

Mr. LATTA. Thank you, Madam Speaker, for allowing me a brief moment.

I want to thank Representative REGULA. Representative KAPTUR, thank you very much for your nice remarks. I really appreciate that. I know that my dad always enjoyed serving with you and riding on the plane back and forth from Toledo.

It's a great honor to be here today. I'll tell you, it's a humbling experience. Because of all the years when I was younger and Dad was in Congress here and being able to come onto this floor, I never dreamed there would be a day when I would be standing in this well to address the Members.

I just want to say this, that as we were walking here today from the Metro and walking between the Cannon and Longworth and looking up the street and seeing that dome of the Capitol Building, I understood how humbling of an experience this really is. I truly believe we are truly blessed to be one of 435 to represent such a great Nation.

I look forward to working with all of you in the future. And I just want to thank you very much for this ability to be here with you today, and also, Madam Speaker, again, for allowing me to speak. I really appreciate it. Thank you very much.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE ROBERT J. "ROB" WITTMAN TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF).

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the entire Virginia congressional delegation, it is a great privilege to introduce the newest Member of the 110th Congress, the gentleman from the First Congressional District, ROB WITTMAN.

ROB WITTMAN has been a public servant for more than 20 years, serving as a town councilman, mayor, county supervisor and board chairman, and member of the Virginia House of Delegates.

ROB holds a doctorate degree in public policy and administration, a master of public health degree in health policy and administration, and a bachelor of science degree in biology. Throughout his career, ROB's wife, Kathryn, a public school teacher, has been at his side. They are the parents of two children, daughter, Devon, and son, Josh.

Madam Speaker, ROB WITTMAN is ready to get to work following the decades-long tradition of former Congressman and Senator Paul Trible, of former Congressman Herb Bateman, and our beloved Member, who just left us to go home to be with the Lord, Jo Ann Davis, in providing outstanding and dedicated representation in Congress for the people of Virginia's First District.

I present to you the distinguished gentleman from the Commonwealth of Virginia, ROB WITTMAN.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WITTMAN).

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, ladies and gentlemen of the House, it is, indeed, an honor and a privilege to be with you today. Representative WOLF, thank you very much for those kind words; I really appreciate that.

It is, indeed, a humbling experience to be here. I look forward to working with each and every one of you in the days to come to make sure that we do the best job that we can collectively here for our Nation. As I said, it's a very humbling experience, and I thank you.

May God bless you.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath of office to the gentlemen from Virginia and Ohio, the whole number of the House is 434.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CAPUANO). Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the joint resolution.

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

Mr. LEWIS OF California. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 385, nays 27, not voting 21, as follows:

[Roll No. 1162]

YEAS—385

Abercrombie	Boehner	Capuano	Kennedy	Pomeroy
Aderholt	Bonner	Cardoza	Kildee	Porter
Akin	Bono	Carnahan	Kind	Price (GA)
Alexander	Boozman	Carney	King (NY)	Price (NC)
Allen	Boren	Castle	Kingston	Pryce (OH)
Altmire	Boswell	Castor	Kirk	Putnam
Andrews	Boustany	Chabot	Klein (FL)	Radanovich
Arcuri	Boyd (FL)	Chandler	Kline (MN)	Rahall
Baca	Boyda (KS)	Clarke	Knollenberg	Ramstad
Bachmann	Brady (PA)	Clay	Kuhl (NY)	Rangel
Baird	Braley (IA)	Clyburn	LaHood	Regula
Baker	Brown (GA)	Coble	Lampson	Rehberg
Baldwin	Brown (SC)	Cohen	Langevin	Reichert
Barrow	Brown, Corrine	Cole (OK)	Lantos	Renzi
Bartlett (MD)	Brown-Waite,	Conaway	Larsen (WA)	Reyes
Barton (TX)	Ginny	Conyers	Larson (CT)	Reynolds
Bean	Buchanan	Cooper	Latham	Richardson
Becerra	Burgess	Costa	LaTourette	Rodriguez
Berkley	Butterfield	Costello	Latta	Rogers (AL)
Berry	Buyer	Courtney	Lee	Rogers (KY)
Biggert	Calvert	Cramer	Levin	Rogers (MI)
Blibray	Camp (MI)	Crowley	Lewis (GA)	Rohrabacher
Bilirakis	Campbell (CA)	Cuellar	Lewis (KY)	Ros-Lehtinen
Bishop (GA)	Cannon	Cummings	Linder	Roskam
Bishop (NY)	Cantor	Davis (AL)	Lipinski	Ross
Bishop (UT)	Capito	Davis (CA)	LoBiondo	Rothman
Blunt	Capps	Davis (IL)	Loebsack	Roybal-Allard
			Lofgren, Zoe	Royce
			Lowey	Rush
			Lucas	Ryan (OH)
			Lungren, Daniel	Ryan (WI)
			E.	Salazar
			Lynch	Sali
			Mack	Sanchez, Linda
			Mahoney (FL)	T.
			Maloney (NY)	Sanchez, Loretta
			Manzullo	Sarbanes
			Marchant	Saxton
			Markey	Schakowsky
			Marshall	Schiff
			Matheson	Schmidt
			Matsui	Schwartz
			McCarthy (CA)	Scott (GA)
			McCarthy (NY)	Scott (VA)
			McCaul (TX)	Serrano
			McCollum (MN)	Sessions
			McCotter	Sestak
			McCrery	Shays
			McDermott	Shea-Porter
			McGovern	Sherman
			McHenry	Shimkus
			McHugh	Shuler
			McIntyre	Shuster
			McKeon	Simpson
			McMorris	Sires
			Rodgers	Skelton
			McNerney	Slaughter
			Meek (FL)	Smith (NE)
			Meeks (NY)	Smith (NJ)
			Melancon	Smith (TX)
			Mica	Smith (WA)
			Michaud	Snyder
			Miller (FL)	Solis
			Miller (MI)	Space
			Miller (NC)	Spratt
			Miller, George	Stark
			Mitchell	Stupak
			Mollohan	Sullivan
			Moore (KS)	Sutton
			Moore (WI)	Tanner
			Moran (KS)	Taylor
			Moran (VA)	Thompson (CA)
			Murphy (CT)	Thompson (MS)
			Murphy, Patrick	Tiahrt
			Murphy, Tim	Tiberi
			Murtha	Tierney
			Musgrave	Towns
			Myrick	Tsongas
			Nadler	Turner
			Napolitano	Udall (CO)
			Neal (MA)	Udall (NM)
			Neugebauer	Upton
			Nunes	Van Hollen
			Oberstar	Velázquez
			Obey	Visclosky
			Oliver	Walberg
			Ortiz	Walden (OR)
			Pallone	Walz (MN)
			Pascarell	Wamp
			Pastor	Wasserman
			Payne	Schultz
			Pearce	Waters
			Pence	Watson
			Perlmutter	Watt
			Peterson (MN)	Waxman
			Peterson (PA)	Weiner
			Pickering	Welch (VT)
			Pitts	Weldon (FL)
			Platts	Weller

Westmoreland	Wilson (OH)	Wu
Wexler	Wilson (SC)	Wynn
Whitfield (KY)	Wittman (VA)	Yarmuth
Wicker	Wolf	
Wilson (NM)	Woolsey	

NAYS—27

Bachus	Franks (AZ)	Petri
Barrett (SC)	Gohmert	Poe
Blumenauer	Hensarling	Sensenbrenner
Brady (TX)	Hoekstra	Shadegg
Burton (IN)	Hunter	Souder
Carter	Johnson, Sam	Stearns
Culberson	King (IA)	Tancredo
Duncan	Kucinich	Thornberry
Flake	Lewis (CA)	Young (AK)

NOT VOTING—21

Ackerman	Cubin	Miller, Gary
Berman	Heller	Paul
Blackburn	Hooley	Ruppersberger
Boucher	Jindal	Tauscher
Carson	Kilpatrick	Terry
Cleaver	Lamborn	Walsh (NY)
Crenshaw	McNulty	Young (FL)

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Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.” So the joint resolution was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 1162, I was delayed because I was meeting with constituents from my district and I was taking them on a tour of the Capitol. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained over the past few days to come to the floor of the House of Representatives to cast my vote on certain rollcall votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” for rollcall Nos. 1125 and 1160. I would have voted “yea” for rollcall Nos. 1124 through 1138, rollcall No. 1142, rollcall No. 1145, rollcall Nos. 1152 through 1158, and rollcall Nos. 1161 and 1162.

I would have voted “nay” for rollcall No. 1159.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. HELLER of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for a series of votes today due to personal family reasons. I request that my votes be recorded in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

On rollcall No. 1156 on Ordering the Previous Question on House Resolution 869, I would have voted “nay.”

On rollcall No. 1157 on Ordering the Previous Question on House Resolution 859, I would have voted “nay.”

On rollcall No. 1158 on passage of House Resolution 859, I would have voted “nay.”

On rollcall No. 1159 on the motion to recommit the Conference Report (H.R. 2082) with Instructions, I would have voted “nay.”

On rollcall No. 1160 on agreeing to the Conference Report (H.R. 2082), I would have voted “nay.”

On rollcall No. 1161, to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair, I would have voted “nay.”

On rollcall No. 1162, on passage of H.J. Res. 69, I would have voted “yea.”

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1201

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1201, the Freedom and Innovation Revitalizing U.S. Entrepreneurship Act of 2007.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend, the gentleman from Maryland, the majority leader, for information about what I hope to be the last week's schedule of this working year.

Mr. HOYER. One week longer than I had hoped.

I thank the gentleman. On Monday, the House will meet at 10:30 a.m. for morning-hour debate and noon for legislative business with any votes ordered postponed until 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, the House will meet at 9 a.m. for morning-hour debate and 10 a.m. for legislative business. On Wednesday, the House will meet at 10 a.m. for legislative business.

We will consider several bills under suspension of the rules, and most of those bills will be announced before the close of business tomorrow.

We will also expect further action on the following items: energy legislation, terrorism risk insurance, the fiscal 2008 appropriations package, the alternative minimum tax, the children's health insurance program. And there may be within the children's health program, depending on what the Senate does, dealing with the reimbursement of providers under Medicare, the docs.

I might also add to that, Members ought to know it is possible that depending upon the administrative work that can be accomplished over the next 4 or 5 days, it is possible that Monday night we might consider the omnibus appropriation bill. I mention that, but I want you to know that that is possible.

Mr. BLUNT. On that topic, my friend, I wonder, do you have any sense on what time over the weekend or on Monday it would become obvious, the Monday evening work, because we have had many Members, as I am sure you have, inquire about that specific issue.

Mr. HOYER. The chairman of the committee, Mr. OBEY, has made it very clear that he wants to, although this is essentially an amendment, he wants to meet the 24-hour notice so that Members have 24 hours. So that would require Sunday night, we hope we can reach Sunday, for the posting of the bill on the Rules Committee Web site, which is usually how notice is given. And we are hopeful that will be done by Sunday night so that by Monday night

it would be hopefully ready for consideration.

I want to say that the energy legislation will be considered, assuming we get the bill from the Senate, assuming we are ready to do that, considered done on Tuesday.

Mr. BLUNT. I thank the gentleman for that, and let me just clarify in my own mind. The energy legislation would not be considered on Monday, but if we get it, I am anticipating it would be considered on Tuesday.

Mr. HOYER. Energy legislation will be considered on Tuesday.

Mr. BLUNT. And then further clarification on your observation about more action on the children's health insurance program as it relates to the doc fix. I am a little unclear on your information on that.

Mr. HOYER. As you know, in our bill that we sent to the Senate, which the Senate did not pass, and it is still pending in the Senate, we made provision for the doctors reimbursement, which is going to be cut by 10 percent, as you know, on January 1. As a result of that, we are very concerned that there are some providers that may feel they no longer can afford to give services to those under Medicare. We think that is something that none of us want to have happen, so I wanted to put you on notice, so you knew that that was a possibility if their agreement could be reached on that issue. As you know, the Senate has not passed it.

But I am mentioning SCHIP, they may be combined, they may not be, I don't know, because that is a health care issue, and we have been talking about it as a combined. I wanted you to simply know that when I mentioned SCHIP that may well be subsumed in that or a separate item, if, in fact, agreement can be reached.

Mr. BLUNT. I will take that information and thank you for that information.

On the AMT, on the alternative minimum tax, the status on that right now is the Senate has sent over a bill without an offsetting tax pay-for, has passed one. Can you give me some information of where that bill is at this moment?

Mr. HOYER. The Senate bill is still in the Senate, as I understand it. We have passed, as you know, a House bill with a different pay-for so that the deficit is not increased by our actions. As you know, on this side of the aisle we feel very strongly, I underline “very,” strongly that the alternative minimum tax, I think to a Member, agree was not intended to affect some of the people that it will affect if it is not modified. We want to modify it, but we don't want to modify it at the expense of our children and grandchildren having to fill the hole that will be left by the loss in revenues on which the administration has counted in its budgets for not this year but succeeding years for the next 9 years. If that money is not there and expenditures are not cut, or revenues are not raised, then we will