

the physician work geographic practice cost index (GPCI).

Rural Ambulance: In providing critical emergency health care to patients, it costs rural ambulance service providers more per transport than their urban counterparts because of the greater distances rural providers travel and their lower transport volume. In fact, many of our rural ambulance service providers are staffed primarily by volunteers to stay afloat. That is why it is necessary to ensure that rural ambulance providers continue to receive an additional 3 percent in Medicare reimbursement, and for super rural ambulance service providers to continue to receive 22.6 percent to their base rate which helps cover the costs of serving patients located in these extremely rural areas.

These rural equity policy provisions are critical to the ability of our rural health care providers to continue to provide quality care to rural Americans. A lapse in these provisions, even temporarily, has created a great level of instability for our affected providers and the patients that they serve. We urge your continued leadership in championing these important rural issues.

Sincerely,

Earl Pomeroy, *Co-Chair, Rural Health Care Coalition*, Greg Walden, Chet Edwards, Rick Boucher, Dennis Moore, Michael H. Michaud, Timothy Walz, Leonard L. Boswell, Cathy McMorris Rodgers, David Loebsack, Bruce Braley, Jim Marshall, Kathleen A. Dahlkemper, Brett Guthrie, Don Young, Scott Murphy, Carolyn Kilpatrick, Carol Shea-Porter, John Boozman, Ben Chandler, Michael Arcuri, Ron Paul, Frank Kratovil, Kevin Brady, Heath Shuler, Phil Hare, Charlie Melancon, Marion Berry, Jim Matheson, Mike Ross, Jo Ann Emerson, Shelley Moore Capito, Rubén Hinojosa, Michael K. Simpson, Gene Taylor.

Jerry Moran, *Co-chair, Rural Health Care Coalition*, James L. Oberstar, Chaka Fattah, Peter Welch, Raúl M. Grijalva, Ron Kind, Bill Foster, Eric Massa, Dennis Cardoza, Blaine Luetkemeyer, Bob Etheridge, Adrian Smith, Brad Ellsworth, Larry Kissell, Donald A. Manzullo, John W. Olver, Sam Graves, Gabrielle Giffords, Deborah L. Halvorson, Rick Larsen, Charles A. Wilson, John Barrow, Rodney Alexander, Stephanie Herseth Sandlin, John Salazar, Christopher P. Carney, Lincoln Davis, Harold Rogers, Sanford D. Bishop, Jr., Mike McIntyre, Todd Tiahrt, Bill Delahunt, Nick J. Rahall II, Ike Skelton, Bart Stupak.

Mr. McDERMOTT. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Washington (Mr. McDERMOTT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4691.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

## RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 41 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

□ 1838

## AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HIMES) at 6 o'clock and 38 minutes p.m.

## MEDICARE PHYSICIAN PAYMENT REFORM ACT OF 2009

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, proceedings will now resume on the motion offered by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS) to concur in the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 3961) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reform the Medicare SGR payment system for physicians.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion by the gentleman from Michigan.

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

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 315, nays 97, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 67]

YEAS—315

Ackerman  
Aderholt  
Adler (NJ)  
Akin  
Alexander  
Altmire  
Andrews  
Arcuri  
Austria  
Baca  
Bachmann  
Bachus  
Baird  
Barrow  
Barton (TX)  
Bean  
Berkley  
Berry  
Biggert  
Bilbray  
Bilirakis  
Bishop (GA)  
Blackburn  
Blunt  
Boehner  
Bonner  
Bono Mack  
Boozman  
Boren  
Boswell  
Boustany  
Boyd  
Brady (PA)  
Brady (TX)  
Bright  
Broun (GA)

Brown (SC)  
Brown, Corrine  
Brown-Waite,  
Ginny  
Buchanan  
Burgess  
Burton (IN)  
Butterfield  
Buyer  
Calvert  
Camp  
Campbell  
Cantor  
Cao  
Capito  
Cardoza  
Carnahan  
Carney  
Carson (IN)  
Carter  
Cassidy  
Castle  
Castor (FL)  
Chandler  
Childers  
Clay  
Clyburn  
Coble  
Coffman (CO)  
Cole  
Conaway  
Connolly (VA)  
Conyers  
Cooper  
Costa  
Courtney

Crenshaw  
Cuellar  
Culberson  
Dahlkemper  
Davis (AL)  
Davis (CA)  
Davis (IL)  
Davis (KY)  
Davis (TN)  
DeGette  
DeLauro  
Diaz-Balart, L.  
Diaz-Balart, M.  
Dicks  
Donnelly (IN)  
Doyle  
Dreier  
Driehaus  
Edwards (TX)  
Ellsworth  
Emerson  
Eshoo  
Etheridge  
Fattah  
Flake  
Fleming  
Forbes  
Fortenberry  
Foster  
Foxy  
Franks (AZ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Gallegly  
Garamendi  
Garrett (NJ)

Gerlach  
Giffords  
Gohmert  
Gonzalez  
Goodlatte  
Gordon (TN)  
Granger  
Graves  
Grayson  
Green, Gene  
Griffith  
Guthrie  
Gutierrez  
Hall (NY)  
Halvorson  
Harper  
Hastings (WA)  
Heinrich  
Hensarling  
Herger  
Herseth Sandlin  
Higgins  
Hill  
Himes  
Hinojosa  
Hodes  
Hoekstra  
Holden  
Hoyer  
Hunter  
Inglis  
Inslee  
Israel  
Issa  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson Lee  
(TX)  
Jenkins  
Johnson, E. B.  
Johnson, Sam  
Jordan (OH)  
Kanjorski  
Kaptur  
Kennedy  
Kildee  
Kilpatrick (MI)  
Kilroy  
Kind  
King (IA)  
King (NY)  
Kingston  
Kirk  
Kirkpatrick (AZ)  
Kissell  
Klein (FL)  
Kline (MN)  
Kosmas  
Kratovil  
Lamborn  
Lance  
Langevin  
Larsen (WA)  
Latham  
LaTourette  
Latta  
Lee (NY)  
Levin  
Lewis (CA)  
Linder  
Lipinski  
LoBiondo

Lofgren, Zoe  
Lowey  
Lucas  
Luetkemeyer  
Lummis  
Lungren, Daniel  
E.  
Lynch  
Manzullo  
Marchant  
Markey (CO)  
Marshall  
Massa  
Matheson  
McCarthy (CA)  
McCarthy (NY)  
McCaul  
McClintock  
McCotter  
McHenry  
McIntyre  
McKeon  
McMahon  
McMorris  
Rodgers  
McNerney  
Meek (FL)  
Melancon  
Mica  
Miller (FL)  
Miller (MI)  
Miller (NC)  
Miller, Gary  
Mitchell  
Mollohan  
Moore (KS)  
Moran (KS)  
Moran (VA)  
Murphy (CT)  
Murphy (NY)  
Murphy, Patrick  
Murphy, Tim  
Napolitano  
Neugebauer  
Nunes  
Nye  
Obey  
Olson  
Ortiz  
Owens  
Pascarell  
Paulsen  
Pence  
Perlmutter  
Peters  
Peterson  
Petri  
Platts  
Poe (TX)  
Pomeroy  
Posey  
Putnam  
Quigley  
Rahall  
Rangel  
Rehberg  
Reyes  
Rodriguez  
Roe (TN)  
Rogers (AL)  
Rogers (KY)

Rogers (MI)  
Rohrabacher  
Rooney  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Roskam  
Ross  
Rothman (NJ)  
Roybal-Allard  
Royce  
Ruppersberger  
Rush  
Ryan (WI)  
Salazar  
Scalise  
Schauer  
Schiff  
Schmidt  
Schock  
Schrader  
Schwartz  
Scott (GA)  
Sensenbrenner  
Sessions  
Sestak  
Shadegg  
Shimkus  
Shuler  
Shuster  
Simpson  
Sires  
Skelton  
Slaughter  
Smith (NE)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX)  
Smith (WA)  
Snyder  
Souder  
Space  
Spratt  
Stearns  
Sutton  
Tanner  
Taylor  
Teague  
Terry  
Thompson (MS)  
Thompson (PA)  
Thornberry  
Tiahrt  
Pascarell  
Paulsen  
Pence  
Perlmutter  
Peters  
Peterson  
Petri  
Platts  
Poe (TX)  
Pomeroy  
Posey  
Putnam  
Quigley  
Rahall  
Rangel  
Rehberg  
Reyes  
Rodriguez  
Roe (TN)  
Rogers (AL)  
Rogers (KY)

NAYS—97

Abercrombie  
Baldwin  
Bartlett  
Becerra  
Berman  
Bishop (UT)  
Blumenauer  
Boccheri  
Braley (IA)  
Capuano  
Chaffetz  
Chu  
Clarke  
Cleaver  
Cohen  
Costello  
Crowley  
Cummings  
DeFazio  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Duncan  
Edwards (MD)

Ehlers  
Ellison  
Engel  
Farr  
Filner  
Frank (MA)  
Fudge  
Green, Al  
Grijalva  
Hare  
Harman  
Hastings (FL)  
Heller  
Hinchey  
Hirono  
Holt  
Honda  
Johnson (GA)  
Johnson (IL)  
Jones  
Kagen  
Kucinich  
Larson (CT)

Lee (CA)  
Lewis (GA)  
Loebach  
Lujan  
Maffei  
Maloney  
Markey (MA)  
Matsui  
McCollum  
McDermott  
McGovern  
Meeks (NY)  
Michaud  
Miller, George  
Minnick  
Moore (WI)  
Nadler (NY)  
Neal (MA)  
Oberstar  
Oliver  
Pallone  
Pastor (AZ)  
Paul

Payne	Sarbanes	Velázquez
Perriello	Schakowsky	Visclosky
Pingree (ME)	Scott (VA)	Waters
Polis (CO)	Serrano	Watt
Price (NC)	Shea-Porter	Waxman
Richardson	Sherman	Welch
Ryan (OH)	Speier	Woolsey
Sánchez, Linda	Thompson (CA)	Wu
T.	Tierney	Young (AK)
Sanchez, Loretta	Towns	

## NOT VOTING—20

Barrett (SC)	Gingrey (GA)	Reichert
Bishop (NY)	Hall (TX)	Stark
Boucher	Mack	Stupak
Capps	Myrick	Sullivan
Deal (GA)	Pitts	Westmoreland
Dent	Price (GA)	Wilson (SC)
Fallin	Radanovich	

□ 1926

Messrs. THOMPSON of California, MAFFEI, DEFAZIO, FRANK of Massachusetts, COSTELLO, PAYNE, HONDA, NEAL of Massachusetts, LARSON of Connecticut, HASTINGS of Florida, TIERNEY, BARTLETT, HELLER, BERMAN, GEORGE MILLER of California, SARBANES, CLEAVER, HARE, ENGEL, EHLERS, RYAN of Ohio and PRICE of North Carolina and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. RICHARDSON, Ms. CLARKE and Ms. FUDGE changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

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.

NATIONAL URBAN CRIMES  
AWARENESS WEEK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 227, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 227, as amended.

The question was taken.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 15-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 411, nays 0, not voting 21, as follows:

[Roll No. 68]

YEAS—411

Abercrombie	Bachus	Bilbray
Ackerman	Baird	Bilirakis
Aderholt	Baldwin	Bishop (GA)
Adler (NJ)	Barrow	Bishop (UT)
Akin	Bartlett	Blackburn
Alexander	Barton (TX)	Blumenauer
Altmire	Bean	Blunt
Andrews	Becerra	Bocieri
Arcuri	Berkley	Boehner
Austria	Berman	Bonner
Baca	Berry	Bono Mack
Bachmann	Biggert	Boozman

Boren	Brown	Brown, Corrine	Brown-Waite,	Ginny	Buchanan	Burgess	Burton (IN)	Butterfield	Buyer	Calvert	Camp	Campbell	Cantor	Cao	Capito	Capuano	Cardoza	Carnahan	Carney	Carson (IN)	Carter	Cassidy	Castle	Castor (FL)	Chaffetz	Chandler	Childers	Chu	Clarke	Clay	Cleaver	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)	DeFazio	DeGette	Delahunt	DeLauro	Diaz-Balart, L.	Diaz-Balart, M.	Dicks	Dingell	Doggett	Donnelly (IN)	Doyle	Dreier	Driehaus	Duncan	Edwards (MD)	Edwards (TX)	Ehlers	Ellison	Ellsworth	Emerson	Engel	Eshoo	Etheridge	Farr	Fattah	Filner	Flake	Fleming	Forbes	Fortenberry	Foster	Fox	Frank (MA)	Frank (AZ)	Frelinghuysen	Fudge	Lewis (CA)	Lewis (GA)	Linder	Lipinski	LoBiondo	Loeb	Lofgren, Zoe	Lowe	Lucas	Luetkemeyer	Lujan	Lummis
Boswell	Boustany	Boyd	Brady (PA)	Brady (TX)	Braley (IA)	Bright	Broun (GA)	Brown (SC)	Grayson	Green, Al	Green, Gene	Griffith	Grijalva	Guthrie	Gutierrez	Hall (NY)	Halvorson	Hare	Harman	Harper	Hastings (FL)	Hastings (WA)	Heinrich	Heller	Hensarling	Herger	Herseth Sandlin	Higgins	Hill	Himes	Hinche	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	Lofgren, Zoe	Lowe	Lucas	Luetkemeyer	Lujan	Lummis							

Royce	Ruppersberger	Rush	Ryan (OH)	Ryan (WI)	Salazar	Sánchez, Linda	T.	Sanchez, Loretta	Sarbanes	Scalise	Schakowsky	Schauer	Schiff	Schmidt	Schock	Schrader	Schwartz	Scott (GA)	Scott (VA)	Sensenbrenner	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	Stearns	Sutton	Tanner	Taylor	Teague	Terry	Thompson (CA)	Thompson (MS)	Thompson (PA)	Thornberry	Tiahrt	Tiberi	Tierney	Titus	Tonko	Towns	Turner	Upton	Van Hollen	Velázquez	Visclosky	Walden	Wamp	Wasserman	Schultz	Waters	Watson	Watt	Waxman	Weiner	Welch	Whitfield	Wilson (OH)	Wittman	Wolf	Woolsey	Wu	Yarmuth	Young (AK)	Young (FL)
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## NOT VOTING—21

Barrett (SC)	Gingrey (GA)	Reichert
Bishop (NY)	Hall (TX)	Stark
Boucher	Mack	Stupak
Capps	Myrick	Sullivan
Deal (GA)	Pitts	Tsongas
Dent	Price (GA)	Westmoreland
Fallin	Radanovich	Wilson (SC)

□ 1948

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE  
CONSIDERED AS FIRST SPONSOR  
OF H.R. 1103

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered to be the first sponsor of H.R. 1103, a bill originally introduced by Representative WEXLER of Florida, for the purposes of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII.

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

There was no objection.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2847) “An Act making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.”, with an amendment.

The message also announced that pursuant to Executive Order No. 13531, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, announces the appointment of the following Members to the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform: