

important, the most important vote in a congressional career. I have to say to the gentleman, I doubt it. This is a motion to instruct conferees. The conferees were just appointed, and it is what we refer to around here as a non-binding resolution. Okay. I think we probably have had a few other votes that are more important than a non-binding resolution to tell conferees to do something in the other body and apply a rule to our body, but I will play along just for the sake of the debate because I think it is an important debate, even though it may not be the most important vote.

Our friends on the other side have, as I said, during the budget they have learned the words of fiscal responsibility, but they have not yet learned the music. The words are real easy to say, When you are in a hole stop digging. Well, of course, when you are in a hole stop digging, but stop digging in the pockets of the American people for more of their money so that you can keep digging, which is exactly what they did.

They presented a budget alternative on the floor that kept digging, and what did they do in order to stop the digging? They were digging in the pockets of the American people for more of their money called taxes. Why do they do that? Because they know who pays taxes. We do not pay taxes. The Federal Government does not pay taxes. The Congress, as a body, pays taxes individually but not the Congress, the House of Representatives or the other body. The only people in this country that pay taxes are taxpayers, and so when we apply a pay-as-you-go and increase spending, guess who pays. We go and they pay. We buy and they pay. All the time, more spending, they pay.

The second thing the gentleman from other side said, well, you have got to pay your bills. We agree and we will be bringing a bill to the floor that says you should pay your bills. Now you should not have to bring a law to the floor that says pay your bills. I would agree with the gentlemen on the other side that have said we have lost that discipline and we need to get that back on the spending side. There is no question, and we will do that; and we will have a debate on spending and paying your bills, and we should have that debate. But who gets the tax bill?

When a bill is presented, you pay it. Who is presented the bill for taxes? The taxpayers, that is who pays. So by saying we should have pay-as-you-go for taxes, my colleagues are basically saying we want to take more money from the American people.

We have heard about children's allowances. I want my colleagues to apply this principle to their kids and actually go to them and say, guess what, Johnny, you did not know this, but you pay for your own allowance. I mean, that is not only a head scratcher for them, but if a family was faced with this, we have heard a lot about families

and kitchen tables today. If a family found out that the amount of money they were bringing in was increasing, all right, every year, their income, what would they do in order to deal with the hole that they were in? They would tighten their belt, and this is exactly what we have done. They would not say, all of the sudden, let us pay for an increase in taxes by some offsetting income. That is a goofy rule.

You pay for taxes as a taxpayer, not as the government. The government pays for spending. That is where the rules should apply. Let us vote down this motion to instruct.

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of the time.

This has been a very interesting and very telling debate. It has been a debate about paying our bills. Unfortunately, our colleagues across the aisle have tried to make this into some bogeyman about tax cuts, and there is nothing, nothing that could be further from the truth.

This is about balancing our budget and paying for what we spend. My friend from Iowa's constituents in his district and my constituents on the north coast, if they go in to get a farm loan or a car loan or a home mortgage loan, the bank looks at both their spending patterns and their revenue source. That is because they understand that the difference between spending and revenue is the deficit, something we all agree we have to get under control.

The chairman and the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) understood this, too, back in 1997 when they joined 217 other Republicans to vote for a measure that put PAYGO in place; and I might add that PAYGO that they voted for in 1997 was actually stronger than the language that we are voting on today. It was statutory and they voted on a measure with Democrats, bipartisan measure, that passed a \$100 billion tax cut as part of that budget agreement.

I would be interested in knowing what has changed today other than the fact that our deficit and our debt is much higher than it was back then.

Mr. Speaker, if this Congress is serious about deficit reduction, this Congress needs to stand together, and we need to vote to support the PAYGO rules that apply to both revenue and spending. Our constituents today deserve it, and future generations deserve it. I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on this motion to instruct.

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, the motion before the House today is very simple. The question is: Do we want to pay for spending and tax cuts or do we want to pass this burden off on our children?

Will we run the government like there is no limit to our debts or will we act responsibly, and work to balance our books?

The other body has passed responsible pay as you go rules thanks to bipartisan support, especially from the delegation representing my home State of Maine.

The State of Maine is full of small business owners, farmers, and fisherman—working families that must balance their own books.

Before my time here, I spent 22 years in the Maine Legislature. We always worked together in a bipartisan way to pass balanced budgets.

Pay as you go budget rules should allow us the opportunity to work in that same bipartisan way here in Washington.

Nearly all of us can agree that we need to return the budget to balance. The American people know, and we know that we cannot run deficits in excess of \$230 billion year after year.

The best way that we can do this is to make sure that any policy that would increase the deficit is paid for.

The American people want to run our own government responsibly.

I urge my colleagues in both parties to pass this motion and show the American people that we will work to balance the books.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to instruct.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMPSON).

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

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. 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, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of 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 yeas appeared to have it.

Mr. NUSSLE. 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.

This vote will be followed by a 5-minute vote on the motion to instruct conferees on Senate Concurrent Resolution 95.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 353, nays 55, answered "present" 1, not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 96]

YEAS—353

Abercrombie  
Aderholt

Akin  
Alexander

Allen  
Andrews

Baca  
Bachus  
Baker  
Ballenger  
Barrett (SC)  
Bartlett (MD)  
Bass  
Beauprez  
Becerra  
Bereuter  
Berkley  
Berry  
Biggert  
Billirakis  
Bishop (GA)  
Bishop (NY)  
Bishop (UT)  
Blumenauer  
Blunt  
Boehlert  
Boehner  
Bonilla  
Bonner  
Bono  
Boozman  
Boswell  
Boucher  
Boyd  
Bradley (NH)  
Brady (TX)  
Brown (OH)  
Brown (SC)  
Brown, Corrine  
Brown-Waite,  
Ginny  
Burgess  
Burns  
Burr  
Burton (IN)  
Buyer  
Calvert  
Camp  
Cannon  
Cantor  
Capito  
Capps  
Cardin  
Carson (IN)  
Carson (OK)  
Carter  
Case  
Castle  
Chabot  
Chandler  
Chocola  
Clay  
Clyburn  
Coble  
Cole  
Collins  
Cox  
Cramer  
Crenshaw  
Crowley  
Cubin  
Cummings  
Cunningham  
Davis (AL)  
Davis (CA)  
Davis (FL)  
Davis (IL)  
Davis, Jo Ann  
Davis, Tom  
Deal (GA)  
DeGette  
Delahunt  
DeLauro  
DeLay  
Deutsch  
Diaz-Balart, L.  
Diaz-Balart, M.  
Dicks  
Doggett  
Dooley (CA)  
Doolittle  
Doyle  
Dreier  
Duncan  
Dunn  
Edwards  
Ehlers  
Emanuel  
Emerson  
Engel  
Eshoo  
Etheridge  
Evans  
Everett  
Farr

Fattah  
Feeney  
Ferguson  
Flake  
Foley  
Forbes  
Franks (AZ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Frost  
Gallegly  
Garrett (NJ)  
Gerlach  
Gibbons  
Gilchrest  
Gingrey  
Gonzalez  
Goode  
Goodlatte  
Gordon  
Goss  
Granger  
Green (WI)  
Greenwood  
Grijalva  
Gutiérrez  
Hall  
Harman  
Hastings (FL)  
Hastings (WA)  
Hayes  
Hayworth  
Hensarling  
Herger  
Hill  
Hinojosa  
Hobson  
Hoeffel  
Hoekstra  
Holden  
Holt  
Honda  
Hookey (OR)  
Hostettler  
Hunter  
Hyde  
Inslee  
Isakson  
Israel  
Issa  
Istook  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson-Lee  
(TX)  
Jefferson  
Jenkins  
John  
Johnson (CT)  
Johnson (IL)  
Johnson, Sam  
Jones (NC)  
Jones (OH)  
Kanjorski  
Kaptur  
Keller  
Kelly  
Kennedy (MN)  
Kennedy (RI)  
Kildee  
Kilpatrick  
Kind  
King (IA)  
King (NY)  
Kingston  
Kirk  
Klecza  
Kline  
Kolbe  
Kucinich  
LaHood  
Lampson  
Langevin  
Lantos  
LaTourette  
Leach  
Lee  
Levin  
Lewis (CA)  
Lewis (GA)  
Lewis (KY)  
Linder  
Lipinski  
Lofgren  
Lowey  
Lucas (KY)  
Lucas (OK)  
Lynch  
Majette  
Maloney  
Manzullo

Markey  
Marshall  
Matheson  
Matsui  
McCarthy (MO)  
McCarthy (NY)  
McCollum  
McCotter  
McCrery  
McHugh  
McInnis  
McIntyre  
McKeon  
Meehan  
Meek (FL)  
Meeks (NY)  
Menendez  
Mica  
Michaud  
Millender-  
McDonald  
Miller (FL)  
Miller (MI)  
Miller (NC)  
Miller, Gary  
Mollohan  
Moran (KS)  
Moran (VA)  
Murphy  
Murtha  
Musgrave  
Myrick  
Nadler  
Napolitano  
Nethercutt  
Neugebauer  
Ney  
Northup  
Norwood  
Nunes  
Nussle  
Obey  
Ortiz  
Osborne  
Ose  
Owens  
Oxley  
Pallone  
Pascarell  
Paul  
Payne  
Pearce  
Pelosi  
Pence  
Peterson (PA)  
Petri  
Pickering  
Pitts  
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Pomeroy  
Porter  
Portman  
Price (NC)  
Pryce (OH)  
Putnam  
Quinn  
Radanovich  
Rahall  
Rangel  
Regula  
Rehberg  
Renzi  
Reyes  
Reynolds  
Rodriguez  
Rogers (AL)  
Rogers (KY)  
Rogers (MI)  
Rohrabacher  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Ross  
Rothman  
Roybal-Allard  
Royce  
Ruppersberger  
Rush  
Ryan (OH)  
Ryan (WI)  
Ryun (KS)  
Sanchez, Linda  
T.  
Sanchez, Loretta  
Sandlin  
Saxton  
Schiff  
Schrock  
Scott (GA)  
Scott (VA)  
Sensenbrenner

Markey  
Marshall  
Matheson  
Matsui  
McCarthy (MO)  
McCarthy (NY)  
McCollum  
McCotter  
McCrery  
McHugh  
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McKeon  
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Meek (FL)  
Meeks (NY)  
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Michaud  
Millender-  
McDonald  
Miller (FL)  
Miller (MI)  
Miller (NC)  
Miller, Gary  
Mollohan  
Moran (KS)  
Moran (VA)  
Murphy  
Murtha  
Musgrave  
Myrick  
Nadler  
Napolitano  
Nethercutt  
Neugebauer  
Ney  
Northup  
Norwood  
Nunes  
Nussle  
Obey  
Ortiz  
Osborne  
Ose  
Owens  
Oxley  
Pallone  
Pascarell  
Paul  
Payne  
Pearce  
Pelosi  
Pence  
Peterson (PA)  
Petri  
Pickering  
Pitts  
Pombo  
Pomeroy  
Porter  
Portman  
Price (NC)  
Pryce (OH)  
Putnam  
Quinn  
Radanovich  
Rahall  
Rangel  
Regula  
Rehberg  
Renzi  
Reyes  
Reynolds  
Rodriguez  
Rogers (AL)  
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Rogers (MI)  
Rohrabacher  
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Ross  
Rothman  
Roybal-Allard  
Royce  
Ruppersberger  
Rush  
Ryan (OH)  
Ryan (WI)  
Ryun (KS)  
Sanchez, Linda  
T.  
Sanchez, Loretta  
Sandlin  
Saxton  
Schiff  
Schrock  
Scott (GA)  
Scott (VA)  
Sensenbrenner

Serrano  
Sessions  
Shadegg  
Shaw  
Shays  
Sherman  
Shimkus  
Shuster  
Simmons  
Simpson  
Skeltton  
Slaughter  
Smith (MI)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX)  
Smith (WA)  
Snyder  
Solis

Souder  
Spratt  
Stearns  
Sullivan  
Sweeney  
Tauscher  
Terry  
Thomas  
Tiahrt  
Tiberi  
Tierney  
Toomey  
Townes  
Turner (OH)  
Upton  
Van Hollen  
Velázquez  
Vitter

Walden (OR)  
Walsh  
Wamp  
Watson  
Watt  
Weiner  
Weldon (FL)  
Weldon (PA)  
Wexler  
Whitfield  
Wicker  
Wilson (NM)  
Wilson (SC)  
Wolf  
Woolsey  
Wynn  
Young (AK)  
Young (FL)

## NAYS—55

Ackerman  
Baird  
Baldwin  
Ballance  
Brady (PA)  
Capuano  
Cardoza  
Cooper  
Costello  
Crane  
Davis (TN)  
DeFazio  
English  
Filner  
Ford  
Gillmor  
Graves  
Green (TX)  
Gutknecht

Hart  
Hefley  
Hinchey  
Johnson, E. B.  
Larsen (WA)  
Larson (CT)  
Latham  
LoBiondo  
McDermott  
McGovern  
McNulty  
Miller, George  
Moore  
Oberstar  
Olver  
Otter  
Pastor  
Peterson (MN)  
Platts

Ramstad  
Sabo  
Schakowsky  
Sherwood  
Stenholm  
Strickland  
Stupak  
Taylor (MS)  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Turner (TX)  
Udall (CO)  
Udall (NM)  
Visclosky  
Waters  
Weller  
Wu

## ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Tancredo

## NOT VOTING—24

Barton (TX)  
Bell  
Berman  
Blackburn  
Conyers  
Culberson  
DeMint  
Dingell

Fossella  
Frank (MA)  
Gephardt  
Harris  
Houghton  
Hoyer  
Hulshof  
Knollenberg

Neal (MA)  
Sanders  
Stark  
Tanner  
Tauzin  
Taylor (NC)  
Thornberry  
Waxman

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Mr. BLUNT and Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, on March 29, 2004 and the morning of March 30, 2004, I was unavoidably absent and missed rollcall Vote Nos. 94, 95, and 96. For the record, had I been present, I would have voted: Rollcall Vote No. 94—"Yea"; rollcall Vote No. 95—"Yea"; rollcall Vote No. 96—"Yea."

## MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON S. CON. RES. 95, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The pending business is the question on the motion to instruct conferees on the Senate concurrent resolution, S. Con. Res. 95.

The Clerk will designate the motion. The Clerk designated the motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMPSON) 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 209, nays 209, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 97]

YEAS—209

Abercrombie  
Ackerman  
Alexander  
Allen  
Andrews  
Baca  
Baird  
Baldwin  
Ballance  
Bass  
Becerra  
Bereuter  
Berkley  
Berry  
Bishop (GA)  
Bishop (NY)  
Blumenauer  
Boswell  
Boucher  
Boyd  
Brady (PA)  
Brown (OH)  
Brown, Corrine  
Capps  
Capuano  
Cardin  
Cardoza  
Carson (IN)  
Carson (OK)  
Case  
Castle  
Chandler  
Clay  
Clyburn  
Cooper  
Costello  
Cramer  
Crowley  
Cummings  
Davis (AL)  
Davis (CA)  
Davis (FL)  
Davis (IL)  
Davis (TN)  
DeFazio  
DeGette  
Delahunt  
DeLauro  
Deutsch  
Dicks  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Dooley (CA)  
Doyle  
Edwards  
Emanuel  
Emerson  
Engel  
Eshoo  
Etheridge  
Evans  
Farr  
Fattah  
Filner  
Ford  
Frost  
Gonzalez  
Gordon  
Green (TX)  
Greenwood  
Grijalva

Gutiérrez  
Harman  
Hastings (FL)  
Hill  
Hinchey  
Hinojosa  
Hoeffel  
Holden  
Holt  
Honda  
Hookey (OR)  
Inslee  
Israel  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson-Lee  
(TX)  
Jefferson  
John  
Johnson, E. B.  
Jones (OH)  
Kanjorski  
Kaptur  
Kennedy (RI)  
Kildee  
Kilpatrick  
Kind  
Klecza  
Kolbe  
Kucinich  
Lampson  
Langevin  
Lantos  
Larsen (WA)  
Larson (CT)  
Leach  
Lee  
Levin  
Lewis (GA)  
Lipinski  
Lofgren  
Lowey  
Lucas (KY)  
Lynch  
Majette  
Maloney  
Maloney  
Markey  
Marshall  
Matheson  
Matsui  
McCarthy (MO)  
McCarthy (NY)  
McCollum  
McDermott  
McGovern  
McIntyre  
McNulty  
Meehan  
Meek (FL)  
Meeks (NY)  
Menendez  
Michaud  
Millender-  
McDonald  
Miller (NC)  
Miller, George  
Mollohan  
Moore  
Moran (VA)  
Murtha  
Nadler  
Napolitano

Oberstar  
Obey  
Olver  
Ortiz  
Owens  
Pallone  
Pascarell  
Pastor  
Payne  
Pelosi  
Peterson (MN)  
Petri  
Pomeroy  
Price (NC)  
Rahall  
Rangel  
Reyes  
Rodriguez  
Ross  
Rothman  
Roybal-Allard  
Ruppersberger  
Rush  
Ryan (OH)  
Sabo  
Sanchez, Linda  
T.  
Sanchez, Loretta  
Sanders  
Sandlin  
Schakowsky  
Schiff  
Scott (GA)  
Scott (VA)  
Serrano  
Shays  
Sherman  
Skeltton  
Slaughter  
Smith (WA)  
Snyder  
Solis  
Spratt  
Stark  
Stenholm  
Strickland  
Stupak  
Tauscher  
Taylor (MS)  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Tierney  
Townes  
Turner (TX)  
Udall (CO)  
Udall (NM)  
Upton  
Van Hollen  
Velázquez  
Visclosky  
Wamp  
Waters  
Watson  
Watt  
Waxman  
Weiner  
Wexler  
Woolsey  
Wu  
Wynn

NAYS—209

Bono  
Boozman  
Bradley (NH)  
Brady (TX)  
Brown (SC)  
Brown-Waite,  
Ginny  
Burgess  
Burns  
Burr  
Buyer  
Calvert  
Camp  
Cannon  
Cantor  
Capito  
Carter  
Chabot

Chocola  
Coble  
Cole  
Collins  
Cox  
Crane  
Crenshaw  
Cubin  
Cunningham  
Davis, Jo Ann  
Davis, Tom  
Deal (GA)  
DeLay  
Diaz-Balart, L.  
Diaz-Balart, M.  
Doolittle  
Dreier  
Duncan