

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I yield an additional minute to the gentlewoman.

Ms. KAPTUR. I also stand here this evening in memory of a young gentleman by the name of Zachary Hebda from the State of Maryland, who died at the age of seven of a childhood cancer. And at seven, that child had such measure, just like an adult. And he faced, as your daughter did, something that we, as adults, wonder if we could face. And we never forget them because they hold us up in our own work with their strength and their courage. We need answers. We need answers for our children. We need to stem this disease, and we need to prevent and we need to cure.

I want to thank Congresswoman PRYCE for her years of service and doing what is so wrenching, to continue after the loss of someone who is so much a part of yourself and helping us better ourselves as a country. I thank you for this exceptional piece of legislation.

I thank Chairman PALLONE. I thank Congresswoman CAPPS and those who have supported you in this effort. And I thank you for, most of all, sharing Caroline with us as a most beautiful, beautiful memory and tribute to her and to you.

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE).

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Congresswoman PRYCE and I came to the floor as a mother, and certainly someone who has spent a good deal of time working in the Women's Caucus. And we would be together in a time when Democrats and Republicans would come together around issues of children and women. And I know of your forceful voice. And so I come today to thank you for this legislation and this tribute to Caroline because, coming from Houston, we have the Texas Children's Hospital. And I have visited the McDonald's House, which is a home that families are able to use to be able to see the children who are with their family who are suffering from cancer and obviously are in great need of pediatric research. And you see the smiling faces, and you see the uniqueness of their look, if you will—many of their heads are shaven—but you also see love. And this is what this bill represents to all of us; it is a testament of love, and the fact that children should have a future.

Caroline Pryce Walker, in the words Conquer Child Cancer Act of 2008, is embodied in the love that you have for your daughter.

I just want to recount one or two of the findings, because I think it is very important to note that cancer kills more children than any other disease. Many of us don't know that. You would

think of many other elements that might kill. You don't know that cancer is the number one killer of children.

Each year, cancer kills more children between one and 20 years of age than asthma, diabetes, cystic fibrosis and AIDS. So I simply want to close by indicating that I was in a committee hearing and we just finished and I saw you speaking on the floor, and I was compelled to just come and say thank you. Thank you for your leadership. And you have entrusted in us the fact that we will carry on in your name and in your daughter's name.

I ask for support of this bill, and I thank Chairman PALLONE.

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the rest of our time.

I've participated in some very intense debates on this House floor. And these are times that, on a bill like we have before us today, where truly we all come together. It's beyond bipartisanship, as people have heard from the rather dramatic and emotional testimony from all of the Members who have testified here today. Because there is nothing more emotional than a child who has been diagnosed with a cancer. There is just nothing more traumatic to a parent, to a family. And if there is anything that we can do as a congressional body to try and alleviate that type of pain a family could suffer in the future, we should undertake that. And we've done it here today.

I want to thank DEBORAH PRYCE for her strength, not only in her testimony here on the floor today, but for the years that she has continued to work this issue and push it forward to its House conclusion today.

I also want to just thank Mr. PALLONE and Mr. DINGELL, who participated in this bill and made sure that it moved through our committee in a timely way and onto the House floor, as well as Mr. VAN HOLLEN and so many other supporters of this bill. Many thanks go out to them.

So we should be proud, as Mr. MCCAUL and many speakers said, of our efforts here today. I encourage every single member of our conference on this side of the aisle to join me in supporting the Caroline Pryce Walker Conquer Childhood Disease Act.

With that, Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I would like to urge all my colleagues to support this bill overwhelmingly. And I want to make a commitment to Congresswoman PRYCE, as she had urged, that we get this over to the Senate and get it passed as quickly as possible so we can send it to the President.

I know that this is in memory of her daughter Caroline, and all the different things that have been said here today is certainly a tribute to you and all that you have done here in the House of Representatives.

I just want to say, I've watched you over the years. I know you were the chairwoman of the Republican Conference, and as you said, we were often battling. But in all of that, Congresswoman PRYCE was always a lady and really someone who was able to get along with people on both sides of the aisle and work towards good government goals.

So this bill really is a tribute to her in memory of her daughter. And I just want to thank her again for all that she has done.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1553, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. TERRY. Madam 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 and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I would like to place on the RECORD the following: That this afternoon when the House voted on H.R. 6003, rollcall 400, I would have voted "yes" on the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act as I have fully supported its intent and worked with the distinguished chairman, Mr. OBERSTAR, to include the Cleveland-Toledo-Chicago Corridor in that bill, and as a member of the Transportation Housing Subcommittee of Appropriations with responsibility for funding the effort. However, at the time of the vote, after voting "no" on the prior motion to recommit, when that vote was held open for 15 minutes I left the Chamber to locate 226 high school students from Timber Stone Junior High School in my district, who were nowhere to be found on either the east or west side of the Capitol. When I came back to the floor, the vote had been reduced to 5 minutes and I was not able to record my final vote as "yes" on the final vote. I wanted to place that on the RECORD.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5749, EMERGENCY EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION ACT OF 2008

Mr. ARCURI (during consideration of H.R. 1553), from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-710) on the resolution (H. Res. 1265) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5749) to provide for a

program of emergency unemployment compensation, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. POE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

U.S. OPEN BEGINS PLAY TOMORROW

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, I want to let all of my colleagues know that, as most of them already do, that tomorrow is the United States Open, the great U.S. Open, the great tradition in golf competition. And it is going to be held at Torrey Pines in San Diego.

I thought this might be an appropriate time to pay tribute to those great golfers who have come to the San Diego area, and especially to talk about the dean of golf in San Diego, that great champion who won two U.S. Opens, Billy Casper. We have had a number of great champions out of San Diego.

Madam Speaker, there is a line that connects Billy Casper and Phil Mickelson, who is one of the top contenders. He is going to be playing tomorrow. He is a great U.S. Open competitor who has been runner-up four times. He said the other day, I think it was on the Golf Channel, that he loves the U.S. Open. So far the U.S. Open hasn't loved him. But he follows a succession of great golfers out of San Diego.

We had "Gene the Machine," Gene Littler, who won the U.S. Open in 1961; the great Mickey Wright, possibly the greatest woman golfer of all time, who won, I believe, four LPGA championships; Craig Stadler, who while he didn't win the U.S. Open, won the Masters; the great Paul Runyan, "Little Poison," who at one point, even though he was outdriven about 100 yards on every drive by Sam Snead at the PGA Championships back in the thirties beat the Great Snead 8 and 7 by being so good around the greens; and of course the great Scott Simpson who won the U.S. Open in 1987. And that leads me to the guy who won the U.S. Open two times, really the dean of golf

in San Diego, California, the great Billy Casper.

Madam Speaker, people don't understand how great Billy Casper was and is. He won 51 professional tournaments. During the heyday of the big three, that was Palmer, Player and Nicklaus, that period between 1964 and 1970 when those three golfers were winning a combined 35 victories, Billy Casper by himself was winning 23 victories, more than Palmer or Player combined and three more than Jack Nicklaus. In fact, I think it was the great Jack Nicklaus who said at one point that it should have been the big four.

Billy Casper is a guy who had the greatest Ryder Cup record in the history of American golfers and the best come-from-behind win in a U.S. Open championship in our history. And let me tell you just a little bit about that. It was 1966 at Olympic Golf Course in San Francisco. Billy Casper walked up to the tee on the last nine, the back nine of the last 18 holes of the last day of the U.S. Open. He walked up to the tee seven shots behind the great Arnold Palmer in his prime. And after he had finished that nine holes, he had shot a 32, he had tied Palmer who was only three over par on the back nine, and with a seven-shot lead, you ought to be able to win the U.S. Olympic with the 37 on the last nine. But he tied him, caught him by seven strokes in the last nine holes. And the next day, the great Billy Casper won the playoff against Arnold Palmer with a 69. That is the great Billy Casper, one of the great Americans of all time, one of the great athletes and golfers of all time, and our dean of golf in San Diego.

I want to recognize my friend, Danny Burton who, while he is very modest, is a great athlete. He was the high school champion in Indiana, a guy we have all looked up to and a guy who also has some memories of his own about some of these U.S. Open champions.

I would like to yield to my friend from Indiana.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. I thank the gentleman for taking the time to do this. I wish everybody that is interested in golf were paying attention tonight because you're mentioning some really great players from San Diego. There must be something in the water out there.

But Scott Simpson is a friend of mine. I have had the opportunity to play with Scott a few times. And he is probably one of the nicest people I have ever met in golf. He is a very good Christian man. He is an outstanding golfer. He doesn't know the meaning of "quit." And he won the U.S. Open as well. And he is one of those guys from San Diego that you as a San Diegoan, I guess that is how you say it, ought to be very proud of.

Billy Casper and Phil Mickelson, Scott Simpson and Gene Littler, a great bunch of guys and a great bunch of golfers; Phil Mickelson, I have had the pleasure of playing with him as well. I will tell you, he is going to win

the Open one of these days because he has the ability, and he is the caliber of man to get the job done. I know he has had a few flukes here in the past. He has won the Masters twice. And I predict Phil will win the U.S. Open before too long.

Mr. HUNTER. Let me ask my friend, Dan Burton, a lot of people have criticized Phil Mickelson because he is kind of a go-for-broke player. And they often say, as in some of the shots that he took in some of the closing holes in some of the majors, that Phil Mickelson didn't play the odds, that he didn't hit the safe shot. He went for the go-for-broke shot. And in some cases, it didn't work out. I kind of like that. Because that is really what we go to the golf course to see.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. The people that criticize Mickelson probably can't even carry his shoes. He has won two Masters. He is the number two golfer in the world right now. He is tough in every tournament. So when people say something bad about Mickelson, they had better take a good look at themselves, especially if they are a golfer.

Mr. HUNTER. I thank the gentleman. And I will just say that it is a great day for Billy Casper, a great day for Phil Mickelson tomorrow, and a great day for the U.S. Open and all of our past champions.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Tomorrow is the beginning of the best and greatest golf tournament in the world.

Mr. HUNTER. I thank the gentleman.

STATE OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COURTNEY). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. LANGEVIN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss one of the most critical issues facing American families today—the state of the national economy. I want the American people to know that this Congress understands the struggles facing millions of people. And we have been taking steps to provide assistance to those in need. Just last week, we heard the troubling news that our unemployment rate jumped from 5 percent in April to 5.5 percent in May.

Now in Rhode Island, the problem is even worse with an unemployment rate of 6.1 percent. Now I strongly support an extension of unemployment insurance to those who exhausted their benefit. And I am disappointed that Republicans blocked its passage in the House earlier today. Unfortunately, our economic woes are not limited, though, to high unemployment. As health care costs and food prices rise, families find themselves forced to decide between buying groceries and medicine, a choice no person should ever have to make. And compounding problems of skyrocketing energy costs have made it tougher for people to fill