

higher taxes. America's economy is coming back, but the Democrats want to raise our taxes. Employment is growing, but the Democrats want to raise our taxes. Manufacturing production is increasing, but the Democrats want to raise our taxes. Productivity is high, but you guessed it, the Democrats want to raise our taxes. Interest rates are low, but Democrats want to raise taxes. Homeownership is at an all-time high, but you've got it, the Democrats want to raise taxes.

To each and every ailment that our economy suffers, the Democrats have one solution, they want to raise our taxes. To each and every new success that the economy achieves, the Democrats have one response, they want to raise our taxes.

Never in our history have tax increases promoted economic growth. Never in our history have tax increases created jobs for the American people. In fact, the Democrats' tax increases would stall the economic recovery and cost Americans jobs.

This really is more than a philosophical difference in economic policy. There really are real-world consequences to the Democrats' policies of wanting to tax us again and again. It is telling to me that not one of the Democrats' proposals that they have put forward reflects their own presidential nominee's budget-busting spending. They know it is a political loser. And, even more, it is even more irresponsible than some of the crazy proposals that we have heard already.

Imagine right now for a moment that the likely presidential nominee of the Democratic Party today is sitting 1 year from now in the Oval Office. Instead of just talking about raising our taxes, my friends, they will actually be doing it. They will be raising our taxes. That is why the debate on this budget matters.

Our budget cuts taxes, makes the right investments in our troops, the right investments in the war on terror, in homeland security and in job creation. While the Democrats want to take us backward with higher taxes and runaway government, the Republican plan provides the services we need at a price we can afford.

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself 15 seconds just to respond that my friend, the last speaker, wants to cut taxes and have veterans' health care pay for it. My friend, the last speaker, wants to cut taxes and have money come out of the Social Security trust fund.

Mr. Chairman, I yield the balance of my time to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. KIND).

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore (Mr. SWEENEY). The gentleman from Wisconsin is recognized for 1½ minutes.

Mr. KIND. I thank my friend for yielding me the time.

Mr. Chairman, just to wrap up this debate, I would love to have a national referendum asking the American people what economy they would more

likely adopt today, the economy of the 1990s or the current economy that this majority party and the administration have given them because, to set the record straight, it was in the first Bush administration in 1990 when, in fact, some tax increases were had on the wealthiest Americans. And then the budget that passed in 1993 by just one vote had a slight increase on the wealthiest 1 percent in this Nation. With all the doom and gloom and procrastination and the prediction of recession and great depression, it led to 28 million new jobs being created in the 1990s, 4 consecutive years of deficit reduction followed by 4 consecutive years of budget surpluses, where the Social Security and Medicare trust fund was not even being touched.

That is what is so disturbing about the vision that they offer in their budget today. It is a status quo budget based on a failed economic policy that is not working for working families in this country, and especially is not going to be working for the future of our Nation, our children and grandchildren with historically large budget deficits that are due to explode in future years.

That is the only reason they are offering a 5-year budget resolution, to mask the true size of these budget deficits that occur in the second 5 years with the permanent extension of their tax cuts; and they have no plan to turn that around.

Our party brings balance to the budget within 8 years. We believe balanced budgets are a good economic dynamic that does help job creation, and at the end of the day, that is the big difference between our plan and their plan.

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself 10 seconds just to point out to the gentleman, we are not cutting veterans, we are increasing it nearly \$2 billion. Only in Washington when you spend \$2 billion more do people still keep calling it a "cut."

Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS) having assumed the chair, Mr. SWEENEY, Chairman pro tempore of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 393) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2004 and 2006 through 2009, had come to no resolution thereon.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed. Votes will be taken in the following order:

House Concurrent Resolution 328, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 3059, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 3873, by the yeas and nays;

House Concurrent Resolution 189, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

□ 1730

#### RECOGNIZING AND HONORING UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AND SUPPORTING NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 328, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 328, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 424, nays 0, answered "present" 1, not voting 8, as follows:

[Roll No. 80]

YEAS—424

Abercrombie	Brown-Waite,	DeFazio
Ackerman	Ginny	DeGette
Aderholt	Burgess	Delahunt
Akin	Burns	DeLauro
Alexander	Burr	DeLay
Allen	Burton (IN)	DeMint
Andrews	Buyer	Deutsch
Baca	Calvert	Diaz-Balart, L.
Bachus	Camp	Diaz-Balart, M.
Baird	Cannon	Dicks
Baker	Cantor	Doggett
Baldwin	Capito	Doolittle
Ballance	Capps	Doyle
Ballenger	Capuano	Dreier
Barrett (SC)	Cardin	Duncan
Bartlett (MD)	Cardoza	Dunn
Barton (TX)	Carson (IN)	Edwards
Bass	Carson (OK)	Ehlers
Beauprez	Carter	Emanuel
Becerra	Case	Emerson
Bell	Castle	Engel
Bereuter	Chabot	English
Berkley	Chandler	Eshoo
Berman	Chocola	Etheridge
Berry	Clay	Evans
Biggert	Clyburn	Everett
Billirakis	Coble	Farr
Bishop (GA)	Cole	Fattah
Bishop (NY)	Collins	Feeney
Bishop (UT)	Conyers	Ferguson
Blackburn	Cooper	Filner
Blumenauer	Costello	Flake
Blunt	Cox	Foley
Boehlert	Cramer	Forbes
Boehner	Crane	Ford
Bonilla	Crenshaw	Fossella
Bonner	Crowley	Frank (MA)
Bono	Cubin	Franks (AZ)
Boozman	Culberson	Frelinghuysen
Boswell	Cummings	Frost
Boucher	Cunningham	Gallegly
Boyd	Davis (AL)	Garrett (NJ)
Bradley (NH)	Davis (CA)	Gephardt
Brady (PA)	Davis (FL)	Gerlach
Brady (TX)	Davis (IL)	Gibbons
Brown (OH)	Davis (TN)	Gilchrest
Brown (SC)	Davis, Jo Ann	Gillmor
Brown, Corrine	Davis, Tom	Gingrey
	Deal (GA)	Gonzalez

Goode Majette  
Goodlatte Maloney  
Gordon Manzullo  
Goss Markey  
Granger Marshall  
Graves Matheson  
Green (TX) Matsui  
Green (WI) McCarthy (MO)  
Greenwood McHugh  
Grijalva McCarthy (NY)  
Gutierrez McCollum  
Gutierrez McCotter  
Gutknecht McCrery  
Hall McDermott  
Harman McGovern  
Harris McHugh  
Hart McInnis  
Hastings (FL) McIntyre  
Hastings (WA) McKeon  
Hayes McNulty  
Hayworth Meehan  
Hefley Meek (FL)  
Hensarling Meeks (NY)  
Herger Menendez  
Hill Mica  
Hinchey Michaud  
Hinojosa Millender-  
Hobson McDonald  
Hoekstra Miller (FL)  
Holden Miller (MI)  
Holt Miller (NC)  
Honda Miller, Gary  
Hooley (OR) Miller, George  
Hostettler Mollohan  
Houghton Moore  
Hoyer Moran (KS)  
Hulshof Moran (VA)  
Hunter Murphy  
Hyde Murtha  
Inslee Musgrave  
Isakson Myrick  
Israel Nadler  
Issa Napolitano  
Istook Neal (MA)  
Jackson (IL) Nethercutt  
Jackson-Lee Neugebauer  
(TX) Ney  
Jefferson Northup  
Jenkins Norwood  
John Nunes  
Johnson (CT) Nussle  
Johnson (IL) Oberstar  
Johnson, E. B. Obey  
Johnson, Sam Oliver  
Jones (NC) Ortiz  
Jones (OH) Osborne  
Kanjorski Ose  
Kaptur Otter  
Keller Owens  
Kelly Oxley  
Kennedy (MN) Pallone  
Kennedy (RI) Pascarell  
Kildee Pastor  
Kilpatrick Paul  
Kind Payne  
King (IA) Pearce  
King (NY) Pelosi  
Kingston Pence  
Kirk Peterson (MN)  
Kleczka Peterson (PA)  
Kline Petri  
Knollenberg Pickering  
Kolbe Pitts  
LaHood Platts  
Lampson Pombo  
Langevin Pomeroy  
Lantos Porter  
Larsen (WA) Portman  
Larson (CT) Price (NC)  
Latham Pryce (OH)  
LaTourette Putnam  
Leach Quinn  
Lee Radanovich  
Levin Rahall  
Lewis (CA) Ramstad  
Lewis (GA) Rangel  
Lewis (KY) Regula  
Linder Rehberg  
Lipinski Renzi  
LoBiondo Reyes  
Lofgren Reynolds  
Lowey Rodriguez  
Lucas (KY) Rogers (AL)  
Lucas (OK) Rogers (KY)  
Lynch Rogers (MI)

Rohrabacher  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Ross  
Rothman  
Roybal-Allard  
Royce  
Ruppersberger  
Rush  
Ryan (OH)  
Ryan (WI)  
Ryun (KS)  
Sabo  
Sanchez, Linda  
T.  
Sanchez, Loretta  
Sanders  
Sandlin  
Saxton  
Schakowsky  
Schiff  
Schrock  
Scott (GA)  
Scott (VA)  
Sensenbrenner  
Sessions  
Shadegg  
Shaw  
Shays  
Sherman  
Sherwood  
Shimkus  
Shuster  
Simpson  
Moran (KS)  
Slaughter  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX)  
Smith (WA)  
Snyder  
Solis  
Souder  
Spratt  
Stark  
Stearns  
Stenholm  
Strickland  
Stupak  
Sullivan  
Sweeney  
Tancredo  
Tanner  
Tauscher  
Taylor (MS)  
Taylor (NC)  
Terry  
Thomas  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Thornberry  
Tiahrt  
Tiberi  
Tierney  
Toomey  
Towns  
Turner (OH)  
Turner (TX)  
Udall (CO)  
Udall (NM)  
Upton  
Van Hollen  
Velázquez  
Visclosky  
Vitter  
Walder (OR)  
Walsh  
Wamp  
Waters  
Watson  
Watt  
Waxman  
Weiner  
Weldon (FL)  
Weldon (PA)  
Weller  
Wexler  
Whitfield  
Wicker  
Wilson (NM)  
Wilson (SC)  
Wolf  
Wu  
Wynn  
Young (AK)

NOT VOTING—8  
Dingell Simmons  
Dooley (CA) Smith (MI)  
Hoeffel Tauzin  
Woolsey  
Young (FL)

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SWEENEY) (during the vote). Members are advised 2 minutes remain in this vote.

□ 1753

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of the concurrent resolution was amended so as to read: "Recognizing and honoring the United States Armed Forces and supporting the goals and objectives of a National Military Appreciation Month."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, the remainder of this series will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 3059.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3059, 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 425, nays 0, not voting 8, as follows:

[Roll No. 81]

YEAS—425

Abercrombie	Blackburn	Capps	Davis (CA)	Jackson-Lee	Nussle
Ackerman	Blumenauer	Capuano	Davis (FL)	(TX)	Oberstar
Aderholt	Blunt	Cardin	Davis (IL)	Jefferson	Obey
Akin	Boehlert	Cardoza	Davis (TN)	Jenkins	Olver
Alexander	Boehner	Carson (IN)	Davis, Jo Ann	John	Ortiz
Allen	Bonilla	Carson (OK)	Davis, Tom	Johnson (CT)	Osborne
Andrews	Bonner	Carter	Deal (GA)	Johnson (IL)	Ose
Baca	Bono	Case	DeFazio	Johnson, E. B.	Otter
Bachus	Boozman	Castle	DeGette	Johnson, Sam	Owens
Baird	Boswell	Chabot	Delahunt	Jones (NC)	Oxley
Baker	Boucher	Chandler	DeLauro	Jones (OH)	Pallone
Baldwin	Boyd	Chocoma	DeLay	Kanjorski	Pascarell
Ballance	Bradley (NH)	Clay	DeMint	Kaptur	Pastor
Ballenger	Brady (PA)	Clyburn	Deutsch	Keller	Paul
Barrett (SC)	Brady (TX)	Coble	Diaz-Balart, L.	Kelly	Payne
Bartlett (MD)	Brown (OH)	Cole	Diaz-Balart, M.	Kennedy (MN)	Pearce
Barton (TX)	Brown (SC)	Collins	Dicks	Kennedy (RI)	Pelosi
Bass	Brown, Corrine	Conyers	Doggett	Kildee	Pence
Beauprez	Brown-Waite,	Cooper	Doolittle	Kilpatrick	Peterson (MN)
Becerra	Ginny	Costello	Doyle	Kind	Peterson (PA)
Bell	Burgess	Cox	Dreier	King (NY)	Petri
Bereuter	Burns	Cramer	Duncan	Kingston	Pickering
Berkley	Burr	Crane	Dunn	Kirk	Pitts
Berman	Burton (IN)	Crenshaw	Edwards	Kleczka	Platts
Berry	Buyer	Crowley	Ehlers	Kline	Pombo
Biggett	Calvert	Cubin	Emanuel	Knollenberg	Pomeroy
Bilirakis	Camp	Culberson	Emerson	Kolbe	Porter
Bishop (GA)	Cannon	Cunningham	Engel	Kucinich	Portman
Bishop (NY)	Cantor	Davis (AL)	English	LaHood	Price (NC)
Bishop (UT)	Capito		Eshoo	Lampson	Pryce (OH)
			Etheridge	Langevin	Putnam
			Evans	Lantos	Quinn
			Everett	Larsen (WA)	Radanovich
			Farr	Larson (CT)	Rahall
			Fattah	Latham	Ramstad
			Feeney	LaTourette	Rangel
			Ferguson	Leach	Regula
			Filner	Lee	Rehberg
			Flake	Levin	Renzi
			Foley	Lewis (CA)	Reyes
			Forbes	Lewis (GA)	Reynolds
			Ford	Lewis (KY)	Rodriguez
			Fossella	Linder	Rogers (AL)
			Frank (MA)	Lipinski	Rogers (KY)
			Franks (AZ)	LoBiondo	Rogers (MI)
			Frelinghuysen	Lofgren	Rohrabacher
			Frost	Lowey	Ros-Lehtinen
			Gallegly	Lucas (KY)	Ross
			Garrett (NJ)	Lucas (OK)	Rothman
			Gephardt	Lynch	Roybal-Allard
			Gerlach	Majette	Royce
			Gibbons	Maloney	Ruppersberger
			Gillmor	Manzullo	Rush
			Gingrey	Markey	Ryan (OH)
			Gonzalez	Marshall	Ryan (WI)
			Goode	Matheson	Ryun (KS)
			Goodlatte	Matsui	Sabo
			Gordon	McCarthy (MO)	Sanchez, Linda
			Goss	McCarthy (NY)	T.
			Granger	McCollum	Sanchez, Loretta
			Graves	McCotter	Sanders
			Green (TX)	McCrery	Sandlin
			Green (WI)	McDermott	Saxton
			Greenwood	McGovern	Schakowsky
			Grijalva	McHugh	Schiff
			Gutierrez	McInnis	Schrock
			Gutknecht	McIntyre	Scott (GA)
			Hall	McKeon	Scott (VA)
			Harman	McNulty	Sensenbrenner
			Harris	Meehan	Serrano
			Hart	Meek (FL)	Sessions
			Hastings (FL)	Meeks (NY)	Shadegg
			Hastings (WA)	Menendez	Shaw
			Hayes	Mica	Shays
			Hayworth	Michaud	Sherman
			Hefley	Millender-	Sherwood
			Hensarling	McDonald	Shimkus
			Herger	Miller (FL)	Shuster
			Hill	Miller (MI)	Simpson
			Hinchey	Miller (NC)	Skelton
			Hinojosa	Miller, Gary	Slaughter
			Hobson	Miller, George	Smith (MI)
			Hoekstra	Mollohan	Smith (NJ)
			Holden	Moore	Smith (TX)
			Holt	Moran (KS)	Smith (WA)
			Honda	Moran (VA)	Snyder
			Hooley (OR)	Murphy	Solis
			Hostettler	Murtha	Souder
			Houghton	Musgrave	Spratt
			Hoyer	Myrick	Stark
			Hulshof	Nadler	Stearns
			Hunter	Napolitano	Stenholm
			Hyde	Neal (MA)	Strickland
			Inslee	Nethercutt	Stupak
			Isakson	Neugebauer	Sullivan
			Israel	Ney	Sweeney
			Issa	Northup	Tancredo
			Istook	Norwood	Tanner
			Jackson (IL)	Nunes	Tauscher

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

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