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Neal (MA)
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Sanchez, Linda
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Sanchez, Loretta
Sanders
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Schakowsky
Schiff
Schrock
Scott (GA)
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Young (AK)
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Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 209 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

SELECTED RESERVE HOME LOAN EQUITY ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 1257.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1257, 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 428, nays 0, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 210]
YEAS—428

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Aderholt
Akin
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Allen
Andrews
Baca
Bachus
Baird
Baker
Baldwin
Ballance
Ballenger
Barrett (SC)
Bartlett (MD)
Barton (TX)
Bass
Beauprez
Becerra
Bell
Bereuter
Berkley
Berman
Berry
Biggart
Bilirakis
Bishop (GA)
Bishop (NY)
Bishop (UT)
Blackburn
Blumenauer
Blunt
Boehert
Boehner
Bonner
Bono
Boozman
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Bradley (NH)
Brady (PA)
Brady (TX)
Brown (OH)
Brown (SC)
Brown, Corrine
Brown-Waite,
Ginny
Burgess
Burns
Burr
Burton (IN)
Buyer
Calvert
Camp
Cannon
Cantor
Capito
Capps
Capuano
Cardin
Cardoza
Carson (IN)
Carson (OK)
Carter
Case

Jones (NC)
Jones (OH)
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McKeon
McNulty
Meehan
Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)
Menendez
Mica
Michaud
Millender-
McDonald
Miller (MI)
Miller (NC)
Miller, Gary
Miller, George
Mollohan
Moore
Moran (KS)
Moran (VA)
Murphy
Murtha
Musgrave
Myrick
Nadler
Napolitano

NOT VOTING—6
Bonilla
Combest
Gephardt

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members have 2 minutes in which to cast their votes.

□ 1342

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NOT VOTING—8
Bonilla
Combest
Gephardt

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1335

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

WAIVING A REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 249 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 249

Resolved, That the requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House is waived with respect to any resolution reported on the legislative day of May 22, 2003, providing for consideration or disposition of the bill (H.R. 2) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2004, any amendment thereto, any conference report thereon, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Florida (Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to my colleague and friend, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FROST), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for purposes of debate only.

(Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks, and include extraneous material.)

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 249 waives clause (6)(a) of rule XIII requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Committee on Rules.

The rule applies the waiver to a special rule reported on the legislative day of May 22, 2003, providing for consideration or disposition of the bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution, any conference report thereon, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon.

This rule is the starting block to allow the House to consider legislation that will infuse our economy with job-creating tax relief, investment incentives, and overall economic growth. The House initially passed the Jobs and Growth Reconciliation Tax Act earlier this month, and with today's action we can demonstrate our continued commitment to spurring economic expansion and providing stability to American workers, businesses and families.

Our economy needs a healthy dose of meaningful relief. This Congress has once before exhibited the leadership and sense of purpose needed to create jobs and protect workers. If we delay, we put American jobs and the strength of our economy at risk.

As we prepare to consider legislation extending unemployment compensation, I can think of no better com-

plimentary action for Congress to adopt than legislation to boost employment levels, lower the tax burden, and grow the economy. It is imperative that we move forward at once. Thus, I strongly urge my colleagues to support this rule so we can proceed with a debate on this very important legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

□ 1345

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

(Mr. FROST asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, it is often said if you repeat a lie often enough, people begin to believe it. Our record \$350 billion deficit, the Republican Congress tells us that does not matter. The fact that this Republican administration has asked us not once, but twice, to raise the debt limit to record levels, ignore that, and maybe it will go away. The promise that all Members made to protect Social Security and Medicare funds in a lockbox, that does not seem to matter either, Mr. Speaker.

This is not government. This is a complete abdication of fiscal responsibility.

In 1995 the now majority leader, TOM DELAY, said, "By the year 2002, we can have a Federal Government with a balanced budget or we could continue down the present path towards total fiscal catastrophe."

It is now abundantly clear that the Republicans have lost their way and have decided that the path of fiscal catastrophe is not such a bad path after all. That begs the question, Mr. Speaker, what are the priorities of the Republican Party that makes tripping down the path to fiscal catastrophe such a great idea in 2003 when it was so bad an idea in 1995?

Well, we know the Republicans' top priority is to give millionaires a dividend tax cut. Where does that money come from? Well, the Republican budget conference report cuts veterans' Medicare and burial benefits by \$6.2 billion. So if you are a millionaire and you have got a lot of dividend and capital gains income, the Republicans take care of you. If you are a veteran, this Republican Congress wants you to remember this Memorial Day as the one when your benefits were cut. And for what, Mr. Speaker? One of the most gimmick-laden tax cuts this Congress has ever considered. While the dividend and capital gains taxes last until 2008, the marriage penalty relief and child tax credits disappear at the end of 2004.

So while the millionaires enjoy their rate break for the rest of the decade, working families are left with uncertainty.

In 2001 the Republicans told us that their tax cut would create jobs. Instead, the Bush administration has presided over one of the worst job losses in American history; 2.7 million jobs have

been lost. A dividend tax package is not going to help these people get jobs. It is simply welfare for millionaires.

Mr. Speaker, Warren Buffett has made a lot of money. Mr. Buffett would, in fact, be one of the greatest recipients of the Republican tax plan. He wrote an op-ed in The Washington Post this week calling the dividend tax plan "voodoo economics."

Alan Greenspan said, "There is no question that as deficits go up, contrary to what some have said, it does effect long-term interest rates. It does have a negative impact on the economy."

These are two of America's leading economic minds, Mr. Speaker. And they know that financing this tax cut which benefits only the wealthy few with borrowed money is wrong. It is wrong, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, we believe it is important to move this legislation forward to grow our economy, to create jobs, help people who do not have jobs find jobs; and we strongly support it and strongly support this rule.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Washington (Mr. MCDERMOTT).

Mr. MCDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I received my symbol for this Congress just the other day. It is an official stamp from the White House, and they are passing them out. You will all get one in the mail I am pretty sure, and it says: "Official rubber stamp. I approve of everything George Bush does. Member of Congress."

All you have to do is sign your name on there. That is what this Congress is about, rubber stamping the President's proposals. Bring it out here. No debate. Do not let us offer amendments. Do not take any time. Just get out the rubber stamp and put it down there and just roll it on in. You have now joined the rubber stamp Congress.

This party is running a one-party government. They want no input from the Democrats whatsoever. They are a rubber stamp for the President. They are willing to give away all their prerogatives on the war. They said to the President, whenever you think it is time to go to war, go ahead. So they have rubber-stamped whatever he wanted to do. On the tax cut, just give it to him. It will work. On unemployment benefits, well, they stalled and stalled; and he said, look, we are getting bad numbers on those polls. We better do something about employment. So in about an hour we are going to come out here and rubber-stamp again his unemployment bill that the Democrats have been pushing for 4 months. But when the President says it, everybody on the other side jumps up and says, Where is my rubber