

protect the Social Security surplus. What they forgot to mention is it is only true when the Republican leadership tells CBO to change their numbers. How convenient.

When the Republicans wave around the CBO certification that they are protecting Social Security, they conveniently forget to mention the footnote that says that the estimate includes, "reductions applied to CBO's estimates for congressional score-keeping purposes." In other words, the Republican leadership had to tell CBO to change their estimates to reduce the estimates of spending to make their numbers work. They use these estimates when they are convenient; but when they do not like it, they use other estimates. It is time for responsible budgeting.

#### TIGHTEN BELT TO SAVE SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, let me say this to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SANDLIN), the previous speaker, it is not about inside Washington accounting mumbo jumbo, it is about grandmother's retirement check, and I am going to do everything I can as a Republican to protect it.

Now, I do know this, that in January, the President of the United States said let us preserve only 60 percent of the Social Security surplus. The Republican position has been, let us preserve 100 percent. Let us balance the budget, not through spending Social Security on non-Social Security means, but let us do it by just good old-fashioned belt tightening.

Now, imagine some little roly-poly fat kid at the banquet table on his third piece of apple pie saying I want more. All we are saying is, look, we want you to slim it down, push back 1 cent on the dollar, tighten that belt just a little bit, about a half a notch. Then if you will do that, we do not have to get even close to Social Security money.

That is what the Republican Party is trying to get the Democrats to do. I hope that they will join us.

#### REMEMBER THAT SECOND AMENDMENT IS RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

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

Mr. METCALF. Mr. Speaker, let us go back to the founding of our Nation. Why were the British soldiers marching toward Lexington and Concord in the darkness of April 18, 1775? Because they had heard correctly that the colonists were stockpiling guns and ammunition.

The colonists had been trying to work out their problems with the king. But when the British moved to take away their guns, they went to war.

When the amendments were added to the Constitution, first amendment of course a priority, freedom of speech and freedom of religion. But what is the second amendment, the right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. Let us remember that.

#### STOPPING THE RAID ON SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mr. THUNE. Mr. Speaker, being a leader means making some tough choices. This year we have an historic opportunity to lock away 100 percent of the Social Security surplus and put an end to the practice of raiding the Social Security Trust Fund. It means we have to make a tough choice between Social Security and funding some other goals, like the President's desire to increase foreign aid spending by 30 percent.

The question is not whether we want to spend more on foreign aid or other government programs, the question is whether we want to spend more on these programs if it comes at the expense of Social Security.

Mr. Speaker, Republicans have already made our choice. We have chosen to say no to more government spending and yes to stopping the raid on Social Security. The American people agree with us. They would rather protect Social Security and Medicare and cut spending across the board for all other programs than raid Social Security again.

There is only one question that has not been answered, Mr. Speaker, and that is: Where does the President stand and where do our friend's on the other side stand? Will they block this legislation and insist on more government spending or will they join us in a bipartisan effort to end the raid on Social Security once and for all. For the sake of our future, I hope they will choose the latter.

#### TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

(Mr. GARY MILLER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, is there any reason or wonder that the American people are confused? I wish, prior to us being allowed to come here and talk to the American people, that we had to raise our hand and say, I swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me God.

All we have heard today and past days is the Republicans are spending Social Security monies. But actions speak louder than words. My friends on the other side of the aisle continue to vote no on appropriations bills. The President continues to veto appropriations bills. Why? Because we are not

spending enough money that has to come from Social Security Trust Fund.

Why do we not do what we say we are trying to do? Let us not spend the money which we do not want to spend. We use great words like let us invest. We are not appropriating enough resources. What they are saying is we are not spending enough Social Security money.

We are saying, let us not spend Social Security money. Let us keep our promise to the American people. Let us stop being disingenuous. When one hears people come before one and say something, watch what they do. When they accuse Republicans of spending Social Security money, watch how they vote.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. OSE). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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

Mr. McNULTY. 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 346, nays 65, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 563]

YEAS—346

Abercrombie	Bryant	Delahunt
Ackerman	Burton	DeLauro
Andrews	Buyer	DeLay
Archer	Callahan	DeMint
Armeay	Calvert	Deutsch
Bachus	Camp	Diaz-Balart
Baker	Campbell	Dicks
Baldacci	Canady	Dingell
Baldwin	Cannon	Dixon
Ballenger	Capps	Doggett
Barr	Capuano	Dooley
Barrett (NE)	Cardin	Doolittle
Barrett (WI)	Carson	Dreier
Bartlett	Castle	Duncan
Barton	Chabot	Dunn
Bass	Chambliss	Edwards
Bateman	Clayton	Ehlers
Becerra	Clement	Ehrlich
Bentsen	Clyburn	Engel
Berkley	Coble	Eshoo
Berman	Coburn	Etheridge
Biggert	Collins	Everett
Bilirakis	Combest	Ewing
Bishop	Condit	Farr
Blagojevich	Conyers	Fletcher
Bliley	Cook	Foley
Blumenauer	Cox	Forbes
Blunt	Coyne	Ford
Boehlert	Cramer	Fossella
Boehner	Crowley	Fowler
Bonilla	Cubin	Frank (MA)
Bonior	Cummings	Franks (NJ)
Bono	Cunningham	Frelinghuysen
Boswell	Danner	Frost
Boucher	Davis (IL)	Gallo
Boyd	Davis (VA)	Ganske
Brady (TX)	Deal	Gejdenson
Brown (FL)	DeGette	Gekas

Gephhardt Maloney (CT) Ryan (WI)  
 Gilchrist Maloney (NY) Ryun (KS)  
 Gillmor Manzullo Salmon  
 Gilman Martinez Sanchez  
 Gonzalez Mascara Sanders  
 Goode Matsui Sandlin  
 Goodlatte McCarthy (MO) Sanford Sawyer  
 Goodling McCarthy (NY) Saxton  
 Gordon McCollum Schakowsky  
 Goss McCrery Scott  
 Graham McGovern Sensenbrenner  
 Granger McHugh Serrano  
 Green (TX) McInnis Shadegg  
 Greenwood McIntosh Shaw  
 Gutierrez McIntyre Shays  
 Hall (OH) McKeon Sherman  
 Hall (TX) McKinney Sherwood  
 Hansen Meehan Shimkus  
 Hastings (FL) Menendez Shows  
 Hastings (WA) Metcalf Shuster  
 Hayes Mica Simpson  
 Hayworth Millender-Simpson Sisisky  
 Herger McDonald Skeen  
 Hill (IN) Miller (FL) Skelton  
 Hinckley Miller, Gary Smith (MI)  
 Hinojosa Miller, George Smith (NJ)  
 Hobson Minge Smith (TX)  
 Hoefel Mink Smith (WA)  
 Holden Moakley Snyder  
 Holt Moran (KS) Souder  
 Hooley Moran (VA) Morella Spence  
 Horn Nadler Spratt  
 Hostettler Napolitano Stabenow  
 Houghton Neal Stearns  
 Hoyer Nethercutt Stenholm  
 Hyde Ney Stump  
 Inslee Northup Sununu  
 Isakson Norwood Sweeney  
 Istook Nussle Talent  
 Jackson (IL) Obey Tanner  
 Jefferson Olver Tauscher  
 Jenkins Ortiz Tazuin  
 John Ose Taylor (NC)  
 Johnson (CT) Owens Terry  
 Johnson, Sam Oxley Thomas  
 Jones (NC) Packard Thornberry  
 Jones (OH) Pascrell Thune  
 Kaptur Paul Thurman  
 Kelly Pease Tiahrt  
 Kennedy Pelosi Tierney  
 Kildee Peterson (PA) Toomey  
 Kilpatrick Petri Towns  
 Kind (WI) Pickering Traficant  
 King (NY) Pitts Turner  
 Kingston Pombo Udall (CO)  
 Kleczka Pomeroy Upton  
 Knollenberg Porter Velazquez  
 Kolbe Portman Vento  
 Kuykendall Price (NC) Vitter  
 LaFalce Pryce (OH) Walden  
 LaHood Quinn Walsh  
 Lampson Radanovich Wamp  
 Lantos Rangel Watt (NC)  
 Largent Regula Watts (OK)  
 LaTourette Reyes Waxman  
 Lazio Reynolds Weiner  
 Leach Rivers Weldon (FL)  
 Lee Rodriguez Weldon (PA)  
 Levin Roemer Wexler  
 Lewis (CA) Rogers Weygand  
 Lewis (KY) Rohrabacher Whitfield  
 Linder Ros-Lehtinen Wilson  
 Lofgren Rothman Wolf  
 Lowey Roukema Woolsey  
 Lucas (KY) Roybal-Allard Wynn  
 Lucas (OK) Royce Young (FL)  
 Luther Rush

## NAYS—65

Aderholt Gibbons McNulty  
 Allen Green (WI) Meeks (NY)  
 Baird Gutknecht Moore Oberstar  
 Barcia Hefley Hill (MT)  
 Berry Hilleary Pallone Pastor  
 Bilbray Hilliard Peterson (MN)  
 Borski Hutchinson Phelps  
 Brady (PA) Jackson-Lee Pickett  
 Brown (OH) Johnson, E. B. Ramstad  
 Chenoweth-Hage Klink Riley  
 Clay Kucinich Rogan  
 Costello Latham Sabo  
 Crane Latham Schaffer  
 DeFazio Lewis (GA) Slaughter  
 Dickey Lipinski Stark  
 English Evans Strickland  
 Evans LoBiondo Stupak  
 Fattah Markey Tancredo  
 Filner McDermott

Taylor (MS) Udall (NM) Weller  
 Thompson (CA) Visclovsky Wicker  
 Thompson (MS) Waters Wu  
 NOT VOTING—22  
 Bereuter Kanjorski Rahall  
 Burr Kasich Scarborough  
 Cooksey Larson Sessions  
 Davis (FL) Meek (FL) Watkins  
 Doyle Mollohan Wise  
 Emerson Murtha Young (AK)  
 Hulshof Myrick  
 Hunter Payne

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Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri and Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska). 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.

Any record votes on postponed questions will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules.

## SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT SCHOOLS SHOULD USE PHONICS

Mr. MCINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 214) expressing the sense of Congress that direct systematic phonics instruction should be used in all schools, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

## H. CON RES. 214

Whereas the ability to read the English language with fluency and comprehension is essential if individuals are to reach their full potential;

Whereas it is an indisputable fact that written English is based on the alphabetic principle, and is, in fact a phonetic language;

Whereas the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) has conducted extensive scientific research on reading for more than 34 years, at a cost of more than \$200,000,000;

Whereas the NICHD findings on reading instruction conclude that phonemic awareness, direct systematic phonics instruction in sound-spelling correspondences, including blending of sound-spellings into words, reading comprehension, and regular exposure to interesting books are essential components of any reading program based on scientific research;

Whereas a consensus has developed around scientific research findings in reading instruction, as presented in the 1998 report of the National Research Council, Preventing Reading Difficulties in Young Children;

Whereas the Learning First Alliance composed of national organizations such as the American Colleges for Teacher Education, American Association of School Administrators, the American Federation of Teachers, Council of Chief State School Officers, Na-

tional Association of Elementary School Principals, National School Boards Association, National Parent Teachers Association, and National Education Association have agreed that well sequenced systematic phonics instruction is beneficial for all children;

Whereas more than 50 years of cognitive science, neuroscience, and applied linguistics have confirmed that learning to read is a skill that must be taught in a direct, systematic way;

Whereas phonics instruction is the teaching of a body of knowledge consisting of 26 letters of the alphabet, 44 English speech sounds they represent, and 70 most common spellings for those speech sounds;

Whereas reading scores continue to decline or remain stagnant, even though Congress has spent more than \$120,000,000,000 over the past 30 years for title I programs (of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.)) with the primary purpose of improving reading skills;

Whereas the 1998 National Assessment for Educational Progress (NAEP) found that 69 percent of 4th grade students are reading below the proficient level;

Whereas the 1998 NAEP found that minority students on average continue to lag far behind their non-minority counterparts in reading proficiency, many of whom are in title I programs (of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.));

Whereas the 1998 NAEP also found that, 90 percent of African American, 86 percent of Hispanic, 63 percent of Asian, and 61 percent of white 4th grade students were reading below proficient levels, many of whom were in title I programs (of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.));

Whereas more than half of the students being placed in the special learning disabilities category of Special Education have not learned to read;

Whereas the cost of Special Education, at the Federal, State, and local levels exceeds \$60,000,000,000 each year;

Whereas reading instruction in far too many schools is still based on the whole language philosophy, to the exclusion of all others and often to the detriment of the students;

Whereas the ability to read is the cornerstone of academic success, and most colleges of education do not offer prospective reading teachers instruction in the structure of spoken and written English, and the scientifically valid principles of effective reading instruction: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),* That it is the sense of Congress that—

(1) phonemic awareness and direct systematic phonics instruction should be used in all schools as a first and essential step in teaching a student to read;

(2) pre-service professional development of reading teachers should include direct systematic phonics instruction; and

(3) all Federal programs with a strong reading component should use instructional practices that are based on scientific research in reading.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. MCINTOSH) and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. MCINTOSH).

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

Mr. Speaker, House Concurrent Resolution 214 expresses the importance of