

inadequate response to Hurricane Katrina, but a lot of the blame should be pointed right at the man in charge, Secretary Chertoff, who as of yesterday put a lot of the evacuees out on the street. And he still remains on the job.

Then there are the Under Secretaries who signed off on a deal that handed over operations of six U.S. ports to a foreign nation. Imagine that, outsourcing our homeland security to another nation. It is time for changes, Madam Speaker.

TRUST THE SENIORS ON MEDICARE

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, today we are just 60 days away from the deadline for seniors to sign up for the new Medicare part D prescription drug plan. This plan is giving seniors choices for prescription drug coverage that will cost less while offering more benefits.

Millions of seniors who were without access to drugs are now getting them, and many are saving thousands of dollars a year. In fact, the typical senior could see his or her total drug expenses drop by nearly 50 percent.

Those with limited income and resources could have nearly no expenses at all. It is a real shame that Democrats are trying to scare seniors away from enrolling in this program by saying it is complicated and confusing.

Fortunately, their attempts to sabotage the program are failing. According to a recent article in *The Washington Post*, 80 percent of senior citizens polled say they had no trouble signing up for or using the Medicare prescription drug plan.

Another poll conducted last week by Ayres, McHenry & Associates shows that 60 percent of seniors said that they were saving money by using the program. Madam Speaker, I trust the positive feedback from the actual folks using the program much more than the negative rhetoric of Democrats trying to turn this into a political issue.

A NATION PERMANENTLY AT WAR

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

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, 3 years ago the Bush administration spoke to a doctrine of preemption that formed the basis for the United States' attack on Iraq. Three years later, Americans finally know there were no weapons of mass destruction, Iraq did not have the intention or the capability of attacking the United States; that Iraq, in effect, was not in a position to attack us.

Now the American people know what a shambles the Bush administration's policy was in Iraq. Yesterday, the administration now identifies Iran as the

top threat, and states again that we have the right to preemptively attack any country. Are we here on the threshold of permanent warfare, where the administration can keep naming enemies, and the American taxpayers with their sons' and daughters' blood have to keep paying for wars that we should not get into?

We should not only vote against this supplemental appropriation, we should start to call into question the administration's entire international policy. They are setting America against the world, and we are paying for it every day.

THE LACK OF A DEMOCRATIC PLAN

(Mr. MCHENRY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MCHENRY. Madam Speaker, a once great party left with nothing, nothing but a nifty little slogan, and that slogan is, "We can do better." Madam Speaker, that is the Democrat Party here in Washington, DC.

It was announced in the press in October that they were going to come out with their great agenda in November. November came and went, they had nothing.

In January they said, that is going to be the time we are going to lay out our agenda, our positive agenda for America. January came and went.

Twice more they set dates to roll out their agenda, but nothing. They got nothing except this nifty little phrase, "We can do better." It is a sad state of affairs when they have no agenda, no ideas. All they have is negative attacks, partisan attacks here in Washington. We need more, and we, the Republicans, can do better.

SUPPORT THE FUNDING FOR FIXING TEXAS LEVEES

(Mr. DOGGETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DOGGETT. Madam Speaker, the lives and livelihood of tens of thousands of Texans in a major hurricane zone are at risk because of defective federal levees that only the federal government can repair.

I am here to ask that on the third vote this morning, our colleagues support an amendment offered on behalf of myself, Congressman ORTIZ, and Congress REYES to prevent another Hurricane Katrina-like disaster. This map shows the area of McAllen, Mission, Hidalgo, and Pharr, Texas—a booming community of hardworking Americans, small businesses, schools, hospitals, and nursing homes.

That is how it looks today. This is how it will look if those federal levees fail, covered not in blue plastic, but in water. Because the federal levees are up to 9 feet deficient in height according to a report of the U.S. State Department.

In order to prevent the destruction of the lives and livelihood of those hardworking Americans, we need the \$7.8 million modest appropriation proposed in our amendment. Save lives and prevent a tragedy from occurring by approving emergency appropriations to assist the repair of these important federal levees.

ROME AREA HISTORY MUSEUM

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

Mr. GINGREY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Rome Area History Museum on their 10th anniversary of collecting, preserving, and presenting the history of northwest Georgia. In 1995, five men, C.J. Wyatt, Bobby McElwee, John Carruth, David Oswalt, and Ed Byars, recognized the need to create an institution dedicated to the history of Rome and the surrounding communities.

These founders gathered a group of dedicated volunteers and opened what has become one of the finest museums in the State of Georgia. The founders renovated a building on historic Broad Street to serve as their headquarters.

And after much labor, the Rome Area History Museum officially opened its doors on March 30, 1996. For the past 9 years, Bernard Neal has done a wonderful job as the museum's president.

Madam Speaker, as the museum celebrates a decade of educating teachers, researchers and visitors, I want to thank the volunteers and supporters for making the Rome Area History Museum all that it is today.

Museums like this add richness to our communities and preserve our Nation's history.

LIVING IN A FISCAL FANTASYLAND

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

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, today the Senate will vote on the \$781 billion increase in the national debt, the fourth debt limit increase in 5 years.

And the Republican Party continues to push tax policies that will drive us even deeper into debt. In 5 years, the Washington Republicans have racked up more new debt, more than \$3 trillion, than the entire debt amassed from 1789 to 1988. We are now borrowing more than \$600,000 per minute, \$218 billion this year alone.

In March 2001, President Bush promised, "We will pay off \$2 trillion of debt over the next decade. Future generations should not be forced pay back money that we have borrowed. We owe this kind of responsibility to our children and grandchildren."

Promises made, promises broken, a \$5 trillion mistake the President made.

Sadly, the administration and the Republican majority in this Congress continue to pursue their reckless, irresponsible, debt-creating policies.

How sad. How wrong. I tell the gentleman from North Carolina, it is not that we can do better, we did better.

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EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE, THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR, AND HURRICANE RECOVERY, 2006

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PUTNAM). Pursuant to House Resolution 725 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 4939.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4939) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, with Mrs. MILLER of Michigan (Acting Chairman) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. When the committee of the whole rose on Wednesday March 15, 2006, the amendment offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CONAWAY) had been disposed of and the bill had been read through page 76, line 20.

SEQUENTIAL VOTES POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Acting CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, proceedings will now resume on those amendments on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

An amendment by Mr. BURTON of Indiana.

An amendment by Mr. CAPUANO of Massachusetts.

Amendment No. 8 by Mr. DOGGETT of Texas.

An amendment by Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey.

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An amendment by Mrs. FOXX of North Carolina.

An amendment by Mr. MELANCON of Louisiana.

Amendment No. 6 by Mr. JEFFERSON of Louisiana.

Amendment No. 7 by Mr. JEFFERSON of Louisiana.

An amendment by Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first vote in this series.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. BURTON OF INDIANA

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered

by the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. BURTON of Indiana:

Page 28, line 9, after the dollar amount insert the following: “(reduced by \$26,300,000) (increased by \$26,300,000)”.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIRMAN. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 250, noes 172, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 45]

AYES—250

Aderholt	English (PA)	Lewis (CA)
Akin	Etheridge	Lewis (KY)
Alexander	Everett	Linder
Bachus	Feeney	LoBiondo
Baker	Ferguson	Lucas
Barrow	Fitzpatrick (PA)	Lungren, Daniel E.
Bartlett (MD)	Foley	Mack
Barton (TX)	Forbes	Maloney
Bass	Fortenberry	Manzullo
Beauprez	Fossella	Marshall
Berkley	Fox	Matheson
Biggert	Franks (AZ)	McCaul (TX)
Bilirakis	Frelinghuysen	McCotter
Bishop (GA)	Galleghy	McCrery
Bishop (UT)	Garrett (NJ)	McHenry
Blackburn	Gerlach	McHugh
Blunt	Gibbons	McIntyre
Boehlert	Gilchrest	McKeon
Boehner	Gillmor	McMorris
Bonilla	Gingrey	Meeks (NY)
Bonner	Gohmert	Melancon
Bono	Goode	Mica
Boozman	Goodlatte	Miller (FL)
Boustany	Granger	Miller (MI)
Boyd	Graves	Mollohan
Bradley (NH)	Green (WI)	Moore (KS)
Brady (TX)	Green, Gene	Moran (VA)
Brown (SC)	Gutknecht	Murphy
Burgess	Hall	Musgrave
Burton (IN)	Harris	Myrick
Buyer	Hastert	Neugebauer
Camp (MI)	Hastings (WA)	Ney
Campbell (CA)	Hayes	Northup
Cannon	Hayworth	Norwood
Cantor	Hensarling	Nunes
Capito	Herger	Nussle
Cardoza	Hinche	Osborne
Carter	Hobson	Oxley
Chabot	Hoekstra	Pascarell
Chandler	Hostettler	Pastor
Chocola	Hulshof	Pearce
Coble	Hunter	Pence
Cole (OK)	Hyde	Peterson (MN)
Conaway	Inglis (SC)	Peterson (PA)
Costa	Issa	Petri
Cramer	Istook	Pickering
Crenshaw	Jackson-Lee	Pitts
Crowley	(TX)	Platts
Cubin	Jenkins	Poe
Cuellar	Jindal	Pombo
Culberson	Johnson (CT)	Porter
Cummings	Johnson (IL)	Price (GA)
Davis (FL)	Johnson, Sam	Pryce (OH)
Davis (KY)	Jones (NC)	Putnam
Davis (TN)	Keller	Radanovich
Davis, Jo Ann	Kelly	Rangel
Davis, Tom	Kennedy (MN)	Regula
Deal (GA)	Kennedy (RI)	Rehberg
Delahunt	King (IA)	Reichert
DeLay	King (NY)	Renzi
Dent	Kingston	Reynolds
Diaz-Balart, L.	Kirk	Rogers (AL)
Diaz-Balart, M.	Kline	Rogers (KY)
Dingell	Knollenberg	Rogers (MI)
Doolittle	Kolbe	Rohrabacher
Drake	Kuhl (NY)	Ros-Lehtinen
Dreier	LaHood	Royce
Ehlers	Lantos	Ruppersberger
Emerson	Latham	Ryan (WI)
Engel	LaTourette	

Ryun (KS)
Saxton
Schmidt
Schwarz (MI)
Scott (GA)
Sessions
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Sherwood
Shimkus
Shuster
Simmons
Simpson

Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Sodrel
Souder
Stearns
Stupak
Sullivan
Taylor (NC)
Terry
Thomas
Thornberry
Tiahrt
Towns
Turner

Walden (OR)
Walsh
Wamp
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
Westmoreland
Whitfield
Wicker
Wilson (NM)
Wilson (SC)
Wolf
Wynn
Young (FL)

NOES—172

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Allen
Andrews
Baca
Baird
Baldwin
Barrett (SC)
Bean
Becerra
Berman
Berry
Bishop (NY)
Blumenauer
Boswell
Boucher
Brady (PA)
Brown (OH)
Brown, Corrine
Brown-Waite,
Ginny
Butterfield
Calvert
Capps
Capuano
Cardin
Carnahan
Carson
Case
Castle
Clay
Cleaver
Clyburn
Conyers
Cooper
Costello
Davis (AL)
DeFazio
DeGette
DeLauro
Dicks
Doggett
Doyle
Edwards
Emanuel
Eshoo
Farr
Fattah
Filner
Flake
Ford
Frank (MA)
Gonzalez
Gordon
Green, Al
Grijalva
Gutierrez
Harman
Hart

Hefley
Herseth
Higgins
Hinojosa
Holden
Holt
Honda
Hooley
Hoyer
Inslee
Israel
Jackson (IL)
Jefferson
Johnson, E. B.
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kildee
Kilpatrick (MI)
Kind
Kucinich
Langevin
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Leach
Lee
Levin
Lewis (GA)
Lipinski
Lofgren, Zoe
Lowey
Lynch
Markey
Matsui
McCarthy
McCollum (MN)
McDermott
McGovern
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek (FL)
Michaud
Millender-
McDonald
Miller (NC)
Miller, Gary
Miller, George
Moore (WI)
Moran (KS)
Murtha
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal (MA)
Oberstar
Obey
Oliver
Ortiz
Otter
Owens

Pallone
Paul
Payne
Pelosi
Pomeroy
Price (NC)
Rahall
Ramstad
Reyes
Ross
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Rush
Ryan (OH)
Sabo
Salazar
Sanchez, Linda T.
Sanchez, Loretta
Sanders
Schakowsky
Schiff
Schwartz (PA)
Scott (VA)
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Sherman
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (WA)
Snyder
Solis
Spratt
Stark
Tancredo
Tanner
Tauscher
Taylor (MS)
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Tiberi
Tierney
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Upton
Van Hollen
Velázquez
Vislosky
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watson
Watt
Waxman
Weiner
Wexler
Woolsey
Wu

NOT VOTING—11

Boren
Davis (CA)
Davis (IL)
Duncan

Evans
Hastings (FL)
Jones (OH)
Marchant

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Messrs. THOMPSON of California, BROWN of Ohio, HINOJOSA, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ and Mr. HEFLEY changed their vote from “aye” to “no.”

Messrs. BONILLA, THORNBERRY, MCKEON, COBLE, BEAUPREZ, NEUGEBAUER, OXLEY, COLE of Oklahoma, SAM JOHNSON of Texas, DELAY, BONNER, SOUDER, RYAN of Wisconsin, LANTOS, Ms. BERKLEY,