills were precipitated by some heirs seeking to retain the donations for their own use. Although this originated in the 13th District in Texas, the effects of these two acts will benefit the entire Nation. It is for these reasons that I am proud to join in this bipartisan effort.

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I just want to say how pleasant it is to have the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. CONYERS] on our side.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

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.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12, rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 5:30 p.m.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 20 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 5:30 p.m.

□ 1730

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BARR) at 5 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5 of rule I, the Chair will now put the questions that were postponed earlier today in the order in which each question was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 2519 de novo; and

H.R. 2525 by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

PHILANTHROPY PROTECTION ACT OF 1995

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question de novo on the passage of the bill, H.R. 2519, on which further proceeding were postponed.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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.

Mr. KLECKZA. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 421, nays 0, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 822]

YEAS—421

Abercrombie	Baker (CA)	Bartlett
Ackerman	Baker (LA)	Barton
Allard	Baldacci	Bass
Andrews	Ballenger	Bateman
Archer	Barcia	Becerra
Armeay	Barr	Beilenson
Bachus	Barrett (NE)	Bentsen
Baesler	Barrett (WI)	Bereuter

Berman	Fields (TX)	Lazio	Roemer	Smith (NJ)	Velazquez		[Roll No. 823]
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Bilbray	Flake	Levin	Rohrabacher	Smith (WA)	Visclosky		
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Bishop	Foglietta	Lewis (GA)	Rose	Souder	Vucanovich	Ackerman	Inglis
Bliley	Foley	Lewis (KY)	Roth	Spence	Waldfoltz	Allard	Dickey
Blute	Forbes	Lightfoot	Roukema	Spratt	Walker	Andrews	Istook
Boehlert	Ford	Lincoln	Roybal-Allard	Stark	Walsh	Archer	Dicks
Boehner	Fox	Linder	Rush	Stearns	Wamp	Armey	Jackson-Lee
Bonilla	Frank (MA)	Lipinski	Sabo	Stenholm	Ward	Bachus	Dingell
Bonior	Franks (CT)	Livingston	Salmon	Stockman	Waters	Baesler	Jacobs
Bono	Franks (NJ)	LoBiondo	Sanders	Stokes	Watt (NC)	Baker (CA)	Dixson
Borski	Frelinghuysen	Losgren	Sanford	Studds	Watts (OK)	Baker (LA)	Jefferson
Boucher	Frisa	Longley	Sawyer	Stump	Waxman	Baldacci	Doggett
Brewster	Frost	Lowey	Saxton	Stupak	Weldon (FL)	Ballenger	Johnson (CT)
Browder	Funderburk	Lucas	Scarborough	Talent	Weldon (PA)	Barcia	Istook
Brown (CA)	Furse	Luther	Schaefer	Tanner	Weller	Barr	Doolittle
Brown (FL)	Galleghy	Manton	Schiff	Tate	White	Barrett (NE)	Johnson, E. B.
Brown (OH)	Ganske	Manzullo	Schroeder	Tauzin	Whitfield	Barrett (WI)	Johnson, Sam
Brownback	Gejdenson	Markey	Schumer	Taylor (MS)	Wicker	Bartlett	Johnston
Bryant (TN)	Gekas	Martinez	Scott	Taylor (NC)	Williams	Barton	Kanjorski
Bryant (TX)	Gephhardt	Martini	Seastrand	Tejeda	Wilson	Bass	Kaptur
Bunn	Geren	Mascara	Sensenbrenner	Thomas	Wise	Bateman	Dunn
Bunning	Gibbons	Matsui	Serrano	Thompson	Wolf	Becerra	Durbin
Burr	Gilchrest	McCarthy	Shadegg	Thornberry	Woolsey	Beilenson	Doyle
Burton	Gillmor	McCollum	Shaw	Thornton	Wyden	Bentsen	Edwards
Buyer	Gilman	McCrary	Shays	Thurman	Wynn	Bereuter	Ehlers
Callahan	Gonzalez	McDade	Shuster	Tiaht	Yates	Berman	Kennedy (MA)
Calvert	Goodlatte	McDermott	Sisisky	Torkildsen	Young (AK)	Bevill	Ehrlich
Camp	Goodling	McHale	Skaggs	Torres	Young (FL)	Bilbray	Kennedy (RI)
Canady	Gordon	McHugh	Skeen	Torricelli	Zeliff	Fattah	Kildee
Cardin	Goss	McInnis	Skelton	Towns	Zimmer	Bilirakis	King
Castle	Graham	McIntosh	Slaughter	Traficant		Bawell	Kingston
Chabot	Green	McKeon	Smith (MI)	Upton		Bishop	Kleczka
Chambliss	Greenwood	McKinney				Bliley	Klink
Chapman	Gunderson	McNulty				Fields (LA)	Knollenberg
Chenoweth	Gutierrez	Meehan	Coleman	Hefner	Radanovich	Fields (TX)	Kolbe
Christensen	Gutknecht	Meek	Cunningham	Kennedy (RI)	Royce	Largent	Fawell
Chrysler	Hall (OH)	Menendez	de la Garza	Maloney	Tucker	Filner	LaFalce
Clay	Hall (TX)	Metcalf	Fowler	Pelosi		Brewster	LaHood
Clayton	Hamilton	Meyers				Browder	Lantos
Clement	Hancock	Mfume				Frank (MA)	Lewis (CA)
Clinger	Hansen	Mica				Brown (CA)	Lewis (GA)
Clyburn	Harman	Miller (CA)				Franks (CT)	Lightfoot
Coble	Hastert	Miller (FL)				Brown (FL)	Lincoln
Coburn	Hastings (FL)	Minge				Brown (OH)	Frelinghuysen
Collins (GA)	Hastings (WA)	Mink				Brownback	Frisa
Collins (IL)	Hayes	Moakley				Bryant (TN)	Ganske
Collins (MI)	Hayworth	Molinari				Bryant (TX)	Gilchrest
Combest	Hefley	Mollohan				Bunn	Goodlatte
Condit	Heineman	Montgomery				Bunting	Goodling
Conyers	Herger	Moorhead				Burton	McCrary
Cooley	Hilleary	Moran				Buyer	McDade
Costello	Hilliard	Morella				Callahan	McDermott
Cox	Hinchey	Murtha				Calvert	McCarthy
Coyne	Hobson	Myers				Camp	McCollum
Cramer	Hoekstra	Myrick				Conaway	McCrery
Crane	Hoke	Nadler				Costello	McDade
Crapo	Holden	Neal				Cox	McKinney
Cremeans	Horn	Nethercutt				Coleman	McNulty
Cubin	Hostettler	Neumann				Collins (GA)	Meehan
Danner	Houghton	Ney				Collins (IL)	Meek
Davis	Hoyer	Norwood				Collins (MI)	Menendez
Deal	Hunter	Nussle				Combest	Metcalf
DeFazio	Hutchinson	Oberstar				Condit	Meyers
DeLauro	Hyde	Obey				Congers	Mfume
DeLay	Inglis	Olver				Cooley	Mica
Dellums	Istook	Ortiz				Costello	Miller (CA)
Deutsch	Jackson-Lee	Orton				Cox	Miller (FL)
Diaz-Balart	Jacobs	Owens				Coyne	Hayworth
Dickey	Jefferson	Oxley				Cramer	Minge
Dicks	Johnson (CT)	Packard				Coleman	Heinemann
Dingell	Johnson (SD)	Pallone				Collins (GA)	Mink
Dixon	Johnson, E. B.	Parker				Collins (IL)	Harman
Doggett	Johnson, Sam	Pastor				Collins (MI)	Moorhead
Doolittle	Jones	Paxton				Combest	Porter
Dornan	Kanjorski	Payne (NJ)				Condit	Porter
Doyle	Kaptur	Payne (VA)				Congers	Porter
Dreier	Kasich	Peterson (FL)				Cooley	Porter
Duncan	Kelly	Peterson (MN)				Costello	Portman
Dunn	Kennedy (MA)	Petri				Cox	Poshard
Durbin	Kennelly	Pickett				Coyne	Pryce
Edwards	Kildee	Kennelly				Cramer	Quillen
Ehlers	Kim	Klindt				Coleman	Quinn
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