

Serrano	Solis	Velazquez
Sessions	Souder	Vitter
Shadegg	Spratt	Walden
Shaw	Stearns	Walsh
Shays	Stenholm	Wamp
Sherman	Sullivan	Watkins (OK)
Sherwood	Tauzin	Watson (CA)
Shimkus	Taylor (NC)	Watts (OK)
Shows	Terry	Waxman
Shuster	Thornberry	Weldon (FL)
Simmons	Thune	Weldon (PA)
Simpson	Thurman	Wexler
Skeen	Tiahrt	Wicker
Skelton	Tiberi	Wilson (NM)
Slaughter	Tierney	Wilson (SC)
Smith (NJ)	Toomey	Wolf
Smith (TX)	Towns	Woolsey
Smith (WA)	Turner	Young (FL)
Snyder	Upton	

NAYS—45

Aderholt	Kennedy (MN)	Sanchez
Baird	Kucinich	Schaffer
Baldwin	LoBiondo	Schakowsky
Berry	Markey	Strickland
Brady (PA)	McDermott	Sweeney
Capuano	McNulty	Tanner
Carson (OK)	Miller, George	Taylor (MS)
Costello	Moore	Thompson (CA)
DeFazio	Neal	Thompson (MS)
English	Oberstar	Udall (NM)
Filner	Oliver	Visclosky
Fletcher	Pastor	Waters
Gutknecht	Peterson (MN)	Weller
Hart	Ramstad	Whitfield
Johnson, E. B.	Sabo	Wu

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Tancredo

NOT VOTING—70

Ackerman	Everett	Norwood
Baker	Ganske	Ortiz
Berman	Gibbons	Owens
Blagojevich	Gordon	Oxley
Bonior	Gutierrez	Pitts
Borski	Hansen	Reyes
Boucher	Hilleary	Riley
Brown (FL)	Hilliard	Roukema
Brown (OH)	Hinchey	Sanders
Callahan	Houghton	Smith (MI)
Carson (IN)	Keller	Stark
Clay	LaHood	Stump
Clement	Lampson	Stupak
Conyers	Larsen (WA)	Sununu
Cox	Lewis (GA)	Tauscher
Coyne	Lipinski	Thomas
Crane	Manzullo	Trafigant
Cummings	McInnis	Udall (CO)
Davis (FL)	McKinney	Watt (NC)
Davis, Tom	Meek (FL)	Watt (NC)
Delahunt	Meeks (NY)	Weiner
Dingell	Murtha	Wynn
Doolittle	Nadler	Young (AK)
Doyle	Northup	

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So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Will the gentleman from Florida (Mr. JEFF MILLER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. JEFF MILLER of Florida led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 15 1-minutes per side.

COVETED TROPHY GOES TO REPUBLICANS AFTER 41ST ANNUAL ROLL CALL BASEBALL GAME, AND CHARITY IS THE BIG WINNER

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

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to hold the coveted Roll Call trophy for the victory last night at Bowie Baysox Stadium, where I want to thank our good friend, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), the host of the evening, for a wonderful time, the 41st Annual Roll Call Baseball Game between the Republicans and the Democrats for charity.

The big winner last night really was charity. We raised over \$90,000 for the Boys and Girls Clubs and for the Literacy Council. It was a well-played game.

I want to thank my cohort on the other side of the diamond, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. SABO), for once again being a great sportsman, and the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WATT), the pitcher for the Democrats, a consistent player, and all of the Republican team for a great victory.

Our MVP last night was the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SHIMKUS). He was extraordinary. I took him from behind the plate and put him on the mound. Nobody thought we could win after STEVE LARGENT left; but the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SHIMKUS) was magnificent, and did not walk a hitter and only allowed one earned run. Our infield played solid, and our outfield, as well. We had some timely hits from a couple of unlikely sources, and we came away victorious, so of course I thank the Members so much for this.

Let me also say how proud we were of the women on our team. Republicans have had women players now for the last 12 years, and I invite our friends on the other side of the aisle perhaps to find some capable women to play that game. We are the embodiment of title IX on the Republican side, and proud of it.

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. OXLEY. I yield to the gentleman from Minnesota.

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, let me simply congratulate the manager and the Republicans on a well-played game. They played incredibly well. Their defense was good, and they hit the ball hard. We will be back next year, but congratulations for this year.

Mr. OXLEY. I thank my friend, the gentleman from Minnesota.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S APPALLING PLAN TO DISMEMBER AMTRAK

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, it was appalling yesterday to have the administration finally come forward with its plan for Amtrak. It is appalling that when the administration finally comes forward with its plan for Amtrak, it is basically to dismember the system, arguing somehow that Amtrak should be self-supporting.

When this Congress and administration gave \$5 billion to the airline industry, on top of the \$11 billion for air traffic control, for an industry that has never shown a profit over its 75 years is a little bit disingenuous, to say the least.

Amtrak plays a critical role in our transportation system. To dismember it now, to privatize a few profitable lines and then walk away from our commitment when we have never, never provided the money that was authorized originally, would be a sad day.

Luckily, there is broad bipartisan support in this Congress. Over 162 Members support the approach of the gentleman from New York (Chairman QUINN) and the ranking member, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. CLEMENTS), to fund it for this year. A majority of the Senate agrees. Hopefully, we will be able to step up where the administration is failing in nerve.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 4971, SUPPORT OF AMERICAN EAGLE SILVER BULLION PRODUCTION ACT

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

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, joined by my colleagues, the gentleman from Idaho, (Mr. SIMPSON) and the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS), I introduced H.R. 4971, the Support of the American Silver Bullion Production Act. This bill will allow the U.S. Mint to continue its production of the American eagle silver dollar, the most popular silver coin in the world.

The Sunshine Mint Company in my district produces the blanks for these coins, and employs 60 of my constituents. Idaho is the greatest silver producer in history, mining more than 1.1 billion ounces since 1884.

Passage of this bill into law will allow us, number one, to meet the worldwide demand for bullion; number two, to continue to build on the \$264 million that this program has contributed to the deficit reduction; and, finally, to preserve the connection between Idaho's Silver Valley and our Nation's coinage.

PEACE CORPS CHARTER OF THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

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

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I would first of all like to welcome to the United States Capitol all the returned Peace Corps volunteers who

have served this country overseas. Now, over 165,000 Americans have served in over 130 countries throughout the world, and they have come here to our Nation's capital to celebrate the anniversary of Peace Corps, which is 40 + 1 years old. We were going to have the 40th anniversary celebration last year, but 9-11 pushed it off to this year, so it is 40 plus one.

I had the honor yesterday of introducing a bill about the Peace Corps, H.R. 4979. It authorizes appropriations for the Peace Corps to double the number of volunteers in five years; it restates the independence of the Peace Corps; it reports to Congress on new initiatives and security for Peace Corps volunteers; it makes a commitment to recruit and place Peace Corps volunteers in countries where they could help promote mutual understanding, particularly in areas with substantial Muslim populations; it develops training programs for Peace Corps volunteers in areas of education and prevention of AIDS; it streamlines and empowers the Peace Corps Advisory Council and creates a fund to promote the work of returned Peace Corps volunteers in fulfilling the goals of the Peace Corps and in facilitating the world-wide support of peace.

I ask Members of Congress who are interested in this to cosponsor this great piece of legislation.

SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO EXPAND THE SILVER MARKET

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for legislation to expand the silver market, which is being introduced by my good friends, the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. SIMPSON) and the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. OTTER).

I am a proud cosponsor of this bill, which calls for the extending of production of the popular American eagle silver bullion coins. These coins were first minted in 1986 from a stockpile of silver held over since the Second World War. They became an instantly popular coin, and now the stockpile has almost run out. This bill will allow the U.S. Mint to buy silver on the open market, to continue the production of these patriotic coins. It also encourages the purchase of domestically mined silver, providing a great new market for silver mines, especially those in Nevada, the Silver State.

I thank my colleagues, the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. OTTER) and the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. SIMPSON), for their leadership on this bill, and encourage all of my colleagues to support this patriotic coin program.

LET US NOT FORGET OUR SENIORS AND THEIR PRESCRIPTION DRUG NEEDS

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as we leave this weekend to go home to our districts, we are still burdened by the inertia of this Congress in dealing with a very serious issue, and that is, of course, the needs of the greatest generation, our grandparents and our parents.

We have, for the last 4 years, promised these hardworking Americans a Medicare prescription drug benefit. I wish we could do this in a bipartisan way, Mr. Speaker. I wish we could put forward a bill that really did respond to the needs of our senior citizens so they would not have to make the choices of paying rent and buying food or eliminating their prescription drugs.

The Democrats have a proposal that is clear: a \$25 premium; the ability to assist those who cannot afford to pay for their prescription drugs; and a prescription drug policy that applies to all of their medical providers, so that two individuals who are a couple, who have worked and contributed to this Nation, will not suffer anymore.

It seems to me a crisis and a shame that we have a Republican bill that does nothing but play to the pharmaceutical industry. Let us work together for the Greatest Generation, to help our parents to live a good quality of life.

HONORING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAMPTON COUNTY WATERMELON FESTIVAL

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow marks the 6th anniversary of the Hampton County Watermelon Festival Parade. This parade will begin at 10 a.m. in Varnville, and I am honored to be participating once again in this annual event.

The theme for this year's festival is "Patriotism, the Spirit of America." Last year, according to the South Carolina State Troopers, approximately 50,000 spectators attended the festival.

Mr. Speaker, this annual watermelon festival parade honors the dedication and sacrifices made by our farmers throughout South Carolina, who work so hard to feed so many Americans. Our farmers support rural economies and continue a tradition that has existed for centuries in America.

I would like to commend the efforts of this year's festival chairman, Hugh Gray and vice-chairman, Susan Hatcher, along with parade chairmen Rodger Roberts and Otis Harrison; Mrs. Mary Ellen Bowers, the Estill congressional

district office director; as well as the efforts of the South Carolina Farm Bureau and Ag First Farm Credit Bank in helping to feed America and make our country strong.

NEXT WEEK'S INADEQUATE REPUBLICAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT PLAN FOR SENIORS

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

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, next week is going to be a very interesting week. Probably the major issue that faces this Congress, that is, what do we do about prescription drugs for senior citizens, will be dealt with.

The Republicans have put a bill out here which is absolutely inadequate. Everybody knows it. The newspapers have reported that. It is clear to anybody who has looked at the data. Yet when the Democrats put something forward, they say that ours costs too much.

Now, some of us, many of us, said back in March when we passed \$1.7 trillion worth of tax cuts that the day is going to come when we are not going to have the money to do this right. So now we have a bill which is going to come out here. It will pass, no one here has any doubt about that, because we know we have to have the press release: House Republicans Deal With Drug Problems for Seniors, or something like that.

But the fact is that the bill will not do what is necessary. It is a real shame that Members would rather cut taxes than take care of their mothers and fathers.

MORE GOODS IN STORES TO BE MADE IN AMERICA

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, on 9-11 I stood here and made a speech about the overvalued dollar and its bad effect on our trade, especially the textile industry. Then came the vicious attack. Since that time, the President and the House leadership have promised to aid our beleaguered industry and have delivered on those promises. But in the long run, the weakening dollar will provide immediate aid in our ability to compete, to compete in the world market in textiles and steel and other important sectors of our economy. Our retail prices will increase; but now, more goods in the stores will be made in America.