

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I will be brief.

Mr. CUELLAR, you have been a good Member. You have worked hard on this. We worked together on this.

When this number left the House, it was a different bill. In the first hour of the new Congress, I intend on working hard to bring up a bill that looks more like your original bill, has some additional learning experiences, and try to bring it back as quickly as possible.

I cannot support your bill today. This is not the bill that left the House. It is also a bill that still has \$75 million not paid for.

But it's not the \$75 million. As much as we talked about paid-for and PAYGO and offset and how do we do things, our real problem here today is that, as it came back from the Senate, it looks an awful lot like somebody just picked up your number and redid your bill.

Now, I know you want this, and you deserve it for the hard work you did. But this bill is simply a series of mandates that codifies a management style that needs no legislation. This legislation does not create something that the President cannot and is not already doing.

We, in Congress, want goal-setting. Historically, we look to OMB, and that goal-setting is intended to be objective, to hold agencies to standards determined not just by their own agency. As the bill is written today, basically, an agency sets its own goals, announces its own goals, and OMB has a secondary role. This does not create a real requirement for performance-based program analysis. The bill that left with an amendment that you very much helped carve, and we did it together, would have done that.

I don't like the idea that, in the day after the day after the day after we probably should have long gone home but we are waiting for the CR, that they bring something on suspension. Given a few days of regular order, given one round-trip to the committee, we could change this. But if we changed it, of course we would be back with the Senate, which UC'd a completely different bill than the one you worked so hard on.

It might pass today, but it won't have my vote, my support, and I will urge and am urging all the Members on both sides of the aisle to defeat the bill, not because you don't deserve a bill with your name on it on this subject. You have worked hard. But because this isn't the bill that you deserve to have become law.

I know you are leaving Congress. You are a good Member who has worked hard on our committee, and I thank you for that. And I promise you, starting January 5, we will work together with you, if you will donate the time, to do the bill you wanted to do. And that, I guarantee you, will be my first priority, if it is not passed today.

I reserve the balance of my time.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair reminds all Members to address their remarks to the Chair.

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, first of all, I want to thank the ranking member, who will be the chairman of Government Oversight. I want to thank him and his staff, because we did work on this together.

It went over to the Senate. We were trying to move it over here as quickly as possible. The Senators did make some changes, but the biggest change, I believe, was to reduce the cost. Because, you recall, it was an authorization of \$150 million, got cut in half to \$75 million, which means that the agencies will be absorbing this cost, so it won't cost any appropriations, number one.

Number two, I believe one of the major amendments was Senator COBURN from Oklahoma, who basically put the teeth on requiring Congress and OMB to take action if an agency or a program doesn't meet those performance goals.

So, again, I respectfully disagree with you on that. But I believe the amendments that Senator COBURN added are actually good, because it does add the teeth or the mechanism to enforce if an agency doesn't do its job by meeting those goals.

I do want to thank again the ranking member and the chairman, also, and the staff on both sides, the Republican staff and our side. We worked on this bill, because this is a bill that Mr. ISSA and I believe strongly in, and TODD PLATTS, also. So I want to say thank you for the work that we are doing. And hopefully we can work on other items. If not, we will be working together on this bill again. But I do want to say thank you for the work that Members on both sides of the aisle have done.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I think we've both said what comes from our heart. We're losing a good Member who worked hard on our committee. This is not a good bill. This is not the bill he would have done. So I respectfully ask all Members to vote "no" on this. I will vote "no" not because of the author and not because of his effort, but because it simply isn't good enough.

If we are going to spend even \$75 million on new mandates, we have a standard that has to be a standard of excellence, a standard that truly makes improvements, and a standard that in fact does not simply allow the President to do what he already has the power to do. We can do this in the next Congress. We will do this.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I express my interest in working with members of the committee now and members of the committee in the future to fashion a bill with this same name, and, if I'm allowed, even the same number, so that we can pass it in its original form or in

an improved form in the next Congress. I reluctantly say we must oppose this bill.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. CUELLAR. I again thank the ranking member. I urge all Members to support H.R. 2142, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CUELLAR) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 2142.

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

□ 0940

RECOGNIZING 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1621) recognizing the 100th anniversary of the historic founding of Catholic Charities USA.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1621

Whereas Catholic Charities USA was founded in 1910 on the campus of Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, as the National Conference of Catholic Charities;

Whereas under the leadership of Msgr. John O'Grady, who served as Executive Secretary from 1920 to 1961, the National Conference of Catholic Charities became a leading voice for compassionate social reforms grounded in Catholic teachings;

Whereas in 1986, the National Conference of Catholic Charities changed its name to Catholic Charities USA;

Whereas this year, 2010, Catholic Charities USA is celebrating its centennial anniversary;

Whereas Catholic Charities USA is the national office for over 1,700 local Catholic Charities agencies and institutions nationwide;

Whereas Catholic Charities' mission is to provide service to people in need, to advocate for justice in social structures, and to call people of goodwill to do the same by working with individuals, families, and communities to help them meet their needs, address their issues, eliminate oppression, and build a just and compassionate society;

Whereas Catholic Charities USA has the goal of providing strong leadership and support to assist local diocesan agencies in their efforts to reduce poverty, support families, and empower communities;

Whereas Catholic Charities USA, inspired by Catholic teachings, maintain programs focused on poverty in the United States, parenthood, immigration, human trafficking, disaster response and relief, and climate change;

Whereas Catholic Charities USA and its members provide help and create hope for more than 8.5 million people each year, regardless of faith; and

Whereas Catholic Charities USA supports local agencies through advocacy, networking, national voice, training, financial support, and leadership: Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes and celebrates the 100th anniversary of the historic founding of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, now called Catholic Charities USA; and

(2) honors and praises Catholic Charities USA for being a national leader in the efforts to fight poverty and to strengthen the United States in times of need and crisis.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CUELLAR) and the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Committee on Government Oversight and Reform, I am pleased to present H. Res. 1621, a resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the historic founding of Catholic Charities USA, introduced by our colleague, the gentleman from New Jersey, Representative RUSH HOLT, on September 15, 2010. The measure enjoys the support of over 70 cosponsors.

Mr. Speaker, Catholic Charities was founded in 1910 here in Washington, DC on the campus of Catholic University of America as the National Conference of Catholic Charities. It was created to promote the creation of Catholic Charities across the country, encourage professional social work practice, to bring solidarity to those in charitable ministries and to advocate for the poor.

Today, Catholic Charities serves over 9 million people of all faiths and backgrounds each year. They provide training and technical assistance to member organizations, assist in disaster relief operations, and maintain a range of networks with groups committed to social justice.

Mr. Speaker, let us therefore congratulate the historic founding of the organization through the passage of H. Res. 1621. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, H. Res. 1621 does what we should do in recognizing really great organizations for the work they do. Catholic Charities for 100 years has represented the best in charity, not as the name might suggest as Catholics or for Catholics, but Catholic Charities are people helping people regardless of their religion around this

country. So I join with the majority in urging support for H. Res. 1621.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, at this time I yield such time as he may consume to the sponsor of the bill, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. HOLT).

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, as this session of Congress moves to an end, I would also like to thank the gentleman from Texas for his service and for bringing this up now.

We will recognize with this resolution and celebrate the 100th anniversary of this historic organization that is a force for good, a leading voice in the United States for compassionate service and care and for social reform. More than 1,700 local Catholic Charities, agencies and institutions nationwide carry out the mission to provide service to people in need, to advocate for justice and social structures, to call people of good will to do the same by working with individuals and families and communities to help them meet their needs, address their issues, eliminate oppression, and build a just and compassionate society.

Catholic Charities focuses on poverty, but has important work in parenthood, in immigration, human trafficking, disaster response and relief, climate change and other such things.

Catholic Charities provides help and hope for more than 8.5 million people each year. For example, it provides food service to millions of people; immigration services; refugee services; addiction services; adoption services; temporary shelter; transitional housing; and much, much more, in a compassionate, nonsectarian way.

This really is an example of what we can do together as a community. I see this in New Jersey under the auspices of the bishop of the diocese of Metuchen, Bishop Bootkoski; the bishop of Trenton, Bishop O'Connell; dedicated people, such as Francis Dolan, Joyce Campbell and Marianne Majewski. On the national scene, Rev. Snyder, the national president, provides every day a fine example of how service and care and compassion that are motivated by faith and religious teaching are delivered in a nonsectarian way without proselytizing and available to people of all faiths.

These people let their works, their good works, speak. Communities that are marred by disasters such as hurricanes, fires and floods find Catholic Charities there as one of the greatest providers of financial and technical assistance and training and, most of all, compassion and care.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing 100 years of good works of Catholic Charities USA.

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, time is short. I believe this will be unanimously passed. And whether it is Father Joe Carroll in San Diego or countless heads of various charities headed by clergymen or lay people around the country, Catholic Charities today, after 100

years, is being honored on behalf of the kind of outreach of people helping people that America does best.

With that, I thank the gentleman for bringing this bill to our attention. I am glad we were able to do this in the 11th hour. I urge its support.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, first of all I want to say I am returning back to Congress. I want to just put that on the record. So I do look forward to working with Mr. HOLT and Mr. ISSA and other Members.

Again, as this might be the last oversight bill that we have, again I want to thank the Democrat staff, Chairman Towns, the ranking member and his staff also for working with us, because I think this committee has done a lot of good work, and I appreciate the work they have done, all of us working together in a bipartisan way.

At this time I will ask Members to support this resolution.

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield, I join with the gentleman, of course, in supporting this bill. I too look forward to working with the gentleman as he returns in the next Congress. But my notes indicated he was leaving the committee. If that is not true, then I truly look forward to working with him on the committee. If he is on another committee, I look forward to working with him in his new role, but on his legislation.

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 1621, "Recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Historic Founding of Catholic Charities USA." Let me begin by thanking my colleague Representative RUSH HOLT for introducing this incredibly important piece of legislation into the House of Representatives, as it is imperative that we recognize and support Catholic Charities' USA 100th anniversary.

Mr. Speaker, as an enthusiast of Catholic Charities USA and co-sponsor of this resolution, I urge my colleagues to support this measure by recognizing the importance of Catholic Charities USA and their 100 years of service to our great nation.

Since the Catholic Charities USA founding in 1910 on the campus of Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, Catholic Charities has worked to establish well over 1,700 local Catholic Charities agencies and institutions around the nation.

The vision of Catholic Charities USA is direct and simple, to help "people in need achieve self-sufficiency." Yet Catholic Charities USA continues to touch hundreds of thousands of lives by providing vulnerable individuals with greatly needed care, nourishment, and compassion. As an advocate for social justice, Catholic Charities USA works to empower committees around the nation maintaining that each individual is entitled to a life of dignity and opportunity that allows each person to reach their full potential. As part of our government, it is dire that we provide our constituents and all Americans with a good quality of life. By recognizing the centennial anniversary of Catholic Charities USA, we are acknowledging the extreme, positive impact of their efforts all over America and the work they do to provide all with a high quality of life,

respect, and dignity. Furthermore, we would be commending and applauding Catholic Charities USA's efforts to provide children, the poor, the disabled, the elderly, and the powerless with resources like housing, food, economic security, health, a place in the workforce, and education.

As for the 18th district of Texas, I would be utterly remiss if I did not take time to recognize and relay my sincerest gratitude for all that the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston has done, and continues to do in Houston. For over 60 years Catholic Charities has served the human and social service needs of Houstonians by providing communities with programs aimed at promoting and facilitating self-sufficiency. Teaching and preparing one to be self-sufficient is perhaps one of the most beautiful ways to help human kind. The Chinese proverb, "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime," sheds light on the wisdom of teaching and the importance of self-sufficiency. The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston employs this lesson through numerous programs for the elderly, refugees and immigrants, and those affected by HIV/AIDS, cancer, and devastating illnesses. One of their greatest outreach missions provided to Houstonians is disaster relief. As you well know Hurricane Ike was a grave environmental catastrophe, leaving many surviving Houstonians in disarray, bereavement, poverty, and great sadness. Yet Catholic Charities offered free disaster recovery assistance for Hurricane Ike survivors in the form of counseling and resources. Additionally, Catholic Charities AIDS ministry provides holistic services to those suffering from HIV/AIDS in form of case management, HIV education, and compassionate non-judgmental responses. Also, through the Share Your Blessings Program, Catholic Charities is working to provide impoverished Houston families with Christmas joy and hope by seeking Angel Sponsors to provide such families with much needed personal items. Catholic Charities services in and around Houston have greatly helped the 18th district and their efforts are to be commended.

Furthermore, Catholic Charities USA is inspired to reduce poverty, support families and parenthood, empower communities, and eliminate oppression. The spirit of this great organization is the embodiment of goodwill towards man, compassion, and social justice. Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to stand in support of this measure and to support the 100 years of monumental contributions made by Catholic Charities USA. To give them honor and praise for being a national leader in their efforts to combat poverty, promote social justice, and treat all with dignity.

Mr. Speaker, I believe our body would be slipshod if we were not to pass this extraordinary measure to recognize and support Catholic Charities USA 100th anniversary and their historic founding in 1910 and all that they continue to do to better our society. I urge my colleagues to stand with Rep. HOLT and myself and vote in favor of H.R. 1621, "Recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Historic Founding of Catholic Charities USA."

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I ask Members to support the bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by

the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CUELLAR) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1621.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

□ 0950

COMMENDING THE WISCONSIN BADGER FOOTBALL TEAM

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1767) commending the Wisconsin Badger football team for an outstanding season and 2011 Rose Bowl bid.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1767

Whereas the Wisconsin Badgers completed a dominant regular season, winning the Big Ten Title, finishing 11 and 1, and earning a bid to the Rose Bowl on January 1, 2011;

Whereas the annual Rose Bowl is the oldest of all college bowl games, and its history and prestige have earned it the title "The Granddaddy of Them All";

Whereas the Rose Bowl was first played in 1902 and since 1945 has been the highest attended college football bowl game;

Whereas University of Wisconsin-Madison Chancellor Biddy Martin has exhibited strong leadership for the University of Wisconsin and an unyielding commitment to academic excellence for its student athletes;

Whereas Athletic Director Barry Alvarez, a three-time Rose Bowl winning coach, helped lead the Badgers back to Pasadena, California;

Whereas Head Coach Bret Bielema showed tremendous leadership, guiding the Badgers to an outstanding 11 and 1 season;

Whereas the Badgers have achieved an outstanding overall 49 and 15 record under Coach Bielema's tenure;

Whereas Offensive Coordinator Paul Chryst, a finalist for the Broyles Award as the Nation's top assistant coach, leads a prolific Badger offense, which ranks in the top 20 nationally in scoring, rushing, and total offense;

Whereas the Badgers defeated the number one ranked Ohio State Buckeyes, 31 to 18, on a warm fall night in Madison, Wisconsin;

Whereas this contest featured an electrifying opening kickoff return for a touchdown by David Gilreath, a play that will go down in Camp Randall Stadium history;

Whereas one week after defeating Ohio State, the Badgers dug deep to win at Kinnick Stadium in Iowa City, Iowa, despite missing several key players due to injury;

Whereas senior quarterback Scott Tolzien, the most accurate passer in college football, won the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award for his on-field performance, as well as his character;

Whereas for a second consecutive season, the Badger football team features 22 players that were selected to the Academic All-Big Ten team, surpassing the previous record of 19 set in 2007, Coach Bielema's second season;

Whereas senior offensive lineman Gabe Carimi won the Outland Trophy, an honor given to the best interior lineman in college football, in addition to being selected to the

Academic All-Big Ten Team as a civil engineering major;

Whereas senior defensive end J.J. Watt is an Academic All-Big Ten Team selection, and winner of the Lott IMPACT Trophy, awarded nationally to a defensive player for his athletic, academic, and community achievements;

Whereas the Wisconsin Badgers had six offensive linemen selected to the All-Big Ten Team, when only five players start at the position;

Whereas the Wisconsin Badgers are the least penalized team in the United States, displaying remarkable discipline and leadership on the field;

Whereas Texas Christian University has also earned a Rose Bowl bid after a successful season;

Whereas the University of Wisconsin looks forward to badgering the Horned Frogs on New Year's Day; and

Whereas Wisconsin Badger fans sold out Camp Randall for the entire season and are known for their loyal and fervent support: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) commends the Wisconsin Badger football team for an outstanding season and 2011 Rose Bowl bid;

(2) applauds Coach Bret Bielema for his leadership not only on the football field, but also in the community; and

(3) recognizes the achievements of the players, coaches, students, alumni, and staff who were instrumental in helping the Wisconsin Badgers make it to Pasadena, California.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. HOLT) and the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on House Resolution 1767 in the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1767, which commends the Wisconsin Badger football team for an outstanding season and a 2011 Rose Bowl bid. I present this resolution on behalf of Representative BALDWIN. Representative BALDWIN introduced this, and it is supported by others from the Badger State.

The Wisconsin Badgers just completed a dominant regular season, winning the Big Ten title, finishing 11-1, and earning a bid to the Rose Bowl game on New Year's Day 2011.

The Rose Bowl is the oldest of all college football bowl games, first played in 1902. Since 1945, it has been the most highly attended college football bowl game in the country.

I would like to extend my congratulations to the University of Wisconsin-Madison chancellor, Biddy Martin; three-time winning Rose Bowl coach and athletic director, Barry Alvarez;