

services, to break down barriers, and to make MS therapies more affordable. I ask other Members of the House to join me in this noble cause. We must always remember that behind every statistic is the face of a family member or friend. We have a shared responsibility to offer help and hope. There is no better time than now to begin offering it.

THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET IS INADEQUATE

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, during the first 6 years of the Bush administration, the President and congressional Republicans squandered away large budget surpluses that were left to them by the Clinton administration; yet they failed to properly fund key national priorities. Again this year, the Bush administration proposed a budget that ignores the real needs of American people, particularly at a time of such economic uncertainty.

This week, congressional Democrats will bring a budget to the House floor that fully funds Medicare and Medicaid, the health care programs for the Nation's most vulnerable people, including our children and our seniors. Unlike the President's budget, our budget fully invests in environmental protection and low-income heating programs such as LIHEAP so that low-income families, including those in my district in New Jersey who are facing skyrocketing home heating bills this winter, will receive some much-needed assistance. We also fully invest in the COPS program so that we can better protect our streets against crime.

Mr. Speaker, we do all of this without raising taxes by one single penny. This is a well-crafted budget, and it deserves strong bipartisan support.

SUPPORT THE FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE REPUBLICAN BUDGET

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

Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee. With gas prices soaring to all-time high records, families in east Tennessee and all across America are struggling to make their ends meet. The Democratic budget resolution fails to meet the test of fiscal responsibility miserably. Instead of exercising fiscal restraint and lowering taxes, the Democrat budget raises taxes by over \$683 billion over the course of 5 years. You heard me correctly, \$683 billion over the next 5 years. This is the largest tax increase in American history, and it blows away the previous tax increase record in 1993 by \$443 billion. Families in east Tennessee will be forced to pay over \$2,611 in new taxes because of the Democrat budget.

I am supporting the Republican budget which addresses the bloated govern-

ment in Washington, lowers taxes on struggling citizens and families, addresses the unfunded liabilities of Social Security and Medicare, and reins in the out-of-control spending here in Washington.

I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting the fiscally responsible Republican budget.

PRESIDENT VETOES INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION BILL

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

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to say a word about the President's veto of the congressional ban on torture. By vetoing this measure, he is essentially instructing America's torturers to act in a way that is illegal according to international law, to act in a way that is wholly inconsistent with the military's code of conduct who are required to abide by the Army Field Manual, to act in a way that does not consistently provide reliable information because people being tortured tell their torturer what they know they want to hear so as to stop the torture. They know it is not the most effective means of acquiring information.

He also must know that this puts our own soldiers and civilians in much greater jeopardy because our enemy will consider it license to do at least as much as we do to them. But, most importantly, it undermines our moral authority. How far we have strayed from the vision of our Founding Fathers that this Nation would serve as a moral guidepost to the rest of the world. We should override this misguided Presidential veto because it is both illegal and, most importantly, it is immoral and un-American.

TIME FOR HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY TO JOIN TECHNOLOGY REVOLUTION

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Village Health Partners of Plano, Texas, for receiving the 2007 Davies Award of Excellence by the Health Care Information and Management System Society. Since 1994, the Davies Award has nationally recognized excellence in the use of health information technology. Dr. Christopher Crow and his partners decided to use technology to revolutionize how they practiced medicine. It took their office 3 short months to go from paper charts to completely paper-free. Using this technology has given these doctors the tools to track the quality of care they provide their patients. In just 1 year these physicians have seen the dramatic impact this technology has had on the lives of their patients.

As all of my colleagues know, our health care system is in need of some serious reform, and I believe that bringing every doctor's office, hospital, and medical record into the 21st century is a great start. Just look at the success that we have had in Plano.

As Congress continues to debate health care reform, I look forward to working with my colleagues on proposals that will encourage more of the health care industry to join the technology revolution. The time is now.

THE BUDGET

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Well, we're hearing the howls from the Republican side. Their fat-cat supporters might be forced to pay a fair share of taxes in the future, millionaires and billionaires who today are paying taxes at a rate less than that of your average schoolteacher or an Army captain. They say that that's the secret for a strong economy. Those hedge fund managers on Wall Street are doing such a great job, the people who brought us the financial meltdown for the United States of America that's hurting average people while these people are still cruising in their yachts and building their seventh and eighth homes in exotic places around the world. They need those tax cuts. That's the nostrum for a failing economy: tax cuts, tax cuts, tax cuts for rich people.

No, how about tax fairness and how about dealing with a sea of red ink in this country. You can't do it without asking the wealthiest among us to pay their fair share. And restoring some programs that are important to the middle class. Yeah, that's right. The rich people don't need roads that are up to standard because they're in the back seat of a chauffeur-driven limousine. They don't care if they sit in traffic for a long time. They're in their private jet. They're in their walled community. What do they need for public safety? Their kids go to private schools. What do they care about public education? And, hey, they don't have to worry about the cost of health care. That's the Republican world. We're going to change that with this Democratic budget.

FISA

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

Mr. MCCAUL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, nearly 4 weeks have passed since the Protect America Act expired, and for 4 weeks our intelligence community has gone dark around the world. For 4 weeks, we are missing critical intelligence from foreign terrorists to better protect this Nation.

Mr. Speaker, this is a dereliction of duty. The most solemn obligation we have in the House is to protect the

American people; yet we have allowed this act to expire. A bipartisan bill has passed in the Senate; yet we in the House are denied democracy and the opportunity to have the people vote for this important legislation that will protect Americans.

I applied for FISA warrants in the Justice Department. This statute was never intended to apply to foreign terrorists in foreign countries. In fact, what we are doing is extending constitutional protections to foreign terrorists like Osama bin Laden. This turns the statute on its head; yet we have a majority leader who says there's no urgency. The chairman of Intelligence says we'll be just fine. It reminds me of an FBI agent who warned before 9/11, frustrated about the intelligence gap, "Someday someone will die. The public will not understand why we were not more effective at throwing every resource we had at certain problems, especially since the biggest threat to us now is Osama bin Laden and he is getting the most protection."

I urge this Congress, this House, and the Democratic leadership to pass the Senate bipartisan bill and make the Protect America Act permanent.

FISA

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

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, FISA is a major issue. Great nations in history have failed and been defeated by becoming soft from within. I see dangers of doing that here.

I know that my colleagues across the aisle, the 170 or so who did not support FISA being passed into law last August, are very compassionate people. I've seen the hurt in your eyes. I've seen how it troubles your soul when you see people hurting and killed and maimed. What we're asking here is to do the intelligence and allow the intelligence community to protect us so we don't have to experience the horror of seeing Americans killed and maimed.

We're losing valuable intelligence every day that we do not pass this important, valuable bill. The proposal was made, let's just keep extending it a week at a time. You cannot do extensive intelligence on a week-to-week basis. We cannot put our country at risk. This House has other things planned today other than this critical issue that could be a nation-saving measure.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CAPUANO). The question is on the motion to adjourn.

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

Mr. GOHMERT. 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.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 20, nays 364, not voting 44, as follows:

[Roll No. 111]

YEAS—20

Bishop (UT)
Calvert
Coble
Davis, David
Doolittle
Gohmert
Gordon

Johnson (IL)
King (IA)
Marchant
McCauley (TX)
Pearce
Radanovich
Reichert

Renzi
Shuster
Tancredo
Whitfield (KY)
Wilson (SC)
Young (AK)

NAYS—364

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Adrian
Akin
Alexander
Altmire
Andrews
Arcuri
Baca
Bachmann
Bachus
Baird
Baldwin
Barrett (SC)
Barrow
Bartlett (MD)
Barton (TX)
Becerra
Berkley
Berman
Berry
Biggert
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bishop (GA)
Bishop (NY)
Blumenauer
Blunt
Boehner
Bonner
Bono Mack
Boozman
Boren
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd (FL)
Boyd (KS)
Brady (PA)
Brady (TX)
Braley (IA)
Broun (GA)
Brown (SC)
Brown, Corrine
Buchanan
Burgess
Burton (IN)
Butterfield
Buyer
Camp (MI)
Campbell (CA)
Cannon
Cantor
Capito
Capps
Capuano
Cardoza
Carnahan
Carney
Carter
Castle
Castor
Chabot
Chandler
Clarke
Clay
Cleaver
Clyburn
Cohen
Cole (OK)
Conaway
Conyers
Cooper
Costa
Costello

Courtney
Cramer
Crenshaw
Crowley
Cubin
Cuellar
Culberson
Cummings
Davis (AL)
Davis (CA)
Davis (IL)
Davis (KY)
Davis, Tom
Deal (GA)
DeFazio
DeGette
DeLauro
DeLauro
Dent
Diaz-Balart, L.
Diaz-Balart, M.
Dicks
Dingell
Doggett
Donnelly
Doyle
Dreier
Duncan
Edwards
Ehlers
Ellison
Ellsworth
Emanuel
Emerson
Engel
English (PA)
Eshoo
Etheridge
Everett
Fallin
Farr
Fattah
Feeney
Ferguson
Filner
Flake
Forbes
Fortenberry
Fossella
Foxy
Frank (MA)
Franks (AZ)
Frelinghuysen
Gallegly
Garrett (NJ)
Gerlach
Giffords
Gilchrest
Gillibrand
Gingrey
Gonzalez
Goode
Goodlatte
Granger
Graves
Green, Al
Green, Gene
Grijalva
Gutierrez
Hall (NY)
Hall (TX)
Hare
Harman
Hastings (FL)

Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Heller
Hensarling
Herger
Herseth Sandlin
Hill
Hinchey
Hinojosa
Hirono
Hobson
Hodes
Hoekstra
Holden
Holt
Honda
Hoyer
Hulshof
Hunter
Inglis (SC)
Inslee
Israel
Issa
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jefferson
Johnson (GA)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones (NC)
Jordan
Kagen
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Keller
Kennedy
Kildee
Kind
King (NY)
Kingston
Kirk
Klein (FL)
Knollenberg
Kucinich
Kuhl (NY)
Lamborn
Lampson
Langevin
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Latham
LaTourette
Latta
Lee
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (GA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Lipinski
LoBiondo
Loebach
Lofgren, Zoe
Lowey
Lucas
Lungren, Daniel
E.
Lynch
Mack
Maloney (NY)
Manzullo
Matheson
Matsui

McCarthy (CA)
McCarthy (NY)
McCollum (MN)
McCotter
McCrery
McDermott
McGovern
McHenry
McHugh
McIntyre
McKeon
McMorris
Rodgers
McNerney
McNulty
Meeks (NY)
Melancon
Mica
Michaud
Miller (FL)
Miller (MI)
Miller (NC)
Miller, Gary
Miller, George
Mollohan
Moore (KS)
Moore (WI)
Moran (KS)
Moran (VA)
Murphy (CT)
Murphy, Patrick
Murphy, Tim
Murtha
Musgrave
Nadler
Napolitano
Neugebauer
Nunes
Olver
Ortiz
Pallone
Pascarella
Pastor
Paul
Payne
Perlmutter
Peterson (MN)
Petri
Pickering

Pitts
Platts
Pomeroy
Porter
Price (GA)
Price (NC)
Putnam
Ramstad
Regula
Rehberg
Reyes
Reynolds
Richardson
Rodriguez
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rogers (MI)
Roskam
Ross
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Ruppersberger
Ryan (OH)
Ryan (WI)
Salazar
Sali
Sánchez, Linda
T.
Sanchez, Loretta
Sarbanes
Saxton
Schakowsky
Schmidt
Schwartz
Scott (GA)
Scott (VA)
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Sessions
Sestak
Shadegg
Shays
Shea-Porter
Sherman
Shimkus
Shuler
Simpson
Skelton

Slaughter
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Snyder
Solis
Space
Spratt
Stearns
Stupak
Sullivan
Sutton
Tanner
Tauscher
Taylor
Terry
Thompson (CA)
Thornberry
Tiahrt
Tiberi
Tierney
Towns
Tsongas
Turner
Udall (NM)
Upton
Van Hollen
Velázquez
Visclosky
Walberg
Walden (OR)
Walsh (NY)
Walz (MN)
Wamp
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watson
Watt
Waxman
Welch (VT)
Weller
Westmoreland
Wilson (NM)
Wilson (OH)
Wittman (VA)
Wolf
Wu
Yarmuth

NOT VOTING—44

Allen
Bean
Blackburn
Boustany
Brown-Waite,
Ginny
Davis, Lincoln
Drake
Higgins
Hooley
Jones (OH)
Kilpatrick
Kline (MN)
LaHood
Mahoney (FL)

Markey
Marshall
Meek (FL)
Mitchell
Myrick
Neal (MA)
Oberstar
Obey
Pence
Peterson (PA)
Poe
Pryce (OH)
Rahall
Rangel
Rohrabacher

Ros-Lehtinen
Royce
Rush
Schiff
Smith (WA)
Souder
Stark
Thompson (MS)
Udall (CO)
Weiner
Weldon (FL)
Wexler
Woolsey
Wynn
Young (FL)

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Messrs. ROSKAM, BROUN of Georgia, Mrs. EMERSON, Messrs. ISSA, CARTER, MATHESON, JORDAN of Ohio, McHUGH, NUNES, MELANCON, SULLIVAN, ROGERS of Kentucky, KINGSTON, SMITH of Texas, RUPERSBERGER, GINGREY, WAMP, HASTINGS of Florida, AKIN, SHIMKUS, BARTLETT of Maryland, BURTON of Indiana, Ms. ESHOO, Messrs. FLAKE and TOM DAVIS of Virginia changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. MARCHANT changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated against:

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, I was unable to participate in the following vote. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows: Rollcall vote 111, on motion to adjourn, I would have voted "nay."