

decreased access to care, and receive lower quality care, when they do have access. As the economy continues to falter and as the unemployment rate spikes, millions of Americans are losing their health insurance. That state of affairs will only make the health disparities worse.

Since I took office over a decade ago, I have worked to secure and support legislation to address the healthcare crisis particularly those facing our struggling Medicare and Medicaid recipients.

I have worked tirelessly to expand health coverage, improve the diversity of our health workforce, improve data collection on health disparities and then help reduce those disparities by promoting accountability and strengthening the institutions that serve minority communities. We must close the gap in our minority, immigrant, and rural communities by addressing the disparities that currently exist.

HEALTH LEGISLATION SPONSORED/COSPONSORED

As a Member of the H.R. 676 Universal Healthcare Caucus lead by Congressman CONYERS, the Women's Caucus, and the Children's Caucus, I have continued to carry the flag of Universal Health Care by introducing or supporting legislation that will help lay the groundwork towards universal access and quality healthcare.

In June, I introduced a health care reform bill that addressed some of the issues that continue to plague our health care system. The MEDICS Act is a House companion bill to Senator BAUCUS's Medicare legislation that sought to unite Congress on a push for crucial Medicare reform.

I am happy to announce that this legislation puts our health care system on the correct path of providing proper medical assistance for our Nation's low income, minority and rural populations. It also works toward resolving the primary care physician shortages as well as the racial and ethnic health disparities.

I have also supported national healthcare legislation such as H.R. 3014 and H.R. 676 which support the elimination of healthcare disparities and universal healthcare based on a single-payer model.

As Americans, we have a strong history, through science and innovation, of detecting, conquering and defeating many illnesses. Quality measures must continue to be adequately funded in order to promote quality, cost-effective health care for consumers and employers.

The Medicare/Medicaid system as well as the private insurance system is still not adequately addressing the cost, population growth, and patient population complexity of Americans. That is why we must look towards another solution.

I urge my colleagues to support our Medicare and Medicaid dependents and vote in support of H. Res. 1368.

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, today we protect Medicare's future. The rule addresses a provision that was slipped into the Republican Medicare Modernization Act, MMA, in the dark of night. It was not in the version of the bill that was passed by the House or by the Senate. It is yet another example of Republican efforts to choke off Medicare—an automatic "trigger" that requires cuts to the program if general revenues contribute more than 45 percent of Medicare's revenues.

My colleagues on the other side of the aisle have long tried to end Medicare, and failing

that, to let it wither slowly on the vine. Newt Gingrich said as much in the 1990s, when he was Speaker of the House.

As required by the MMA provision, the President sent a bill to Congress in February with his proposal to meet the trigger requirements. His bill simply shifted costs to patients, and made no improvements to Medicare; a good example of why this "trigger" doesn't work.

Democrats know how to manage Medicare—my father wrote the original bill creating it, and we have been fighting to preserve, improve, and protect the program for nearly 50 years. We do not need gimmicks like an arbitrary "trigger" to do so.

Medicare has protected seniors, improved their health, and helped lift people out of poverty. We must ensure that Medicare beneficiaries continue to have access to their doctor of choice, high-quality hospital care, and prescription drug services.

I support this rule; and I urge my colleagues to eliminate the "trigger" requirements for the remainder of the year.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

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

Mr. DREIER. Mr. 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, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

REPORT ON H.R. 6599, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2009

Mr. EDWARDS of Texas, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-775) on the bill (H.R. 6599) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes, which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1, rule XXI, all points of order are reserved on the bill.

TOM LANTOS AND HENRY J. HYDE UNITED STATES GLOBAL LEADERSHIP AGAINST HIV/AIDS, TUBERCULOSIS, AND MALARIA RE-AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2008

MOTION OFFERED BY MR. BERMAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2 of House Resolution 1362, proceedings will now resume on the motion by the gentleman from California (Mr. BERMAN) to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 5501.

The Clerk will redesignate the motion.

The Clerk redesignated the motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. When proceedings were postponed earlier today, all time for debate had expired and the previous question was ordered.

The question is on the motion by the gentleman from California.

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

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. 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, this 15-minute vote on the motion to concur will be followed by 5-minute votes on adoption of H. Res. 1368; and motion to suspend the rules and adopt H. Res. 1296.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 303, nays 115, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 531]

YEAS—303

Abercrombie	Davis (IL)	Israel
Ackerman	Davis, Lincoln	Issa
Aderholt	Davis, Tom	Jackson (IL)
Alexander	DeFazio	Jackson-Lee
Allen	DeGette	(TX)
Altmire	Delahunt	Jefferson
Andrews	DeLauro	Johnson (GA)
Arcuri	Dent	Johnson (IL)
Baca	Diaz-Balart, L.	Johnson, E. B.
Bachus	Diaz-Balart, M.	Jones (OH)
Baird	Dicks	Kagen
Baldwin	Dingell	Kanjorski
Barrow	Doggett	Kaptur
Bean	Donnelly	Kennedy
Becerra	Doyle	Kildee
Berkley	Dreier	Kilpatrick
Berman	Edwards (MD)	Kind
Berry	Edwards (TX)	King (NY)
Biggart	Ehlers	Kirk
Bilirakis	Ellison	Klein (FL)
Bishop (GA)	Ellsworth	Kline (MN)
Bishop (NY)	Emanuel	Knollenberg
Blumenauer	Emerson	Kucinich
Bonner	Engel	Kuhl (NY)
Bono Mack	English (PA)	Lampson
Boozman	Eshoo	Langevin
Boren	Etheridge	Larsen (WA)
Boucher	Farr	Larson (CT)
Boustany	Fattah	Latham
Boyd (FL)	Ferguson	LaTourette
Boyd (KS)	Filner	Lee
Brady (PA)	Forbes	Levin
Braley (IA)	Fortenberry	Lewis (CA)
Brown, Corrine	Fossella	Lewis (GA)
Butterfield	Foster	Lipinski
Capito	Frank (MA)	Loebsock
Capps	Frelinghuysen	Lofgren, Zoe
Capuano	Gerlach	Lowe
Cardoza	Giffords	Lungren, Daniel
Carnahan	Gilchrest	E.
Carney	Gillibrand	Lynch
Carson	Gonzalez	Mahoney (FL)
Castle	Gordon	Maloney (NY)
Castor	Green, Al	Markey
Cazayoux	Green, Gene	Marshall
Chandler	Grijalva	Matheson
Childers	Gutierrez	Matsui
Clarke	Hall (NY)	McCarthy (NY)
Clay	Hare	McCollum (MN)
Cleaver	Harman	McCotter
Clyburn	Hastings (FL)	McCrery
Cohen	Herseth Sandlin	McDermott
Cole (OK)	Higgins	McGovern
Conyers	Hill	McHugh
Cooper	Hinchey	McNerney
Costa	Hirono	McNulty
Costello	Hodes	Meek (FL)
Courtney	Hoekstra	Meeks (NY)
Cramer	Holden	Melancon
Crowley	Holt	Michaud
Cuellar	Honda	Miller (NC)
Cummings	Hoyer	Miller, George
Davis (AL)	Inglis (SC)	Mitchell
Davis (CA)	Inslee	Mollohan

Moore (KS) Richardson
Moore (WI) Rodriguez
Moran (KS) Rogers (AL)
Moran (VA) Ros-Lehtinen
Murphy (CT) Ross
Murphy, Patrick Rothman
Murphy, Tim Roybal-Allard
Murtha Ruppertsberger
Nadler Ryan (OH)
Napolitano Sanchez, Linda
Neal (MA) T.
Nunes Sanchez, Loretta
Oberstar Sarbanes
Obey Schakowsky
Oliver Schiff
Pallone Schmidt
Pascarell Schwartz
Pastor Scott (GA)
Payne Scott (VA)
Pearce Serrano
Pelosi Sestak
Pence Shays
Perlmutter Shea-Porter
Peterson (MN) Sherman
Pickering Shimkus
Platts Shuler
Pomeroy Sires
Porter Skelton
Price (NC) Slaughter
Pryce (OH) Smith (NJ)
Rahall Smith (WA)
Ramstad Snyder
Rangel Solis
Regula Space
Rehberg Speier
Reichert Spratt
Renzi Stark
Reyes Stupak
Reynolds Sutton

NAYS—115

Akin Gohmert
Bachmann Goode
Barrett (SC) Goodlatte
Bartlett (MD) Granger
Barton (TX) Graves
Bilbray Hall (TX)
Blackburn Hastings (WA)
Blunt Poe
Boehner Hayes
Brady (TX) Heller
Broun (GA) Hensarling
Brown (SC) Herger
Buchanan Hunter
Burgess Johnson, Sam
Burton (IN) Jones (NC)
Buyer Jordan
Calvert Keller
Camp (MI) King (IA)
Campbell (CA) Kingston
Cantor Lamborn
Carter Latta
Chabot Lewis (KY)
Coble Linder
Conaway LoBiondo
Crenshaw Lucas
Culberson Mack
Davis (KY) Manzullo
Davis, David Marchant
Davis, David McCarthy (CA)
Deal (GA) McCaul (TX)
Doolittle McHenry
Drake McIntyre
Duncan McKeon
Feeney McMorris
Flake Rodgers
Foxy Mica
Franks (AZ) Miller (FL)
Gallegly Miller (MI)
Garrett (NJ) Miller, Gary
Gingrey Musgrave

NOT VOTING—17

Bishop (UT) Everett
Boswell Fallin
Brown-Waite, Hinojosa
Ginny Hobson
Cannon Hooley
Cubin Hulshof

□ 1842

Messrs. ROGERS of Michigan, CALVERT and SOUDER changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Messrs. LEWIS of California, TIAHRT, BOOZMAN, KUHLE of New York, BONNER, ALEXANDER,

FORBES and McCOTTER changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the motion was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RELATING TO THE HOUSE PROCEDURES CONTAINED IN SECTION 803 OF THE MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG, IMPROVEMENT, AND MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2003

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on adoption of House Resolution 1368, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 231, nays 184, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 532]

YEAS—231

Abercrombie Edwards (TX)
Ackerman Ellison
Allen Ellsworth
Altmire Emanuel
Andrews Engel
Arcuri Eshoo
Baca Etheridge
Baldwin Farr
Barrow Fattah
Bean Filner
Becerra Foster
Berkley Frank (MA)
Berman Gerlach
Berry Giffords
Bishop (GA) Gilchrest
Bishop (NY) Gillibrand
Blumenauer Gonzalez
Boren Goode
Gordon Meek (FL)
Green, Al Meeks (NY)
Green, Gene Melancon
Grijalva Miller (NC)
Gutierrez Miller, George
Hall (NY) Mitchell
Hare Mollohan
Harman Moore (KS)
Hastings (FL) Moore (WI)
Hereth Sandlin Murphy (CT)
Higgins Murphy, Patrick
Hill Murphy, Tim
Hinchev Murtha
Hirono Nadler
Hodes Napolitano
Holden Neal (MA)
Honda Oberstar
Hooley Oliver
Hoyer Pallone
Inslee Pastor
Israel Jackson (IL)
Jackson (TX) Jackson-Lee
Jefferson Peterson (MN)
Johnson (GA) Platts
Johnson, E. B. Pomeroy
Jones (NC) Porter
Jones (OH) Price (NC)
Kates Rahall
Kanjorski Rangel
Kaptur Reichert
Kennedy Reyes
Kildee Richardson
Kilpatrick Rodriguez
Kind Rogers (AL)
Kirk Ros-Lehtinen
Klein (FL) Ross
Kucinich Rothman
Langevin Roybal-Allard
Larson (CT) Ruppertsberger
Lee Ryan (OH)
Levin Sanchez, Linda
Lewis (GA) T.
Sanchez, Loretta

Sarbanes
Schakowsky
Schiff
Schwartz
Scott (GA)
Scott (VA)
Serrano
Sestak
Shea-Porter
Sherman
Shuler
Sires
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (NJ)
Snyder

Solis
Space
Speler
Spratt
Stark
Stupak
Sutton
Tanner
Tauscher
Taylor
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Tierney
Tsongas
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)

NAYS—184

Aderholt Gallegly
Akin Garrett (NJ)
Alexander Gingrey
Bachmann Gohmert
Bachus Goodlatte
Baird Granger
Barrett (SC) Graves
Bartlett (MD) Hall (TX)
Barton (TX) Hastings (WA)
Biggert Hayes
Bilbray Heller
Bilirakis Hensarling
Blackburn Herger
Blunt Hoeckstra
Boehner Hunter
Bonner Inglis (SC)
Bono Mack Issa
Boozman Johnson (IL)
Boustany Johnson, Sam
Boyd (FL) Jordan
Brady (TX) Keller
Broun (GA) King (IA)
Brown (SC) King (NY)
Burgess Kingston
Burton (IN) Kline (MN)
Buyer Knollenberg
Calvert Kuhl (NY)
Camp (MI) Lamborn
Campbell (CA) Lampson
Cantor Larsen (WA)
Capito Latham
Carter LaTourette
Castle Latta
Chabot Lewis (CA)
Coble Lewis (KY)
Cole (OK) Linder
Conaway Lucas
Cooper Lungren, Daniel
Crenshaw E.
Culberson Mack
Davis (KY) Manzullo
Davis, David Marchant
Davis, Tom Matheson
Deal (GA) McCarthy (CA)
Diaz-Balart, L. McCaul (TX)
Diaz-Balart, M. McCotter
Doolittle McCreary
Drake McHenry
Dreier McHugh
Duncan McKeon
Ehlers McMorris
Emerson Rodgers
English (PA) Mica
Feeney Michaud
Ferguson Miller (FL)
Flake Miller (MI)
Forbes Miller, Gary
Fortenberry Moran (KS)
Fossella Moran (VA)
Foxy Musgrave
Franks (AZ) Myrick
Frelinghuysen Neugebauer

NOT VOTING—19

Bishop (UT) Everett
Boswell Fallin
Brown-Waite, Hinojosa
Ginny Hobson
Cannon Holt
Costello Hulshof
Cubin LaHood

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1850

Mrs. DRAKE changed her vote from “yea” to “nay.”