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## REINSTATING FISCAL DISCIPLINE

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

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. Speaker, working families and small businesses across New Mexico face difficult budgeting decisions. And when it comes to the Federal budget, we owe it to them to spend within our means and without unreasonable borrowing. This legislation, referred to as PAYGO, mandates that the Federal Government pay for new tax cuts and spending by finding savings elsewhere.

In the 1990s, PAYGO helped turn massive deficits into record surpluses, but that policy was abandoned by the Bush administration. After not paying for two wars, two tax cuts, and a new entitlement program, we now face a growing deficit. I am an original cosponsor of PAYGO legislation because we have to get this deficit under control. For the sake of our children and for our financial future, we must reinstate fiscal discipline in Washington.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

## THE BUDGET

(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, the President's \$3.8 trillion budget proposal sets a lot of new records—record spending, record deficits, record debt. We can't tax, spend, borrow, and bail out our way to recovery. If we could, we wouldn't have 10 percent unemployment after passing a multibillion-dollar stimulus package and raising the debt limit to \$14.3 trillion. That's \$47,000 for each American.

Americans are sick and tired of the Democrats' tax-and-spend agenda. Unfortunately, this President's budget only proposes more of the same. It's time for a new approach to fixing our economy. Let's focus on balancing the budget and lowering taxes for small businesses. That's the way to grow the economy and finally create jobs. Congress should never vote for anything less.

CYBERSECURITY ENHANCEMENT  
ACT OF 2009

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LUJÁN). Pursuant to House Resolution 1051 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 4061.

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## IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R.

4061) to advance cybersecurity research, development, and technical standards, and for other purposes, with Ms. BALDWIN (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Wednesday, February 3, 2010, amendment No. 18 printed in House Report 111-410, offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CONNOLLY), had been disposed of.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, proceedings will now resume on those amendments on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

Amendment No. 19 by Mrs. HALVORSON of Illinois;

Amendment No. 20 by Ms. KILROY of Ohio;

Amendment No. 21 by Mr. KISSELL of North Carolina;

Amendment No. 24 by Mr. OWENS of New York.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first vote in this series.

## AMENDMENT NO. 19 OFFERED BY MRS.

HALVORSON

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. HALVORSON) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment No. 19 offered by Mrs. HALVORSON:

Page 15, line 2, strike "need and to" and insert "need, to".

Page 15, line 5, insert before the period at the end of paragraph (2) "and to veterans. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "veteran" means a person who—

(A) served on active duty (other than active duty for training) in the Armed Forces of the United States for a period of more than 180 consecutive days, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable; or

(B) served on active duty (other than active duty for training) in the Armed Forces of the United States and was discharged or released from such service for a service-connected disability before serving 180 consecutive days.

For purposes of subparagraph (B), the term "service-connected" has the meaning given such term under section 101 of title 38, United States Code.

## RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 424, noes 0, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 39]

AYES—424

Ackerman  
Adler (NJ)  
Akin  
Alexander

Altmire  
Andrews  
Arcuri  
Austria

Baca  
Bachmann  
Bachus  
Baird

Baldwin  
Barrow  
Bartlett  
Barton (TX)  
Bean  
Becerra  
Berkley  
Berman  
Berry  
Biggert  
Bilbray  
Bilirakis  
Bishop (GA)  
Bishop (NY)  
Bishop (UT)  
Blackburn  
Blumenauer  
Blunt  
Bocciari  
Boehner  
Bonner  
Bono Mack  
Bordallo  
Boren  
Boswell  
Boucher  
Boustany  
Boyd  
Brady (PA)  
Brady (TX)  
Braley (IA)  
Bright  
Broun (GA)  
Brown (SC)  
Brown-Waite,  
Ginny  
Buchanan  
Burgess  
Burton (IN)  
Butterfield  
Buyer  
Calvert  
Camp  
Campbell  
Cantor  
Cao  
Capito  
Capps  
Capuano  
Cardoza  
Carnahan  
Carney  
Carson (IN)  
Carter  
Cassidy  
Castle  
Castor (FL)  
Chaffetz  
Chandler  
Childers  
Christensen  
Chu  
Clarke  
Clay  
Clever  
Clyburn  
Coble  
Coffman (CO)  
Cohen  
Cole  
Conaway  
Connolly (VA)  
Conyers  
Cooper  
Costa  
Costello  
Courtney  
Crenshaw  
Crowley  
Cuellar  
Culberson  
Cummings  
Dahlkemper  
Davis (AL)  
Davis (CA)  
Davis (IL)  
Davis (KY)  
Davis (TN)  
Deal (GA)  
DeFazio  
DeGette  
Delahunt  
DeLauro  
Dent  
Diaz-Balart, L.  
Diaz-Balart, M.  
Dicks

Dingell  
Doggett  
Donnelly (IN)  
Doyle  
Dreier  
Driehaus  
Duncan  
Edwards (MD)  
Ehlers  
Ellison  
Ellsworth  
Emerson  
Eshoo  
Etheridge  
Faleomavaega  
Fallin  
Farr  
Fattah  
Filner  
Flake  
Fleming  
Forbes  
Fortenberry  
Foster  
Fox  
Frank (MA)  
Franks (AZ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Fudge  
Gallegly  
Garamendi  
Garrett (NJ)  
Gerlach  
Giffords  
Gingrey (GA)  
Gohmert  
Gonzalez  
Goodlatte  
Gordon (TN)  
Granger  
Graves  
Grayson  
Green, Al  
Green, Gene  
Griffith  
Grijalva  
Guthrie  
Hall (NY)  
Hall (TX)  
Halvorson  
Hare  
Harman  
Harper  
Hastings (FL)  
Hastings (WA)  
Heinrich  
Heller  
Hensarling  
Herger  
Herseth Sandlin  
Higgins  
Hill  
Himes  
Hinchey  
Hinojosa  
Hirono  
Hodes  
Hoekstra  
Holden  
Holt  
Honda  
Hoyer  
Hunter  
Inglis  
Inslee  
Israel  
Issa  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson Lee  
(TX)  
Jenkins  
Johnson (GA)  
Johnson (IL)  
Johnson, Sam  
Jones  
Jordan (OH)  
Kagen  
Kanjorski  
Kaptur  
Kennedy  
Kildee  
Kilpatrick (MI)  
Kilroy  
Kind  
King (IA)  
King (NY)  
Kingston

Kirk  
Kirkpatrick (AZ)  
Kissell  
Klein (FL)  
Kline (MN)  
Kosmas  
Kratovil  
Kucinich  
Lamborn  
Lance  
Langevin  
Larsen (WA)  
Larson (CT)  
Latham  
LaTourette  
Latta  
Lee (CA)  
Lee (NY)  
Levin  
Lewis (CA)  
Lewis (GA)  
Linder  
Lipinski  
LoBiondo  
Loebuck  
Lofgren, Zoe  
Lowey  
Lucas  
Luetkemeyer  
Lujan  
Lummis  
Lungren, Daniel  
E.  
Lynch  
Mack  
Maffei  
Maloney  
Manzullo  
Marchant  
Markey (CO)  
Markey (MA)  
Marshall  
Massa  
Matheson  
Matsui  
McCarthy (CA)  
McCarthy (NY)  
McCauley  
McClintock  
McCollum  
McCotter  
McDermott  
McGovern  
McHenry  
McIntyre  
McKeon  
McMahon  
McMorris  
Rodgers  
McNerney  
Meek (FL)  
Meeks (NY)  
Melancon  
Mica  
Michaud  
Miller (FL)  
Miller (MI)  
Miller (NC)  
Miller, Gary  
Miller, George  
Minnick  
Mitchell  
Mollohan  
Moore (KS)  
Moore (WI)  
Moran (KS)  
Moran (VA)  
Murphy (CT)  
Murphy (NY)  
Murphy, Patrick  
Murphy, Tim  
Myrick  
Nadler (NY)  
Napolitano  
Neal (MA)  
Neugebauer  
Norton  
Nunes  
Nye  
Oberstar  
Obey  
Olson  
Olver  
Ortiz  
Owens  
Pallone  
Pascarelli

Pastor (AZ)	Sablan	Sutton	[Roll No. 40]	Norton	Ross	Stark
Paul	Salazar	Tanner		Nunes	Rothman (NJ)	Stearns
Paulsen	Sánchez, Linda	Taylor	AYES—419	Nye	Roybal-Allard	Stupak
Payne	T.	Teague		Oberstar	Royce	Sullivan
Pence	Sanchez, Loretta	Terry		Obey	Rush	Sutton
Perlmutter	Sarbanes	Thompson (CA)		Olson	Ryan (OH)	Tanner
Perriello	Scalise	Thompson (MS)		Olver	Ryan (WI)	Taylor
Peters	Schakowsky	Thornberry		Ortiz	Sablan	Teague
Peterson	Schauer	Tiahrt		Owens	Salazar	Terry
Petri	Schiff	Tiberi		Pallone	Sánchez, Linda	Thompson (CA)
Pierluisi	Schmidt	Tierney		Pascrell	T.	Thompson (MS)
Pingree (ME)	Schock	Titus		Pastor (AZ)	Sanchez, Loretta	Thornberry
Pitts	Schrader	Tonko		Paulsen	Sarbanes	Tiahrt
Poe (TX)	Schwartz	Towns		Payne	Scalise	Tiberi
Polis (CO)	Scott (GA)	Tsongas		Pence	Schakowsky	Tierney
Pomeroy	Scott (VA)	Turner		Perlmutter	Schauer	Titus
Posey	Sensenbrenner	Upton		Perriello	Schiff	Tonko
Price (GA)	Serrano	Van Hollen		Peters	Schmidt	Towns
Price (NC)	Sessions	Velázquez		Peterson	Schock	Tsongas
Putnam	Sestak	Visclosky		Petri	Schrader	Turner
Quigley	Shadegg	Walden		Pierluisi	Schwartz	Upton
Rahall	Shea-Porter	Walz		Pingree (ME)	Scott (GA)	Van Hollen
Rangel	Sherman	Wamp		Pitts	Scott (VA)	Velázquez
Rehberg	Shimkus	Wasserman		Poe (TX)	Sensenbrenner	Visclosky
Reichert	Shuler	Schultz		Polis (CO)	Serrano	Walden
Reyes	Shuster	Waters		Pomeroy	Sessions	Walz
Richardson	Simpson	Watson		Posey	Sestak	Wamp
Rodriguez	Sires	Watt		Price (GA)	Shadegg	Wasserman
Roe (TN)	Skelton	Waxman		Price (NC)	Shea-Porter	Schultz
Rogers (AL)	Slaughter	Weiner		Putnam	Sherman	Waters
Rogers (KY)	Smith (NE)	Welch		Quigley	Shimkus	Watson
Rogers (MI)	Smith (NJ)	Westmoreland		Rahall	Shuler	Watt
Rohrabacher	Smith (TX)	Whitfield		Rangel	Shuster	Waxman
Rooney	Smith (WA)	Wilson (OH)		Rehberg	Simpson	Weiner
Ros-Lehtinen	Snyder	Wilson (SC)		Reichert	Sires	Welch
Roskam	Souder	Wittman		Reyes	Skelton	Westmoreland
Ross	Space	Wolf		Richardson	Smith (NE)	Whitfield
Rothman (NJ)	Speier	Woolsey		Rodriguez	Smith (NJ)	Wilson (OH)
Roybal-Allard	Spratt	Wu		Roe (TN)	Smith (TX)	Wilson (SC)
Royce	Stark	Yarmuth		Rogers (AL)	Smith (WA)	Wittman
Rush	Stearns	Young (AK)		Rogers (KY)	Snyder	Wolf
Ryan (OH)	Stupak			Rogers (MI)	Souder	Woolsey
Ryan (WI)	Sullivan			Rohrabacher	Space	Wu
				Rooney	Speier	Yarmuth
				Ros-Lehtinen	Spratt	Young (AK)
				Roskam		

## NOT VOTING—15

Abercrombie	Edwards (TX)	Platts
Aderholt	Engel	Radanovich
Barrett (SC)	Gutierrez	Ruppersberger
Boozman	Johnson, E. B.	Thompson (PA)
Brown, Corrine	Murtha	Young (FL)

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Messrs. STEARNS and SAM JOHN-SON of Texas changed their vote from “no” to “aye.”

So the amendment was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 20 OFFERED BY MS. KILROY

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KILROY) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment No. 20 offered by Ms. KILROY: Page 14, line 10, strike “and”.

Page 14, line 12, strike the period and insert “; and”.

Page 14, after line 12, insert the following new subparagraph:

(D) outreach to secondary schools and 2-year institutions to increase the interest and recruitment of students into cybersecurity-related fields.

## RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIR. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 419, noes 4, not voting 16, as follows:

Abercrombie	Davis (AL)	Kagen
Ackerman	Davis (CA)	Kanjorski
Aderholt	Davis (IL)	Kaptur
Adler (NJ)	Davis (TN)	Kennedy
Akin	DeFazio	Kildee
Alexander	DeGette	Kilpatrick (MI)
Altmire	Delahunt	Kilroy
Andrews	DeLauro	Kind
Arcuri	Dent	King (IA)
Austria	Diaz-Balart, M.	King (NY)
Baca	Dicks	Kingston
Bachmann	Dingell	Kirk
Bachus	Doggett	Kirkpatrick (AZ)
Baird	Donnelly (IN)	Kissell
Baldwin	Doyle	Klein (FL)
Barrow	Dreier	Kline (MN)
Bartlett	Driehaus	Kosmas
Barton (TX)	Duncan	Kratovil
Bean	Edwards (MD)	Kucinich
Becerra	Edwards (TX)	Lamborn
Berkley	Ehlers	Lance
Berman	Ellison	Langevin
Berry	Ellsworth	Larsen (WA)
Biggert	Emerson	Larson (CT)
Bibray	Eshoo	Latham
Bilirakis	Etheridge	LaTourette
Bishop (GA)	Faleomavaega	Latta
Bishop (NY)	Fallin	Lee (CA)
Bishop (UT)	Farr	Lee (NY)
Blackburn	Fattah	Levin
Blumenauer	Filner	Lewis (CA)
Blunt	Fleming	Lewis (GA)
Bocieri	Forbes	Linder
Boehner	Fortenberry	Lipinski
Bonner	Foster	LoBiondo
Bono Mack	Fox	Loeb
Boozman	Frank (MA)	Loeb
Bordallo	Franks (AZ)	Lowey
Boren	Frelinghuysen	Lucas
Boswell	Fudge	Luetkemeyer
Boucher	Gallegly	Lujan
Boustany	Garamendi	Lummis
Boyd	Garrett (NJ)	Lungren, Daniel
Brady (PA)	Gerlach	E.
Brady (TX)	Giffords	Lynch
Braley (IA)	Gingrey (GA)	Mack
Bright	Gohmert	Maffei
Brown (SC)	Gonzalez	Maloney
Brown-Waite,	Goodlatte	Manzullo
Ginny	Gordon (TN)	Marchant
Buchanan	Granger	Markey (CO)
Burgess	Graves	Markey (MA)
Burton (IN)	Grayson	Marshall
Butterfield	Green, Al	Massa
Buyer	Green, Gene	Matheson
Calvert	Griffith	Matsui
Camp	Grijalva	McCarthy (CA)
Campbell	Guthrie	McCarthy (NY)
Cao	Hall (NY)	McCaul
Capito	Hall (TX)	McCullum
Capps	Halvorson	McCotter
Capuano	Hare	McDermott
Cardoza	Harman	McGovern
Carnahan	Harper	McHenry
Carney	Hastings (FL)	McIntyre
Carson (IN)	Hastings (WA)	McKeon
Carter	Heinrich	McMahon
Cassidy	Heller	McMorris
Castle	Hensarling	Rodgers
Castor (FL)	Herger	McNerney
Chaffetz	Hereth Sandlin	Meek (FL)
Chandler	Higgins	Meeks (NY)
Childers	Hill	Melancon
Christensen	Himes	Mica
Chu	Hinche	Michaud
Clarke	Hirono	Miller (FL)
Clay	Hodes	Miller (MI)
Cleaver	Hoekstra	Miller (NC)
Clyburn	Holden	Miller, Gary
Coble	Holt	Miller, George
Coffman (CO)	Honda	Minnick
Cohen	Hoyer	Mitchell
Cole	Hunter	Mollohan
Conaway	Inglis	Moore (KS)
Connolly (VA)	Inslee	Moore (WI)
Conyers	Israel	Moran (KS)
Cooper	Issa	Moran (VA)
Costa	Jackson (IL)	Murphy (CT)
Costello	Jackson Lee	Murphy (NY)
Courtney	(TX)	Murphy, Patrick
Crenshaw	Jenkins	Murphy, Tim
Crowley	Johnson (GA)	Myrick
Cuellar	Johnson (IL)	Nadler (NY)
Culberson	Johnson, Sam	Napolitano
Cummings	Jones	Neal (MA)
Dahlkemper	Jordan (OH)	Neugebauer

## NOES—4

Broun (GA)	McClintock
Flake	Paul

## NOT VOTING—16

Barrett (SC)	Engel	Radanovich
Brown, Corrine	Gutierrez	Ruppersberger
Cantor	Hinojosa	Thompson (PA)
Davis (KY)	Johnson, E. B.	Young (FL)
Deal (GA)	Murtha	
Diaz-Balart, L.	Platts	

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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So the amendment was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

Mr. HINOJOSA. Madam Chair, on rollcall No. 40, had I been present, I would have voted “aye.”

## AMENDMENT NO. 21 OFFERED BY MR. KISSELL

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. KISSELL) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment No. 21 offered by Mr. KISSELL:

Page 11, lines 9 and 10, strike “Section 5(a)(6) of such Act (15 U.S.C. 7404(a)(6)) is amended to read as follows:” and insert “Section 5(a) of such Act (15 U.S.C. 7404(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3)(A), by inserting “, including curriculum on the principles and

techniques of designing secure software” after “network security”; and

(2) by amending paragraph (6) to read as follows:

## RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIR. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 423, noes 6, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 41]

## AYES—423

Abercrombie	Coffman (CO)	Harman
Ackerman	Cohen	Harper
Aderholt	Cole	Hastings (FL)
Adler (NJ)	Conaway	Hastings (WA)
Akin	Connolly (VA)	Heinrich
Alexander	Conyers	Heller
Altmire	Cooper	Hensarling
Andrews	Costa	Herger
Arcuri	Costello	Herseth Sandlin
Austria	Courtney	Higgins
Baca	Crenshaw	Hill
Bachmann	Crowley	Himes
Bachus	Cuellar	Hinche
Baird	Culberson	Hinojosa
Baldwin	Cummings	Hirono
Barrow	Dahlkemper	Hodes
Bartlett	Davis (AL)	Hoekstra
Barton (TX)	Davis (CA)	Holden
Bean	Davis (IL)	Holt
Becerra	Davis (KY)	Honda
Berkley	Davis (TN)	Hoyer
Berman	Deal (GA)	Hunter
Berry	DeFazio	Inglis
Biggert	DeGette	Inslee
Bilbray	DeLauro	Israel
Bilirakis	Dent	Issa
Bishop (GA)	Diaz-Balart, L.	Jackson (IL)
Bishop (NY)	Diaz-Balart, M.	Jackson Lee
Bishop (UT)	Dicks	(TX)
Blackburn	Jenkins	
Blumenauer	Johnson (GA)	
Blunt	Doggett	Johnson (IL)
Bocchieri	Donnelly (IN)	Johnson, Sam
Boehner	Doyle	Jones
Bonner	Dreier	Jordan (OH)
Bono Mack	Driebehaus	Kagen
Boozman	Duncan	Kanjorski
Bordallo	Edwards (MD)	Kaptur
Boren	Edwards (TX)	Kennedy
Boswell	Ehlers	Kildee
Boucher	Ellison	Kilpatrick (MI)
Boustany	Emerson	Kilroy
Boyd	Eshoo	Kind
Brady (PA)	Etheridge	King (IA)
Brady (TX)	Faleomavaega	King (NY)
Braley (IA)	Fallin	Kingston
Bright	Farr	Kirk
Brown (SC)	Fattah	Kirkpatrick (AZ)
Brown-Waite,	Filner	Kissell
Ginny	Fleming	Klein (FL)
Buchanan	Forbes	Kline (MN)
Burgess	Fortenberry	Kosmas
Burton (IN)	Foster	Kratovil
Butterfield	Fox	Kucinich
Buyer	Frank (MA)	Lamborn
Calvert	Franks (AZ)	Lance
Camp	Frelinghuysen	Langevin
Cantor	Fudge	Larsen (WA)
Cao	Gallely	Larson (CT)
Capito	Garamendi	Latham
Capps	Garrett (NJ)	LaTourette
Capuano	Gerlach	Latta
Cardoza	Giffords	Lee (CA)
Carnahan	Gingrey (GA)	Lee (NY)
Carney	Gohmert	Levin
Carson (IN)	Gonzalez	Lewis (GA)
Carter	Goodlatte	Linder
Cassidy	Gordon (TN)	Lipinski
Castle	Granger	LoBiondo
Castor (FL)	Graves	Loeb
Chaffetz	Grayson	Loftgren, Zoe
Chandler	Green, Al	Lowe
Childers	Green, Gene	Lucas
Christensen	Griffith	Luetkemeyer
Chu	Grijalva	Lujan
Clarke	Guthrie	Lummis
Clay	Hall (NY)	Lungren, Daniel
Cleaver	Hall (TX)	E.
Clyburn	Halvorson	Lynch
Coble	Hare	Mack

Maffei	Payne	Shea-Porter
Maloney	Pence	Sherman
Manzullo	Perlmutter	Shimkus
Marchant	Perriello	Shuler
Markey (CO)	Peters	Shuster
Markey (MA)	Peterson	Simpson
Marshall	Petri	Sires
Massa	Pierluisi	Skelton
Matheson	Pingree (ME)	Slaughter
Matsui	Pitts	Smith (NE)
McCarthy (CA)	Platts	Smith (NJ)
McCarthy (NY)	Poe (TX)	Smith (TX)
McCaul	Polis (CO)	Smith (WA)
McCollum	Pomeroy	Snyder
McCotter	Posey	Souder
McDermott	Price (GA)	Space
McGovern	Price (NC)	Speier
McHenry	Putnam	Spratt
McIntyre	Quigley	Stark
McKeon	Rahall	Stearns
McMahon	Rangel	Stupak
McMorris	Rehberg	Sullivan
Rodgers	Reichert	Sutton
McNeerney	Reyes	Tanner
Meek (FL)	Richardson	Taylor
Heller	Rodriguez	Teague
Meeks (NY)	Roe (TN)	Terry
Melancon	Rogers (AL)	Thompson (CA)
Mica	Rogers (KY)	Thompson (MS)
Michaud	Rogers (MI)	Thornberry
Miller (FL)	Rohrabacher	Tiahrt
Miller (MI)	Rooney	Tiberi
Miller (NC)	Ros-Lehtinen	Tierney
Miller, Gary	Roskam	Titus
Miller, George	Ross	Tonko
Minnick	Rothman (NJ)	Towns
Hodes	Roybal-Allard	Tsongas
Mitchell	Royce	Turner
Mollohan	Ruppersberger	Upton
Moore (KS)	Rush	Van Hollen
Moore (WI)	Ryan (OH)	Velázquez
Moran (KS)	Ryan (WI)	Visclosky
Moran (VA)	Sablan	Walden
Murphy (CT)	Salazar	Walz
Murphy (NY)	Sánchez, Linda	Wamp
Murphy, Patrick	T.	Wasserman
Murphy, Tim	Sanchez, Loretta	Schultz
Myrick	Sarbanes	Waters
Nadler (NY)	Scalise	Watson
Napolitano	Schakowsky	Watt
Neal (MA)	Schauer	Waxman
Neugebauer	Schiff	Weiner
Norton	Schmidt	Welch
Nunes	Schock	Westmoreland
Nye	Schrader	Whitfield
Oberstar	Schwartz	Wilson (OH)
Obey	Scott (GA)	Wilson (SC)
Olson	Scott (VA)	Wittman
Oliver	Sensenbrenner	Wolf
Ortiz	Serrano	Woolsey
Owens	Sessions	Wu
Pallone	Sestak	Yarmuth
Pascarell	Shadegg	Young (AK)
Pastor (AZ)		
Paulsen		

## NOES—6

Broun (GA)	Flake	McClintock
Campbell	Lewis (CA)	Paul

## NOT VOTING—10

Barrett (SC)	Gutierrez	Thompson (PA)
Brown, Corrine	Johnson, E. B.	Young (FL)
Ellsworth	Murtha	
Engel	Radanovich	

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR (during the vote). Members have 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1106

So the amendment was agreed to.  
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

## AMENDMENT NO. 24 OFFERED BY MR. OWENS

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. OWENS) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment No. 24 offered by Mr. OWENS:

Page 6, line 24, insert “, including technologies to secure sensitive information shared among Federal agencies” after “digital infrastructure”.

## RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIR. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 430, noes 0, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 42]

## AYES—430

Abercrombie	Cleaver	Griffith
Ackerman	Clyburn	Grijalva
Aderholt	Coble	Guthrie
Adler (NJ)	Coffman (CO)	Hall (NY)
Akin	Cohen	Hall (TX)
Alexander	Cole	Halvorson
Altmire	Conaway	Hare
Andrews	Connolly (VA)	Harman
Arcuri	Conyers	Harper
Austria	Cooper	Hastings (FL)
Baca	Costa	Hastings (WA)
Bachmann	Costello	Heinrich
Bachus	Courtney	Heller
Baird	Crenshaw	Hensarling
Baldwin	Crowley	Herger
Barrow	Cuellar	Herseth Sandlin
Bartlett	Culberson	Higgins
Barton (TX)	Cummings	Hill
Bean	Dahlkemper	Himes
Becerra	Davis (AL)	Hinche
Berkley	Davis (CA)	Hinojosa
Berman	Davis (IL)	Hirono
Berry	Davis (KY)	Hodes
Biggert	Davis (TN)	Hoekstra
Bilbray	Deal (GA)	Holden
Bilirakis	DeFazio	Holt
Bishop (GA)	DeGette	Honda
Bishop (NY)	DeLauro	Hoyer
Bishop (UT)	Dent	Hunter
Blackburn	Diaz-Balart, L.	Inglis
Blumenauer	Diaz-Balart, M.	Inslee
Blunt	Dicks	Israel
Bocchieri	Dingell	Issa
Boehner	Doggett	Jackson (IL)
Bonner	Donnelly (IN)	Jackson Lee
Bono Mack	Doyle	(TX)
Boozman	Dreier	Jenkins
Bordallo	Driebehaus	Johnson (GA)
Boren	Duncan	Johnson (IL)
Boswell	Edwards (MD)	Johnson, E. B.
Boucher	Edwards (TX)	Johnson, Sam
Boustany	Ehlers	Jones
Boyd	Ellison	Jordan (OH)
Brady (PA)	Ellsworth	Kagen
Brady (TX)	Emerson	Kanjorski
Braley (IA)	Eshoo	Kaptur
Bright	Etheridge	Kennedy
Brown (GA)	Faleomavaega	Kildee
Brown (SC)	Fallin	Kilpatrick (MI)
Brown-Waite,	Farr	Kilroy
Ginny	Fattah	Kind
Buchanan	Filner	King (IA)
Burgess	Flake	King (NY)
Burton (IN)	Fleming	Kingston
Butterfield	Forbes	Kirk
Buyer	Fortenberry	Kirkpatrick (AZ)
Calvert	Foster	Kissell
Camp	Fox	Klein (FL)
Campbell	Frank (MA)	Kline (MN)
Cantor	Franks (AZ)	Kosmas
Cao	Frelinghuysen	Kratovil
Capito	Fudge	Kucinich
Capps	Gallely	Lamborn
Capuano	Garamendi	Lance
Cardoza	Garrett (NJ)	Langevin
Carnahan	Gerlach	Larsen (WA)
Carney	Giffords	Larson (CT)
Carson (IN)	Gingrey (GA)	Latham
Carter	Gohmert	LaTourette
Castle	Gonzalez	Latta
Castor (FL)	Goodlatte	Lee (CA)
Chaffetz	Gordon (TN)	Lee (NY)
Chandler	Granger	Levin
Childers	Graves	Lewis (CA)
Christensen	Grayson	Lewis (GA)
Chu	Green, Al	Linder
Clarke	Green, Gene	Lipinski
Clay		LoBiondo

Loeb sack	Oliver	Sessions
Lofgren, Zoe	Ortiz	Sestak
Lowey	Owens	Shadegg
Lucas	Pallone	Shea-Porter
Luetkemeyer	Pascarell	Sherman
Luján	Pastor (AZ)	Shimkus
Lummi s	Paul	Shuler
Lungren, Daniel E.	Paulsen	Shuster
Lynch	Payne	Simpson
Mack	Pence	Sires
Maffei	Perlmut ter	Skelton
Maloney	Perriello	Slaughter
Manzullo	Peters	Smith (NE)
Marchant	Peterson	Smith (NJ)
Markey (CO)	Petri	Smith (TX)
Markey (MA)	Pierluisi	Smith (WA)
Marshall	Pingree (ME)	Snyder
Massa	Pitts	Souder
Matheson	Platts	Space
Matsui	Poe (TX)	Speier
McCarthy (CA)	Polis (CO)	Spratt
McCarthy (NY)	Pomeroy	Stark
McCaul	Posey	Stearns
McClintock	Price (GA)	Stupak
McCollum	Price (NC)	Sullivan
McCotter	Putnam	Sutton
McDermott	Quigley	Tanner
McGovern	Rahall	Taylor
McHenry	Rangel	Teague
McIntyre	Rehberg	Terry
McKeon	Reichert	Thompson (CA)
McMahon	Reyes	Thompson (MS)
McMahon	Richardson	Thornberry
McMorris	Rodriguez	Tiahrt
Rodgers	Roe (TN)	Tiberi
McNerney	Rogers (AL)	Tierney
Meek (FL)	Rogers (KY)	Titus
Meeks (NY)	Rogers (MI)	Tonko
Melancon	Rohrabacher	Towns
Mica	Rooney	Tsongas
Michaud	Ros-Lehtinen	Turner
Miller (FL)	Roskam	Upton
Miller (MI)	Ross	Van Hollen
Miller (NC)	Rothman (NJ)	Velázquez
Miller, Gary	Roybal-Allard	Vislosky
Miller, George	Royce	Walden
Minnick	Ruppersberger	Walz
Mitchell	Rush	Wamp
Mollohan	Ryan (OH)	Wasserman
Moore (KS)	Ryan (WI)	Schultz
Moore (WI)	Sablan	Waters
Moran (KS)	Salazar	Watson
Moran (VA)	Salazar	Watt
Murphy (CT)	Sánchez, Linda T.	Waxman
Murphy (NY)	Sanchez, Loretta	Weiner
Murphy, Patrick	Sarbanes	Welch
Murphy, Tim	Scalise	Westmoreland
Myrick	Schakowsky	Whitfield
Nadler (NY)	Schauer	Wilson (OH)
Napolitano	Schiff	Wilson (SC)
Neal (MA)	Schmidt	Wittman
Neugebauer	Schock	Wolf
Norton	Schrader	Woolsey
Nunes	Schwartz	Wu
Nye	Scott (GA)	Yarmuth
Oberstar	Scott (VA)	Young (AK)
Obey	Sensenbrenner	
Olson	Serrano	

## NOT VOTING—9

Barrett (SC)	Engel	Radanovich
Brown, Corrine	Gutierrez	Thompson (PA)
Cassidy	Murtha	Young (FL)

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR (during the vote). Members have 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1115

So the amendment was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended.

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, was agreed to.

The Acting CHAIR. Under the rule, the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WEINER) having assumed the chair, Ms. BALDWIN, Acting Chair of the Com-

mittee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4061) to advance cybersecurity research, development, and technical standards, and for other purposes, pursuant to House Resolution 1051, she reported the bill back to the House with an amendment adopted by the Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the amendment.

The amendment was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

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

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 422, nays 5, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 43]

YEAS—422

Abercrombie	Burgess	DeFazio
Ackerman	Burton (IN)	DeGette
Aderholt	Butterfield	Delahunt
Adler (NJ)	Buyer	DeLauro
Akin	Calvert	Dent
Alexander	Camp	Diaz-Balart, L.
Altmire	Campbell	Diaz-Balart, M.
Andrews	Cantor	Dicks
Arcuri	Cao	Dingell
Austria	Capito	Doggett
Baca	Capps	Donnelly (IN)
Bachmann	Capuano	Doyle
Bachus	Cardoza	Dreier
Baird	Carnahan	Driehaus
Baldwin	Carney	Duncan
Barrow	Carson (IN)	Edwards (MD)
Bartlett	Carter	Edwards (TX)
Barton (TX)	Cassidy	Ehlers
Bean	Castle	Ellison
Becerra	Castor (FL)	Ellsworth
Berkley	Chaffetz	Emerson
Berman	Chandler	Engel
Berry	Childers	Eshoo
Biggert	Chu	Etheridge
Bilbray	Clarke	Fallin
Bilirakis	Clay	Farr
Bishop (GA)	Cleaver	Fattah
Bishop (NY)	Clyburn	Filmer
Bishop (UT)	Coble	Fleming
Blackburn	Forbes	Forbes
Blumenauer	Coffman (CO)	Fortenberry
Blunt	Cohen	Foster
Boccheri	Cole	Fox
Boehner	Conaway	Fox
Bonner	Connolly (VA)	Frank (MA)
Bono Mack	Conyers	Franks (AZ)
Boozman	Cooper	Frelinghuysen
Boren	Costa	Fudge
Boswell	Costello	Gallegly
Boucher	Courtney	Garamendi
Boustany	Crenshaw	Garrett (NJ)
Boyd	Crowley	Gerlach
Brady (PA)	Cuellar	Giffords
Brady (TX)	Culberson	Gingrey (GA)
Braley (IA)	Cummings	Gonzalez
Bright	Dahlkemper	Goodlatte
Brown (SC)	Davis (AL)	Gordon (TN)
Brown, Corrine	Davis (CA)	Granger
Brown-Waite,	Davis (IL)	Graves
Ginny	Davis (KY)	Grayson
Buchanan	Davis (TN)	Green, Al
	Deal (GA)	Green, Gene
		Griffith
		Grijalva
		Guthrie
		Hall (NY)
		Hall (TX)
		Halvorson
		Hare
		Harman
		Harper
		Hastings (FL)
		Hastings (WA)
		Heinrich
		Heller
		Hensarling
		Herger
		Herseth Sandlin
		Higgins
		Hill
		Himes
		Hinchey
		Hinojosa
		Hirono
		Hodes
		Hoekstra
		Holden
		Holt
		Honda
		Hoyer
		Hunter
		Inglis
		Inslee
		Israel
		Issa
		Jackson (IL)
		Jackson Lee
		(TX)
		Jenkins
		Johnson (GA)
		Johnson (IL)
		Johnson, E. B.
		Johnson, Sam
		Jones
		Jordan (OH)
		Kagen
		Kanjorski
		Kaptur
		Kennedy
		Kildee
		Kilpatrick (MI)
		Kilroy
		Kind
		King (IA)
		King (NY)
		Kingston
		Kirk
		Kirkpatrick (AZ)
		Kissell
		Klein (FL)
		Kline (MN)
		Kosmas
		Kratovil
		Kucinich
		Lamborn
		Lance
		Langevin
		Larsen (WA)
		Larson (CT)
		Latham
		LaTourette
		Latta
		Lee (CA)
		Lee (NY)
		Levin
		Lewis (CA)
		Lewis (GA)
		Linder
		Lipinski
		LoBiondo
		Loeb sack
		Lofgren, Zoe
		Lowey
		Lucas
		Luetkemeyer
		Luján
		Lummi s
		Lungren, Daniel E.
		Lynch
		Mack
		Maffei
		Maloney
		Manzullo
		Marchant
		Markey (CO)
		Markey (MA)
		Marshall
		Massa
		Matheson
		Matsui
		McCarthy (CA)
		McCarthy (NY)
		McCaul
		McClintock
		McCollum
		McCotter
		McDermott
		McGovern
		McHenry
		McIntyre
		McKeon
		McMahon
		McMorris
		Rodgers
		McNerney
		Meek (FL)
		Meeks (NY)
		Melancon
		Mica
		Michaud
		Miller (FL)
		Miller (MI)
		Miller (MI)
		Miller (NC)
		Miller, Gary
		Miller, George
		Minnick
		Mitchell
		Mollohan
		Moore (KS)
		Moore (WI)
		Moran (KS)
		Moran (VA)
		Murphy (CT)
		Murphy (NY)
		Murphy, Patrick
		Murphy, Tim
		Myrick
		Nadler (NY)
		Napolitano
		Neal (MA)
		Neugebauer
		Norton
		Nunes
		Nye
		Oberstar
		Obey
		Olson
		Roskam
		Ross
		Rothman (NJ)
		Roybal-Allard
		Royce
		Ruppersberger
		Rush
		Ryan (OH)
		Ryan (WI)
		Sablan
		Salazar
		Salazar
		Sánchez, Linda T.
		Sanchez, Loretta
		Sarbanes
		Scalise
		Schakowsky
		Schauer
		Schiff
		Schmidt
		Schock
		Schrader
		Schwartz
		Scott (GA)
		Scott (VA)
		Sensenbrenner
		Serrano
		Stark
		Stearns
		Stupak
		Sullivan
		Sutton
		Tanner
		Taylor
		Teague
		Ortiz
		Owens
		Pallone
		Pascarell
		Pastor (AZ)
		Paulsen
		Payne
		Pence
		Perlmut ter
		Perriello
		Peters
		Peterson
		Petri
		Pingree (ME)
		Pitts
		Platts
		Poe (TX)
		Polis (CO)
		Pomeroy
		Posey
		Price (GA)
		Price (NC)
		Putnam
		Quigley
		Rahall
		Rangel
		Rehberg
		Reichert
		Reyes
		Richardson
		Rodriguez
		Roe (TN)
		Rogers (AL)
		Rogers (KY)
		Rogers (MI)
		Rohrabacher
		Rooney
		Ros-Lehtinen
		Sanchez, Loretta T.
		Sarbanes
		Scalise
		Schakowsky
		Schauer
		Schiff
		Schmidt
		Schock
		Schrader
		Schwartz
		Scott (GA)
		Scott (VA)
		Serrano
		Sessions
		Sestak
		Shadegg
		Shea-Porter
		Sherman
		Shimkus
		Shuler
		Shuster
		Simpson
		Sires
		Skelton
		Slaughter
		Smith (NE)
		Smith (NJ)
		Smith (TX)
		Smith (WA)
		Snyder
		Souder
		Space
		Speier
		Spratt
		Stark
		Stearns
		Stupak
		Sullivan
		Sutton
		Tanner
		Taylor
		Teague
		Terry
		Thompson (CA)
		Thompson (MS)
		Thornberry
		Tiahrt
		Tiberi
		Tierney
		Titus
		Tonko
		Towns
		Tsongas
		Turner
		Upton
		Van Hollen
		Velázquez
		Vislosky
		Walden
		Walz
		Wamp
		Wasserman
		Schultz
		Waters
		Watson
		Watt
		Waxman
		Weiner
		Welch
		Westmoreland
		Whitfield
		Wilson (OH)
		Wilson (SC)
		Wittman
		Wolf
		Woolsey
		Wu
		Yarmuth
		Young (AK)

NAYS—5

Broun (GA)	Gohmert	Sensenbrenner
Flake	Paul	

## NOT VOTING—6

Barrett (SC) Murtha Thompson (PA)  
Gutierrez Radanovich Young (FL)

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members have 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1135

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 4061, CYBER-SECURITY ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2009

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 4061, including corrections in spelling, punctuation, section and title numbering, cross-referencing, conforming amendments to the table of contents and short titles, and the insertion of appropriate headings.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. BALDWIN). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.J. RES. 45, INCREASING THE STATUTORY LIMIT ON THE PUBLIC DEBT

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1065 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

##### H. RES. 1065

*Resolved*, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to take from the Speaker's table the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 45) increasing the statutory limit on the public debt, with the Senate amendment thereto, and to consider in the House, without intervention of any point of order except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI, a motion offered by the Majority Leader or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment. The Senate amendment shall be considered as read. The motion shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and Minority Leader or their designees. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the motion to its adoption without intervening motion. The question of adoption of the motion shall be divided between concurring in the matter preceding title I of the Senate amendment and concurring in the matter comprising titles I and II of the Senate amendment. The first portion of the divided question shall be considered as adopted. If the second portion of the divided question fails of adoption, then the House shall be considered to have made no disposition of the Senate amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Massachusetts is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS). All time yielded during consideration of the rule is for debate only.

##### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCGOVERN. I ask unanimous consent that all Members be given 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on House Resolution 1065.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. MCGOVERN. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, the resolution provides for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.J. Res. 45, the debt limit and statutory PAYGO resolution. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the majority leader or a designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the motion except those arising under clause 10 of House rule XXI and provides 1 hour of debate on the motion. The rule divides the question between concurring in the matter preceding title I of the Senate amendment and concurring in titles I and II of the amendment. The first portion of the question shall be considered as adopted. If the second portion fails, then the House will be considered to have made no disposition of the Senate amendment.

Madam Speaker, this vote is both historic and difficult. It is historic because it is reinstating the pay-as-you-go law, or PAYGO. This is one tool in the effort to reduce the deficit and return fiscal common sense back to our budget. And it is difficult because this resolution includes a \$1.9 trillion increase in the debt limit.

Now, let me begin with the debt limit. None of us are eager to increase the debt limit. But we have a responsibility to take action. The Treasury Department has informed Congress that the United States will reach the current statutory limit on the national debt on February 11. That is next Thursday. If the debt limit is not increased before that date, Treasury will not be able to meet the obligations of the U.S. Government.

Simply, Madam Speaker, if we don't act, then we will default. Now, I can't think of a more reckless or irresponsible act. Defaulting is not an option. If the United States defaults, investors will lose confidence that the U.S. will honor its debts in the future. They would likely demand higher interest rates to compensate for the higher risk of purchasing Treasury securities. And this would increase the cost of Federal borrowing, result in even greater budget deficits, and require higher taxes and fewer government services. A greater portion of U.S. wealth would be transferred to overseas creditors, to China, India, and Saudi Arabia. And it is also possible that those creditors

would demand that the U.S. borrow in other currencies rather than dollars, putting in peril the very value and stability of the American dollar.

It is clear that the responsible course of action is to raise the debt limit. It is also clear that we are in this position because of the policies that have been implemented over the past decade. Ten years ago, Madam Speaker, we had a budget surplus. Since then, our country was attacked and the worst recession in our lifetimes took a severe economic toll on our Nation's economy. But we also had two wars that were unpaid for, tax cuts, mostly for the wealthy, that were unpaid for, and a prescription drug benefit that was unpaid for. Yes, Republicans and Democrats have had to increase the debt limit because of these policies and events. And unfortunately, we have to do it again today.

Now, I know there will be those who want to use this vote as a way to demagogue this issue. There will be those on my side of the aisle who will detail how the policies of the last 8 years put us in this position, and there will be those who use this debate to claim that the recession is the fault of the Democrats. We can have that debate, and we will have that debate. But at the end of the day, Madam Speaker, it is my hope that nobody in this Chamber would put our Nation at such financial and economic risk simply because of politics.

My friend from Massachusetts and my colleague, Congressman RICHARD NEAL, said it best in the Rules Committee last night: "If you voted to go to war in Iraq and Afghanistan, if you voted for the tax cuts that went mostly to the wealthiest in this country, or if you voted for the Recovery Act, then you have to vote to raise the debt ceiling." Simply put, the American people want us to solve our Nation's problems. And increasing the debt limit is the responsible action. But it doesn't address the underlying problem. And that is the problem of the deficit.

That is where statutory PAYGO comes in. Statutory PAYGO requires all new policies be offset. That means paid for. In plain English, we have to pay for what we buy. While it is not the only step we can take, this is a solid step towards fiscal discipline.

Now, why is PAYGO so important? It is important because our fiscal health and long-term economic prosperity depend upon it. We must find a balance between short-term deficit spending to speed along our economic recovery with longer-term fiscal discipline.

Dick Cheney, Madam Speaker, famously said that deficits don't matter. Well, I believe that they do matter, and I am glad to hear that my Republican friends now agree with Democrats that deficits do matter. I trust that at the end of the day they will vote that way too. But whether you vote for this resolution or not, you must at least admit that President Obama and the Democrats are facing this problem head-on. We are making sure we responsibly