best course of action to insure the continued fiscal health of this nation, is to pay down publicly-held debt, while simultaneously safeguarding Social Security and Medicare. Under H.R. 5173, the non-Social Security, non-Medicare surplus, estimated at \$42 billion, would be reserved for debt reduction and would be kept in a newly-established special account, maintained by the U.S. Department of Treasury, for use to purchase publicly-held debt at or before maturity. H.R. 5173 also amends the Republican flawed budget, H. Con. Res. 290, by creating "points of order" in the House and Senate, against any legislation that would use the projected \$165 billion Social Security Trust Fund and \$32 billion Medicare Hospital Insurance Trust Fund surpluses for anything other than paying down the debt. This measure, which leaves \$29 billion available for spending increases or tax cuts, represents an enormous departure from the Republican Leadership's trillion dollars tax cut.

Paving down the debt is sound fiscal policy. First, by retiring Treasury bonds and reducing their availability, interest rates decline, including lower cost mortgages and car loans. Second, reducing the debt frees up capital for investment in more productive assets which will spur economic growth. Third, paying down the debt frees up federal resources which are otherwise consumed by interest costs. Fourth, lower interest rates, increased savings and economic growth, and freeing up resources all work together to increase our ability to extend the solvency of Social Security and Medicare. And fifth, the projected long-term budget surplus is based on assumptions which could change.

I have consistently argued that consuming the projected surpluses rather than pay down debt, leaves no room for error if the assumptions on budgetary surpluses turn out to be wrong and could lead us back on the path of increased debt, squeezing out Social Security, Medicare, defense, and other priorities. For these reasons, Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5173, a concession by the Republican Leadership that their massive tax cutting scheme, was fiscally imprudent.

Mr. HERGER. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MORELLA). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. HERGER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5173, as amended.

The question was taken.

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 6 p.m.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 6 p.m.

□ 1802

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HULSHOF) at 6 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 5173, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 5010, by the yeas and nays; and H.R. 2984, de novo.

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

RELIEF LOCK-BOX DEBT REC-ONCILIATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 5173, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. HERGER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5173, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 381, nays 3, not voting 50, as follows:

[Roll No. 477] YEAS-381

1 EA3-301		
Abercrombie	Bono	Cramer
Ackerman	Borski	Crowley
Aderholt	Boswell	Cummings
Allen	Boyd	Cunningham
Andrews	Brady (PA)	Danner
Archer	Brady (TX)	Davis (FL)
Armey	Brown (FL)	Davis (IL)
Baca	Brown (OH)	Davis (VA)
Bachus	Bryant	Deal
Baird	Burr	DeFazio
Baker	Burton	DeGette
Baldacci	Buyer	Delahunt
Baldwin	Callahan	DeLauro
Ballenger	Calvert	DeLay
Barcia	Camp	DeMint
Barr	Canady	Deutsch
Barrett (NE)	Cannon	Diaz-Balart
Barrett (WI)	Capps	Dickey
Bartlett	Capuano	Dicks
Barton	Cardin	Dingell
Bass	Carson	Dixon
Becerra	Castle	Doggett
Bentsen	Chabot	Doolittle
Bereuter	Chambliss	Doyle
Berkley	Clay	Dreier
Berman	Clayton	Duncan
Berry	Clement	Edwards
Biggert	Clyburn	Ehlers
Bilbray	Coble	Engel
Bilirakis	Coburn	English
Bishop	Collins	Eshoo
Blagojevich	Combest	Etheridge
Bliley	Condit	Evans
Blumenauer	Conyers	Everett
Boehlert	Cooksey	Ewing
Boehner	Costello	Farr
Bonilla	Cox	Filner
Bonior	Coyne	Fletcher

Forbes Ford Fossella Fowler Frank (MA) Frelinghuysen Gallegly Ganske Gejdenson Gekas Gephardt Gibbons Gillmor Gilman Gonzalez Goode Goodlatte Goodling Goss Graham Granger Green (TX) Green (WI) Greenwood Gutierrez Gutknecht Hall (OH) Hall (TX) Hansen Hastert Hastings (FL) Hayes Hayworth Hefley Herger Hill (IN) Hill (MT) Hilliard Hinojosa Hobson Hoeffel Hoekstra Holden Holt Hooley Horn Hostettler Houghton Hoyer Hulshof Hunter Hutchinson Hyde Inslee Isakson Istook Jackson (IL) Jackson-Lee (TX) Jefferson Jenkins John Johnson (CT) Jones (OH) Kanjorski Kaptur Kelly Kennedy Kildee Kilpatrick Kind (WI) King (NY) Kleczka Knollenberg Kolbe Kucinich Kuykendall LaFalce LaHood Lampson Lantos Largent Latham LaTourette Leach Lee

Johnson, E. B. Mollohan

Roybal-Allard Levin Lewis (KY) Royce Linder Rush Lipinski Ryan (WI) Ryun (KS) LoBiondo Lofgren Salmon Lowey Lucas (KY) Sanchez Sanders Lucas (OK) Sandlin Luther Sanford Maloney (CT) Sawyer Maloney (NY) Scarborough Schaffer Manzullo Schakowsky Markey Martinez Scott Sensenbrenner Mascara Matsui Serrano McCarthy (MO) Sessions McCarthy (NY) Shadegg McCrery Shaw McDermott Shavs McGovern Sherman McHugh Sherwood McInnis Shimkus McIntyre Shows McKeon Shuster McKinney Simpson McNulty Sisisky Meehan Meek (FL) Skeen Skelton Meeks (NY) Slaughter Menendez Smith (MI) Metcalf Smith (NJ) Mica Smith (TX) Millender-Smith (WA) McDonald Snyder Miller (FL) Souder Miller, Gary Spence Miller, George Spratt Minge Stabenow Mink Stearns Moore Stenholm Moran (KS) Strickland Stump Stupak Moran (VA) Morella Murtha Sununu Myrick Tancredo Napolitano Tanner Ney Northup Tauscher Tauzin Taylor (MS) Nussle Obey Terry Olver Thomas Ortiz Thompson (CA) Ose Packard Thompson (MS) Thornberry Pallone Thune Pastor Tiahrt Paul Tiernev Payne Toomey Pease Towns Peterson (MN) Traficant Peterson (PA) Turner Udall (CO) Petri Phelps Udall (NM) Pickering Upton Pickett Velazquez Pitts Visclosky Pombo Vitter Pomerov Walden Porter Waters Portman Watkins Price (NC) Watt (NC) Quinn Watts (OK) Radanovich Weiner Weldon (FL) Rahall Ramstad Weldon (PA) Rangel Weller Regula Wexler Reyes Weygand Reynolds Whitfield Riley Wicker Rivers Wilson Rodriguez Wolf Woolsey Roemer Rogers Rohrabacher Wvnn Ros-Lehtinen Young (AK)

NAYS-3

Young (FL)

Rothman

Roukema

Nadler Sabo NOT VOTING-50

Blunt Cook Dunn Boucher Crane Ehrlich Campbell Cubin Emerson Dooley Chenoweth-Hage Fattah

Rovce

Vento

Walsh

Wamp

Wise

Waxman

Franks (NJ) Lewis (GA) McCollum Frost Gordon McIntosh Hastings (WA) Moakley Hilleary Neal Hinchey Nethercutt Johnson, Sam Norwood Jones (NC) Oberstar Kasich Owens Oxley Kingston Pascrell Lazio Pelosi Pryce (OH) Lewis (CA)

Rogan Saxton Stark Sweeney Talent Taylor (NC) Thurman Vento Walsh Wamp Waxman Wise

DeLauro

DeLay

DeMint

Deutsch

Diaz-Balart

□ 1828

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

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. HULSHOF). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on each additional motion to suspend the rules on which the Chair has postponed further proceedings.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND UNITED STATES TERRITORIES CIRCULATING QUARTER DOLLAR PROGRAM ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 5010, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BACHUS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5010, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 377, nays 6, not voting 50, as follows:

[Roll No 478]

YEAS-377

Bilirakis Abercrombie Castle Bishop Ackerman Chabot Aderholt Chambliss Blagojevich Allen Bliley Clay Clayton Andrews Blumenauer Boehlert Archer Clement Armey Bonilla Clyburn Baca Bonior Coble Bachus Bono Coburn Baird Borski Collins Baker Boswell Combest Baldacci Boyd Condit Baldwin Brady (PA) Conyers Brady (TX) Ballenger Cooksey Brown (FL) Barcia Costello Brown (OH) Barrett (NE) Covne Bryant Burr Barrett (WI) Cramer Crowley Bartlett Burton Cummings Barton Buver Callahan Cunningham Bass Becerra Calvert Danner Davis (FL) Bentsen Camp Bereuter Canady Davis (IL) Berkley Cannon Davis (VA) Berman Capps Deal Capuano DeFazio Berry Biggert Bilbray DeGette Delahunt Cardin Carson

Dickey Dicks Dingell Dixon Doggett Doolittle Dovle Dreier Duncan Edwards Ehlers Engel English Eshoo Etheridge Evans Everett Ewing Farr Filner Foley Forbes Ford Fossella Fowler Frank (MA) Frelinghuysen Gallegly Ganske Gejdenson Gekas Gephardt Gibbons Gilchrest Gillmor Gilman Gonzalez Goode Goodlatte Goodling Graham Granger Green (TX) Green (WI) Greenwood Gutierrez Gutknecht Hall (OH) Hall (TX) Hansen Hastings (FL) Hayes Hayworth Hefley Herger Hill (IN) Hill (MT) Hilliard Hinchey Hinojosa Hobson Hoeffel Hoekstra Holden Hooley Horn Hostettler Houghton Hover Hulshof Hunter Hutchinson Hvde Inslee Isakson Istook Jackson (IL) Jackson-Lee (TX) Jefferson Jenkins John Johnson (CT) Johnson, E. B. Jones (OH) Kanjorski Kaptur Kelly Kennedy Kildee Kilpatrick Kind (WI)

King (NY) Kleczka Knollenberg Roemer Kolbe Rogers Kucinich Kuykendall LaFalce LaHood Lampson Rush Lantos Largent Larson Latham Sabo Salmon LaTourette Sanchez Leach Sanders Lee Sandlin Levin Sanford Lewis (KY) Sawyer Linder Lipinski LoBiondo Scott Lofgren Lowey Lucas (KY) Serrano Lucas (OK) Luther Shaw Maloney (CT) Shays Maloney (NY) Manzullo Markey Martinez Shows Mascara Shuster Matsui McCarthy (MO) Sisisky McCarthy (NY) Skeen McCrery McDermott Skelton McGovern McHugh McInnis McIntyre McKeon Snyder McKinney Souder McNulty Spence Meehan Spratt Meek (FL) Meeks (NY) Stearns Menendez Metcalf Stump Mica Stupak Millender-McDonald Sununu Miller (FL) Miller, George Minge Tauzin Mink Mollohan Moore Moran (KS) Thomas Moran (VA) Morella Murtha Myrick Thune Tiahrt Tierney Napolitano Toomey Towns Nev Northup Nussle Turner Obev Olver Ortiz Upton Ose Packard Pallone Vitter Pastor Walden Payne Waters Pease Peterson (MN) Peterson (PA) Weiner Phelps Pickering Pickett Weller Pitts Wexler Pombo Pomerov Porter Wicker Portman Wilson Price (NC) Wolf Quinn Radanovich Wu Rahall Wynn Ramstad

Rangel

Regula

Reyes Reynolds Riley

Rivers Rodriguez Rohrabacher Ros-Lehtinen Rothman Roukema Roybal-Allard Ryan (WI) Ryun (KS) Scarborough Schakowsky Sensenbrenner Sessions Shadegg Sherman Sherwood Shimkus Simpson Slaughter Smith (MI) Smith (NJ) Smith (TX) Smith (WA) Stabenow Stenholm Strickland

Tancredo Tanner Tauscher Taylor (MS) Terry Thompson (CA) Thompson (MS) Thornberry Traficant Udall (CO) Udall (NM) Velazquez Visclosky Watkins Watt (NC) Watts (OK) Weldon (FL) Weldon (PA) Weygand Whitfield Woolsey Young (AK) Young (FL)

Schaffer Goss Paul NOT VOTING-50 Blunt Hilleary Oxley Johnson, Sam Pascrell Boucher Campbell Jones (NC) Pelosi Pryce (OH) Chenoweth-Hage Kasich Cook Kingston Rogan Crane Saxton Cubin Lazio Stark Dooley Lewis (CA) Sweenev Dunn Ehrlich Lewis (GA) Talent Taylor (NC) Thurman McCollum McIntosh Emerson

Moakley

Nethercutt

Norwood

Oberstan

Owens

Neal

NAYS-6

Miller, Gary

Boehner

Fattah

Frost

Gordon

Fletcher

Franks (NJ)

Hastings (WA)

□ 1839

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MISSOURI RIVER BASIN PROJECT CONVEYANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HULSHOF). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 2984, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. GILCHREST) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2984, as amended.

The question was taken; and (twothirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER MOTION **INSTRUCT** TO CON-ON H.R. 4577, DEPART-**FEREES** MENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND SERVICES, HUMAN AND EDU-AND RELATED AGEN-CATION. CIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

Mr. COBURN. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 7(c) of rule XXII, I hereby announce my intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4577 tomorrow. The form of the motion is as follows:

I move that the managers on the part of the House on disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill, H.R. 4577, be instructed to recede to Section 517 of the Senate amendment to the House bill, prohibiting the use of funds to distribute postcoital emergency contraception (the morning-after pill) to minors on the premises or in the facility of any elementary or secondary school.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The notice will appear in the RECORD.