

women are now the majority. In 1970, only one out of 27 high school girls played varsity sports. Today that figure is two in five, and these girls are reaping the benefits that come from sports: lower rates of substance abuse, unintended pregnancies, breast cancer, and osteoporosis.

Title IX has made it possible for women to pursue any career they want. I am excited to see what today's girls and young women will do with the opportunities title IX will provide for their futures.

CONGRESS NEEDS TO STOP LIMITING OPTIONS

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

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, today the average price of gas in the Ninth Congressional District of Pennsylvania is over \$4 a gallon. It has had a dramatic impact on families and small businesses across my district and across Pennsylvania.

The American people know that drilling isn't the only answer, which my colleagues on the other side of the aisle continue to say, but they do know it is a huge part of the solution. They also know that it will have the greatest impact in the shortest period of time. It is a real solution.

The American people also know that we can explore and drill in places like ANWR and off the coast of the United States. We can do it in environmentally safe ways and extract tremendous amounts of energy in those parts of the world.

The American people also know that this Congress has done nothing, has done nothing to solve the problem at the pump, has done nothing to help this economy with solving our oil and energy crisis that we face today. This Congress needs to act. We need to stop talking and limiting our options available to us. The American people are crying out for us to solve their problem and help them and help this economy grow.

BIG OIL: USE IT OR LOSE IT

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, the American people are looking for real energy solutions that will bring down prices at the pump. Unfortunately, all they are getting from Washington Republicans are more of the same old policies that are actually responsible for the high gas prices in the first time.

The Republican solution is to open up more of our pristine land and our ocean to oil drilling. They neglect to say that Big Oil already has leases for 68 million acres that, for whatever reason, Big Oil refuses to explore. Experts estimate that these 68 million acres of leased land could produce about 4.8 million barrels of oil which would near-

ly double our Nation's total production.

Why should we give Big Oil access to more of our land and water when they refuse to drill on 68 million acres they already have? And if drilling is indeed the answer to high gas prices, as my Republican friends always claim, why aren't they demanding that Big Oil start drilling on these lands?

Mr. Speaker, this week House Republicans will have an opportunity to act on their rhetoric by supporting Democratic legislation that tells Big Oil to either use it or lose it.

PROPERTY OWNERS AT RISK

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

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday was the third anniversary of the Supreme Court's 2005 decision in the *Kelo v. City of New London* case.

In that decision, a divided Supreme Court ruled that the government may take people's homes and bulldoze them to make way for strip malls or other private development in order to increase tax revenue.

The negative effects of this far-reaching decision places all private property owners at risk. No property owner is safe if the government decides that their land would serve a better purpose and be an economic gain if something bigger and more taxable were in its place.

To combat these unjust property takings, I introduced H.R. 6219 to protect the rights of the private property owners. With this bill, all Americans now have the tools they need to fight unjust property takings and defend their homes and small businesses.

The government has overstepped its bounds in taking private property from people. It has also done the wrong thing in not allowing us to drill for oil and gas in America. It is very important that we get it in our own backyard. A lot of people on the Democratic side talk about alternative energy sources, and that is good. And we as Republicans believe in that. But also, we believe we need to get energy right here in our own backyard as well as we need to develop these technologies.

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HONORING THE LAKE HIGHLANDS EXCHANGE CLUB AND LAKE HIGHLANDS MILITARY MOMS

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

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the Lake Highlands Exchange Club and Rhonda Russell, founder of the Lake Highlands Military Moms. Rhonda formed Military Moms so that mothers could meet once a month to exchange stories, updates, and photographs of their children serving our Nation in uniform overseas.

Recently, these two groups joined together to ensure that our servicemen and women received the local recognition they deserved for their heroic efforts. For example, they created posters for display throughout the Lake Highlands Community featuring photographs of 54 men and women serving our Nation in uniform. Additionally, they ensure that every returning servicemember is publicly honored at the Exchange Club meetings.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Fifth District of Texas, I'm honored to be able to recognize the Lake Highlands Exchange Club and Lake Highlands Military Moms for their continued efforts in honoring our heroes in uniform.

WHAT IS CONGRESS DOING TO LOWER GAS PRICES?

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, my constituents, almost every single one, want to know what Congress is doing to lower the gas prices. Here is part of a letter from Matthew, a Boy Scout, from Winston-Salem, North Carolina: The problem I'm talking about how the gas prices are so high. If gas prices keep going up, we won't be able to go on vacation, we won't be able to go to the grocery store, we won't be able to go to church.

This is completely unacceptable for my constituents and also unacceptable for the constituents represented by my friends on the other side of the aisle. Unfortunately, it's because of the out-of-touch Democrat leadership that Congress has done nothing to combat record gas prices. Democrats pledged to deliver low gas prices well before they even took control of Congress promising a "commonsense" plan to lower gas prices. And here we are with national gas prices at \$4 a gallon.

While Democrats only offer more of the same—broken promises in tax increases—House Republicans are committed to pursuing solutions that will help alleviate the pain at the pump and grow the American economy.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 87, nays 299, not voting 48, as follows:

[Roll No. 441]

YEAS—87

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Brady (PA)
Braley (IA)
Broun (GA)
Camp (MI)
Campbell (CA)
Cantor
Carter
Coble
Conyers
Crenshaw
Cubin
Davis, Tom
Doolittle
Duncan
Emerson
English (PA)
Everett
Fallin
Feeney
Flake
Foxx

Franks (AZ)
Gallegly
Garrett (NJ)
Gordon
Granger
Hastings (WA)
Hensarling
Herger
Hobson
Hoekstra
Hunter
Inglis (SC)
Issa
Keller
King (IA)
LaHood
Lamborn
LaTourette
Lewis (KY)
Lucas
Lungren, Daniel
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Manzullo
McCaul (TX)
McHenry
McHugh
McKeon

McMorris
Rodgers
Miller (MI)
Miller, Gary
Miller, George
Musgrave
Myrick
Neugebauer
Petri
Pickering
Pitts
Rehberg
Reichert
Renzi
Rogers (AL)
Roskam
Ryan (WI)
Sensenbrenner
Sessions
Shadegg
Shimkus
Shuster
Sullivan
Upton
Walden (OR)
Westmoreland
Whitfield (KY)
Wilson (SC)

Pallone
Pastor
Paul
Pearce
Perlmutter
Peterson (MN)
Platts
Poe
Pomeroy
Porter
Price (GA)
Price (NC)
Putnam
Rahall
Ramstad
Rangel
Regula
Richardson
Rodriguez
Rogers (KY)
Rogers (MI)
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Ruppersberger
Ryan (OH)
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Sanchez, Loretta
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Scott (GA)
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Spratt
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Stupak
Tanner
Tauscher
Taylor

Terry
Thompson (CA)
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Tierney
Towns
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Udall (NM)
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Woolsey
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Young (FL)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

MEDICARE IMPROVEMENTS FOR PATIENTS AND PROVIDERS ACT OF 2008

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6331) to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to extend expiring provisions under the Medicare Program, to improve beneficiary access to preventive and mental health services, to enhance low-income benefit programs, and to maintain access to care in rural areas, including pharmacy access, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6331

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—MEDICARE

Subtitle A—Beneficiary Improvements

PART I—PREVENTION, MENTAL HEALTH, AND MARKETING

Sec. 101. Improvements to coverage of preventive services.

Sec. 102. Elimination of discriminatory copayment rates for Medicare outpatient psychiatric services.

Sec. 103. Prohibitions and limitations on certain sales and marketing activities under Medicare Advantage plans and prescription drug plans.

Sec. 104. Improvements to the Medigap program.

PART II—LOW-INCOME PROGRAMS

Sec. 111. Extension of qualifying individual (QI) program.

Sec. 112. Application of full LIS subsidy assets test under Medicare Savings Program.

Sec. 113. Eliminating barriers to enrollment.

Sec. 114. Elimination of Medicare part D late enrollment penalties paid by subsidy eligible individuals.

Sec. 115. Eliminating application of estate recovery.

Sec. 116. Exemptions from income and resources for determination of eligibility for low-income subsidy.

Sec. 117. Judicial review of decisions of the Commissioner of Social Security under the Medicare part D low-income subsidy program.

Sec. 118. Translation of model form.

Sec. 119. Medicare enrollment assistance.

Subtitle B—Provisions Relating to Part A

Sec. 121. Expansion and extension of the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program.

NAYS—299

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Allen
Altmire
Andrews
Arcuri
Baca
Bachmann
Baird
Baldwin
Barrow
Barton (TX)
Bean
Becerra
Berkley
Berman
Berry
Bishop (GA)
Bishop (NY)
Blumenauer
Bono Mack
Boozman
Boren
Boucher
Boustany
Boyd (FL)
Boyda (KS)
Brady (TX)
Brown (SC)
Brown, Corrine
Brown-Waite,
Ginny
Buchanan
Butterfield
Buyer
Calvert
Capito
Capps
Capuano
Carnahan
Carney
Carson
Castle
Castor
Cazayoux
Chabot
Chandler
Childers
Clarke
Clay
Cleaver
Clyburn
Cohen
Cole (OK)
Conaway
Cooper
Costello
Courtney
Cramer
Crowley
Cuellar
Culberson
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Davis (AL)
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Davis (KY)
Davis, David
Davis, Lincoln
Deal (GA)

DeFazio
DeGette
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Diaz-Balart, L.
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Dicks
Dingell
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Doyle
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Edwards (MD)
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Ehlers
Ellison
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Emanuel
Etheridge
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Fattah
Ferguson
Filner
Forbes
Fortenberry
Fossella
Foster
Frank (MA)
Frelinghuysen
Gerlach
Giffords
Gilchrest
Gingrey
Gonzalez
Goode
Goodlatte
Graves
Green, Al
Green, Gene
Grijalva
Gutierrez
Hall (NY)
Hall (TX)
Hare
Harman
Hayes
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Hirono
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Hulshof
Inslee
Israel
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
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Johnson, E. B.
Jones (NC)
Jones (OH)

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King (NY)
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Klein (FL)
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Langevin
Larson (CT)
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Lewis (CA)
Lewis (GA)
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Lipinski
LoBiondo
Loeb sack
Lofgren, Zoe
Lowey
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Mack
Maloney (NY)
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McCarthy (CA)
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McCollum (MN)
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Meek (FL)
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Murphy (CT)
Murphy, Patrick
Murphy, Tim
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Neal (MA)
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Olver
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Boswell
Burgess
Burton (IN)
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Davis (IL)
Delahunt
Engel
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Hastings (FL)
Herseeth Sandlin
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NOT VOTING—48

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Johnson, Sam
Larsen (WA)
Mahoney (FL)
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McNulty
Melancon
Mollohan
Nunes
Pascrell
Payne
Pence
Peterson (PA)
Pryce (OH)
Radanovich
Reyes

Reynolds
Ross
Rush
Saxton
Shea-Porter
Slaughter
Souder
Sutton
Tancred
Thompson (MS)
Turner
Udall (CO)
Waxman
Weiner
Welch (VT)
Young (AK)

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Messrs. WITTMAN of Virginia, RAMSTAD, DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee, SESTAK, MICA, PERLMUTTER, SCOTT of Georgia, AL GREEN of Texas, HINOJOSA, ELLISON, GRIJALVA, CLAY, SHERMAN, MCNERNEY, HOLT, COHEN, ISRAEL, OBEY, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY and Mrs. CAPPS changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Messrs. UPTON, PICKERING and WESTMORELAND and Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, due to inclement weather and aviation delays some 86 Members, including myself, were unable to be on the House Floor for rollcall votes.

Had I been present I would have voted “yea” on rollcall vote 438—Honoring the life, musical accomplishments, and contributions of Louis Jordan on the 100th anniversary of his birth; “yea” on rollcall vote 439—Supporting the goals and ideals of Black Music Month; “yea” on rollcall vote 440—Congratulating James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, for 100 years of service and leadership to the United States; and “nay” on rollcall vote 441—a Motion to Adjourn.