

Christianity what you say not what you do. If you are going to talk the talk, you must walk the walk. And the Republicans today are not walking with the poorest among us.

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, we have worked our way through Dickens, Dr. Seuss, and the entire New Testament. I wait to see what else awaits us.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield the balance of my time to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI), the minority leader.

Ms. PELOSI. I thank the gentlewoman from New York for yielding me this time and for her eloquent presentation of this rule against this terrible, terrible, as the Congresswoman from Florida said, shameful bill.

I want to also pay tribute to Mr. SPRATT of South Carolina, our ranking member on the Budget Committee, as I rise in opposition to this rule and in opposition to this bill. Mr. SPRATT, anybody in our country who cares about fairness, about opportunity, about responsibility, about community is enormously in your debt for the values budget that you put forth and the great and excellent work that you do on behalf of the American people. Thank you, Mr. SPRATT.

Mr. SPRATT called me earlier this evening and told me, well, actually it was earlier this morning, and he told me he had just received the budget bill, 700 pages. Now, we all know one thing for sure. No one in this Congress has read that bill. So later, in just a short while, we will be voting on a bill that no one has read. But we do know certain things about it that make it very objectionable, not just to us but to the religious community in America.

Mr. Speaker, "Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat, please to put a penny in the old man's hat. If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do. If you haven't got a ha'penny, God bless you."

With this budget bill, the special interest goose is getting very, very fat. Do we say God bless you with this budget when Congress leaves here without passing a budget which comes close to meeting the needs of America's families who are struggling to pay their home heating bills and pay the price at the pump? This same Congress gave obscene subsidies to oil companies that are making historic profits this year; yet we give a small token to America's families to help pay the bills to those oil companies.

Do we say God bless you with this budget when we leave here without extending the time that our seniors need to understand the befuddling prescription drug bill that has been handed to them with a time limit? Democrats have a better idea of extending the time for seniors and lowering the cost of prescription drugs. But, no, the pharmaceutical and health industry goose is getting fat off this Congress at the expense of America's seniors.

And, really, what is so sad about it is that when it comes to meeting the needs of our young people and opportu-

nities for them, we do not say God bless you, we say to them we are adding \$5,800 more to those who use student loans. How could that be right while at the same time we give tax cuts to those making over \$1 million a year; and at the same, at the same time we are growing the deficit and heaping mountains of debt onto those same young people?

Mr. OBEY calls this Scroogenomics. Scroogenomics. But, really, associating Scrooge with this Republican budget gives Scrooge a bad name. He saw the evil of his ways, Scrooge did. These Republicans are so blinded by the greed of their special interest friends that they are stuck in their cruel ways.

That is why leaders of every religious denomination have prayed in this rotunda, have prayed in churches across America, and as recently as a couple of days ago were arrested, over 100 of them and their representatives on the steps of the Cannon Building, to protest this budget.

Religious denominations prayed and lobbied Congress that Congress would do the right thing. They said that they were drawing a moral line in the sand against this budget. Democrats joined them in drawing that line in the sand between a Republican government of the privileged few instead of the government of the many, which is the American way.

Mr. Speaker, I associate myself with the remarks of the gentlewoman from Florida when she says, shame on you. It is shameful that this Congress will adjourn passing this immoral budget, meeting the greeds of the special interest friends of the Republicans instead, again, as I said, of the needs of the American people.

Mr. Speaker, as we leave for this Christmas recess, let us say God bless you to the American people by voting against this Republican budget statement of injustice and immorality. And let us not let the special interest goose get fat at the expense of America's children.

The gentleman from Washington State (Mr. McDERMOTT) quoted the prophet Isaiah. My favorite saying from Isaiah is when he said: "To minister to the needs of God's creation is an act of worship. To ignore those needs is to dishonor the God who made us."

Let us vote "no" on this budget as an act of worship and for America's children.

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, obviously, I came prepared for the wrong debate. I brought the good economic news that is being told and shared and being invested all across this great land. Productivity numbers up, unemployment at 5 percent, nearly full employment for the country. RECORD numbers. Robust GDP growth quarter after quarter after quarter. The news that important reforms to Medicaid and Medicare will be moving forward, allowing those programs to continue to

grow at, in some cases, double the rate of inflation, double the rate of the CPI that most people use as their common benchmark. And the news that there is a record amount of money into LIHEAP.

We brought those facts and figures to a debate that was about deficit reduction, that was about the future of America. The other side brought Dr. Seuss. The other side brought Dickens and nursery rhymes and enough theology to field an old-time revival, but to do nothing about the fiscal health of this country; to do nothing about the fact that if we move forward with their Dickens economic plan, that if we move forward with their Dr. Seuss approach to economics that two-thirds of the Federal budget will be on autopilot; that if we move forward with their plan, these programs will continue to have the inefficiencies and the waste and the fraud that makes for an unresponsive, unreactive government that confiscates people's money and then does not even invest it back into a program that serves the very people who need it the most.

That is the crime in this, Mr. Speaker, that we have a thoughtful, long-term plan for the fiscal health of this country, something that future generations will say marked the turning point, the first reconciliation bill, the first real attempt at deficit reduction since 1997 to turn that ship of state toward a brighter tomorrow. It cannot be summed up in some cute little nursery rhyme. It is important stuff. Sometimes it is dry stuff; sometimes it is dull stuff. But, by golly, it is important.

It is important to each and every American because it impacts how much money their government takes from them and how wisely that government uses that money for the needs of its people.

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GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H. Res. 639 and H. Res. 640.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:
 conference report to accompany H.R. 1815;
 adoption of H. Res. 639;
 suspending the rules with respect to H. Con. Res. 284.

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

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1815, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question on adoption of the conference report on H.R. 1815 on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The question is on the conference report.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 374, nays 41, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 665]
 YEAS—374

Abercrombie Carson
 Ackerman Carter
 Aderholt Case
 Akin Castle
 Alexander Chabot
 Allen Chandler
 Andrews Chocola
 Bachus Cleaver
 Baker Clyburn
 Barrett (SC) Coble
 Barrow Cole (OK)
 Bartlett (MD) Conaway
 Barton (TX) Cooper
 Bass Costa
 Bean Costello
 Beauprez Cramer
 Becerra Crenshaw
 Berkley Crowley
 Berman Cubin
 Berry Cuellar
 Biggert Culberson
 Bilirakis Cummings
 Bishop (GA) Davis (AL)
 Bishop (NY) Davis (CA)
 Bishop (UT) Davis (FL)
 Blackburn Davis (KY)
 Blunt Davis (TN)
 Boehlert Davis, Tom
 Boehner Deal (GA)
 Bonilla DeFazio
 Bonner DeGette
 Bono Delahunt
 Boozman DeLauro
 Boren DeLay
 Boswell Dent
 Boucher Diaz-Balart, L.
 Boustany Diaz-Balart, M.
 Boyd Dicks
 Bradley (NH) Dingell
 Brady (PA) Doggett
 Brady (TX) Doolittle
 Brown (OH) Doyle
 Brown (SC) Drake
 Brown, Corrine Dreier
 Brown-Waite, Ginny
 Burgess Ehlers
 Burton (IN) Emerson
 Butterfield Engel
 Buyer English (PA)
 Calvert Eshoo
 Camp (MI) Etheridge
 Campbell (CA) Evans
 Cannon Everrett
 Cantor Farr
 Capito Fattah
 Capps Feeney
 Capuano Ferguson
 Cardin Fitzpatrick (PA)
 Cardoza Flake
 Carnahan Foley

Kelly
 Kennedy (MN)
 Kennedy (RI)
 Kildee
 Kind
 King (IA)
 King (NY)
 Kingston
 Kirk
 Kline
 Knollenberg
 Kuhl (NY)
 LaHood
 Langevin
 Lantos
 Larsen (WA)
 Larson (CT)
 Latham
 LaTourette
 Leach
 Levin
 Lewis (CA)
 Lewis (KY)
 Linder
 Lipinski
 LoBiondo
 Lofgren, Zoe
 Lowey
 Lucas
 Lungren, Daniel E.
 Lynch
 Mack
 Maloney
 Manzullo
 Marchant
 Marshall
 Matheson
 Matsui
 McCarthy
 McCaul (TX)
 McCollum (MN)
 McCotter
 McCrery
 McHenry
 McHugh
 McIntyre
 McKeon
 McMorris
 Meehan
 Meek (FL)
 Meeks (NY)
 Melancon
 Menendez
 Mica
 Michaud
 Millender-
 McDonald
 Miller (FL)
 Miller (MI)
 Miller (NC)
 Mollohan
 Schiff
 Schmidt
 Moore (KS)
 Moore (WI)
 Moran (KS)
 Moran (VA)

NAYS—41
 Baird
 Baldwin
 Blumenauer
 Conyers
 Davis (IL)
 Filner
 Frank (MA)
 Grijalva
 Hastings (FL)
 Hinchey
 Jackson (IL)
 Jones (OH)
 Kilpatrick (MI)
 Kucinich

Baca
 Clay
 Davis, Jo Ann
 Emanuel
 Gutierrez
 Harman
 Hefley

Hostettler
 Hyde
 Istook
 Johnson, Sam
 Jones (NC)
 Kolbe
 Miller, Gary

Scott (VA)
 Sensenbrenner
 Sessions
 Shadegg
 Shaw
 Shays
 Sherman
 Sherwood
 Shimkus
 Shuster
 Simmons
 Simpson
 Skelton
 Slaughter
 Smith (NJ)
 Smith (TX)
 Smith (WA)
 Snyder
 Sodrel
 Souder
 Spratt
 Stearns
 Strickland
 Stupak
 Sullivan
 Sweeney
 Tancredo
 Tanner
 Tauscher
 Taylor (MS)
 Taylor (NC)
 Terry
 Thomas
 Thompson (CA)
 Thompson (MS)
 Thornberry
 Tiahrt
 Tiberi
 Turner
 Udall (CO)
 Udall (NM)
 Upton
 Van Hollen
 Walden (OR)
 Walsh
 Wamp
 Wasserman
 Schultz
 Waxman
 Weiner
 Weldon (FL)
 Weldon (PA)
 Weller
 Westmoreland
 Wexler
 Whitfield
 Wicker
 Wilson (NM)
 Wilson (SC)
 Wolf
 Wu
 Wynn
 Young (AK)
 Young (FL)

Rangel
 Rush
 Schakowsky
 Serrano
 Solis
 Stark
 Tierney
 Towns
 Velázquez
 Waters
 Watson
 Watt
 Woolsey

Myrick
 Price (GA)
 Radanovich
 Reyes
 Roybal-Allard

NOT VOTING—19
 Myrick
 Price (GA)
 Radanovich
 Reyes
 Roybal-Allard

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, and Messrs. DELAHUNT, DOGGETT, and DINGELL changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST, CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2863, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The pending business is the vote on adoption of House Resolution 639 on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 214, nays 201, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 666]
 YEAS—214

Aderholt
 Akin
 Alexander
 Bachus
 Baker
 Barrett (SC)
 Barton (TX)
 Beauprez
 Bilirakis
 Bishop (GA)
 Bishop (UT)
 Blackburn
 Blunt
 Boehner
 Bonilla
 Bonner
 Bono
 Boozman
 Boren
 Boustany
 Bradley (NH)
 Brady (PA)
 Brady (TX)
 Brown (SC)
 Brown-Waite, Ginny
 Burgess
 Burton (IN)
 Buyer
 Calvert
 Camp (MI)
 Campbell (CA)
 Cannon
 Cantor
 Capito
 Capps
 Capuano
 Cardin
 Cardoza
 Carnahan
 Doyle
 Drake
 Dreier
 Duncan
 Edwards
 Ehlers
 Emerson
 Engel
 English (PA)
 Eshoo
 Etheridge
 Evans
 Everrett
 Farr
 Fattah
 Feeney
 Ferguson
 Fitzpatrick (PA)
 Flake
 Foley
 Kirk
 Kline
 Knollenberg
 Kuhl (NY)
 LaHood
 Latham
 LaTourette
 Lewis (CA)
 Lewis (KY)
 Linder
 Lucas
 Lungren, Daniel E.
 Mack
 Manzullo
 Marchant
 McCaul (TX)
 McCotter
 McCrery
 McHenry
 McHugh
 McGee
 McKeon
 McMorris
 Melancon
 Mica
 Miller (FL)
 Miller (MI)
 Mollohan
 Moran (KS)
 Murphy
 Murtha
 Musgrave
 Neugebauer
 Ney
 Northup
 Norwood
 Nunes
 Nussle
 Ortiz
 Otter
 Oxley
 Pascrell
 Paul
 Pearce
 Pence
 Peterson (PA)
 Petri
 Pickering
 Pitts
 Poe
 Pombo
 Porter
 Pryce (OH)
 Putnam
 Regula

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Messrs. RUSH, GEORGE MILLER of California, TIERNEY, and Mrs. JONES of Ohio changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”