

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 399, nays 0, not voting 33, as follows:

[Roll No. 278]

YEAS—399

Ackerman	Deutch	Johnson (OH)	Roybal-Allard	Terry
Adams	Diaz-Balart	Johnson, E. B.	Royce	Thompson (CA)
Akin	Dicks	Jones	Runyan	Thompson (MS)
Altmire	Dingell	Jordan	Ruppersberger	Thompson (PA)
Amash	Doggett	Kaptur	Ryan (OH)	Thornberry
Andrews	Dold	Keating	Ryan (WI)	Tiberi
Austria	Donnelly (IN)	Kelly	Sánchez, Linda	Tierney
Baca	Doyle	Kind	T.	Tipton
Bachmann	Dreier	King (IA)	Sanchez, Loretta	Tonko
Bachus	Duffy	Kingston	Sarbanes	Tsongas
Baldwin	Duncan (SC)	Kinzinger (IL)	Scalise	Turner
Barletta	Duncan (TN)	Kissell	Schakowsky	Upton
Barrow	Edwards	Kline	Schiff	Van Hollen
Bartlett	Ellison	Kucinich	Schilling	Velázquez
Barton (TX)	Ellmers	Labrador	Schmidt	Visclosky
Bass (CA)	Engel	Lamborn	Schock	Walberg
Bass (NH)	Eshoo	Lance	Schrader	Walden
Becerra	Farenthold	Landry	Schwartz	Walsh (IL)
Benishek	Farr	Langevin	Scott (SC)	Walz (MN)
Berg	Fattah	Lankford	Scott (VA)	Wasserman
Berkley	Filmer	Larsen (WA)	Scott, Austin	Schultz
Berman	Fincher	Larson (CT)	Scott, David	Waters
Biggert	Fitzpatrick	Latham	Sensenbrenner	Watt
Bilirakis	Flake	LaTourette	Serrano	Waxman
Bishop (GA)	Fleischmann	Latta	Sessions	Webster
Bishop (NY)	Fleming	Lee (CA)	Sherman	Weiner
Bishop (UT)	Flores	Levin	Shimkus	Welch
Black	Forbes	Lewis (CA)	Shuster	West
Blackburn	Fortenberry	Lewis (GA)	Simpson	Westmoreland
Blumenauer	Fox	LoBiondo	Sires	Whitfield
Bonner	Frank (MA)	Loeb	Slaughter	Wilson (FL)
Bono Mack	Frank (AZ)	Loeb	Smith (NE)	Wilson (SC)
Boustany	Frelinghuysen	Long	Smith (TX)	Wittman
Brady (TX)	Fudge	Lowe	Smith (WA)	Wolf
Braley (IA)	Gallegly	Lucas	Southerland	Womack
Brooks	Garamendi	Lujan	Speier	Woodall
Brown (FL)	Gardner	Lummis	Stark	Woolsey
Buchanan	Garrett	Lungren, Daniel	Stearns	Wu
Bucshon	Gerlach	E.	Stivers	Yarmuth
Buerkle	Gibbs	Lynch	Stutzman	Yoder
Burgess	Gibson	Mack	Sullivan	Young (FL)
Burton (IN)	Gingrey (GA)	Manzullo	Sutton	Young (IN)
Calvert	Gohmert	Marino		
Camp	Gonzalez	Markey		
Campbell	Goodlatte	Matheson		
Canseco	Gosar	Matsui		
Cantor	Gowdy	McCarthy (CA)		
Capito	Granger	McCarthy (NY)		
Capps	Graves (GA)	McCaul		
Capuano	Graves (MO)	McClintock		
Carnahan	Green, Al	McCollum		
Carney	Green, Gene	McCotter		
Carson (IN)	Griffith (VA)	McDermott		
Cassidy	Grimm	McGovern		
Castor (FL)	Guinta	McHenry		
Chabot	Guthrie	McIntyre		
Chaffetz	Hall	McKeon		
Chandler	Hanabusa	McKinley		
Chu	Hanna	McMorris		
Cicilline	Harper	Rodgers		
Clarke (MI)	Harris	McNerney		
Clarke (NY)	Hartzler	Meehan		
Clay	Hastings (FL)	Meeke		
Cleaver	Hastings (WA)	Mica		
Clyburn	Hayworth	Michaud		
Coble	Heck	Miller (FL)		
Coffman (CO)	Heinrich	Miller (MI)		
Cohen	Hensarling	Miller (NC)		
Cole	Herger	Miller, Gary		
Conaway	Herrera Beutler	Miller, George		
Connolly (VA)	Himes	Moore		
Conyers	Hinche	Moran		
Cooper	Hinojosa	Mulvaney		
Costa	Hirono	Murphy (CT)		
Courtney	Holden	Murphy (PA)		
Cravaack	Holt	Myrick		
Crawford	Honda	Napolitano		
Crenshaw	Hoyer	Neal		
Critz	Huelskamp	Neugebauer		
Crowley	Huizenga (MI)	Noem		
Cuellar	Hultgren	Nugent		
Culberson	Hunter	Nunes		
Cummings	Hurt	Nunnelee		
Davis (CA)	Inslee	Olson		
Davis (IL)	Israel	Olver		
Davis (KY)	Issa	Owens		
DeFazio	Jackson (IL)	Palazzo		
DeGette	Jackson Lee	Pallone		
DeLauro	(TX)	Pascarell		
Denham	Jenkins	Pastor (AZ)		
Dent	Johnson (GA)			
DesJarlais	Johnson (IL)			

NOT VOTING—33

Aderholt	Emerson	Marchant
Alexander	Giffords	Nadler
Bibb	Griffin (AR)	Rohy
Boren	Grijalva	Roe (TN)
Boswell	Gutierrez	Rohrabacher
Brady (PA)	Heller	Rush
Broun (GA)	Higgins	Sewell
Butterfield	Johnson, Sam	Shuler
Cardoza	King (NY)	Smith (NJ)
Carter	Lipinski	Towns
Costello	Maloney	Young (AK)

□ 1853

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

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for votes in the House Chamber today. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall vote No. 278.

OSAMA BIN LADEN MEETS HIS MAKER

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the long arm of American justice has found the pawn of Satan. The father of al Qaeda, the leader of terrorists, has met his maker, and May 1, 2011, was judgment day. Osama bin Laden was the emblem of all the evil and hatred that exists in this world. The men and women of our military and intelligence community are to be commended for their persistent, relentless dedication

to finding and eliminating this monster from the Earth.

This news brings some comfort to the families of the thousands of people who died in the attacks on September 11 and those who have died in the war on terror.

Bin Laden's death is a decisive victory for America. While this momentous event brings us a sense of satisfaction, we must remember that there are more evildoers in the world who want to continue a crusade of hate and murder.

Those people have heard our message loud and clear today: If you attack America, justice will be done, because justice is what we do in the U.S.A.

And that's just the way it is.

MOVING ON TO A MORE PEACEFUL WORLD

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

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the United States military for carrying out an extraordinarily difficult and extraordinarily important task. Osama bin Laden is no more, and we thank them for their duration of this long and very necessary task; and for President Obama, he said he would get it done and he did. President Bush worked at this long and hard. And for all that have been involved in this very important task of ridding this world of the world's most notorious and dangerous terrorist, I congratulate them, and I think all America does, also.

We need to continue to focus like a laser on al Qaeda wherever they may be across this world. This is our task, and we will not relent until we have finally succeeded in putting al Qaeda aside and moving on to a more peaceful world.

RECOGNITION OF THE COUDERSPORT MOON TREE

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, Apollo 14 launched on January 31, 1971, on its third trip to the Moon. Alan Shepard, Stuart Roosa, and Edgar Mitchell composed the Apollo's eighth manned mission to the lunar surface.

Also on board were seeds from several common varieties of trees, part of a joint project with NASA and the U.S. Forest Service, known as the “Moon trees,” to see whether spaceflight affected seeds' ability to sprout. The resulting seedlings were planted throughout the United States as a tribute to the Apollo program.

One of the surviving trees is in Pennsylvania's Fifth District, in Coudersport, Potter County. The Coudersport Moon tree, a sycamore, is among dozens reported as missing by NASA, until a local resident became

aware of NASA's attempts to track down the remaining national treasures.

Today, Potter County's Moon tree is alive and well, and members of the Coudersport Area Lions Club have agreed to partner with the local government for a dedication ceremony that will bring long-overdue attention to our Moon tree.

We collectively should recognize the importance of NASA's Apollo program, and I want to thank my constituents in Coudersport for working to ensure the Moon trees continue to serve as a living monument to our Nation's first visit to the Moon.

□ 1900

JUSTICE BROUGHT TO OSAMA BIN LADEN

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

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as we, as a Nation, commemorate this historic day that Osama bin Laden was brought to justice or, more appropriately, justice was brought to him. I want to take this occasion to congratulate President Obama and his team, CIA Director Leon Panetta and the members of the CIA and our intelligence community as well as our Nation's military who have worked diligently and tirelessly over the last nearly 10 years to hunt down and eliminate Osama bin Laden. I know that countless man hours and millions of dollars—an incredible effort was put together to make sure that Osama bin Laden and al Qaeda were held accountable for the horrific attacks on the United States of America on 9/11.

Let me say that my heart and my thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families of that horrific day on 9/11. We hope that this, in some way, brings closure to them, as we hope also that it now closes a painful chapter in U.S. history with the elimination of Osama bin Laden. I thank, again, all of those that had a hand in this, particularly the members of our military and intelligence community who worked so hard and carried out this mission flawlessly.

WE WILL PREVAIL IN THE WAR ON TERROR

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

Mr. DESJARLAIS. Like all Americans, I was relieved to hear the news that the world's most notorious terrorist would no longer be able to pose a threat to those who seek peace and freedom. We owe a great deal of gratitude to our brave men and women serving in uniform, as well as our intelligence officers, for successfully bringing down Osama bin Laden and scoring a major victory in the fight against terrorism. These individuals truly deserve our Nation's deepest appreciation

for the selfless work they do in order to keep us safe.

Unfortunately, this occasion is bittersweet. As we reflect on those that laid down their lives in defending our freedom, these individuals made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure that we enjoy the precious blessings of liberty. While there is nothing that can replace the lives that have been lost, I hope that their loved ones can take some solace in the fact that the man responsible for September 11 has been brought to justice. Yesterday should send a clear message to those that engage in terrorist activities that we will find you and you will pay for your crimes. We are America, a Nation built by and defended by heroes, and we will prevail in the war on terror.

ENDING OUR MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

(Ms. WOOLSEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, my first thought when watching the news last night was about the people who have a hole in their hearts and in their homes because of the senseless brutal violence perpetrated by Osama bin Laden. There was 9/11, of course, but also the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, the embassy bombings in east Africa, and the attack on the USS Cole. Osama bin Laden is responsible for so much evil, and I hope that the families of his victims can now find some measure of peace and closure.

Bin Laden is dead, but the terrorism threat that he represents remains alive and well. The network he created continues to thrive. And I believe, Mr. Speaker, that al Qaeda will remain strong as long as we continue our policy of aggressive militarism in the Middle East. I would like to see what happened on Sunday be the beginning of bringing our troops home and removing the very need for military action in the Middle East.

MEDICARE REFORM AND THE DEBT

(Mrs. BLACK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BLACK. Last week I held three town hall meetings back in my community, throughout my district; and the number one topic was the staggering national debt. People in my district are angry at Washington that they have allowed the debt to balloon so far out of control. Many understand that big changes have to be made to reduce spending and to address our debt. And while the problem includes billions that have been spent to grow agencies and bloat programs over the years, the big problem is the auto-pilot programs.

Medicare spending is growing at an unsustainable rate of 7.2 percent every year; and unless we start now, Medi-

care goes bankrupt in 9 years, according to the CBO, and in 7 to 19 years, according to the Medicare Trustees Report. Left unchecked, the explosive growth of these programs, especially Medicare, threatens not only the ability of government to keep its promises to the beneficiaries but also the solvency of the Federal Government and the health of the U.S. economy.

Our Republican plan addresses this unsustainable growth while ensuring that our current seniors, those 55 and older, are still taken care of. Our Republican plan attacks the growth. And when we hear the political fodder, I ask, Where is your plan to address Medicare and reduce our debt? The time for leadership on this issue is now, not in 5 to 10 years when Medicare is almost bankrupt. Let us seize this moment and do what is necessary to preserve this vital program and save America from our looming debt crisis.

ELIMINATING OSAMA BIN LADEN

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

Mr. PAYNE. Let me begin by commending our Commander in Chief, President Barack Obama, and his team of experts who debated and discussed the exercise that eliminated Osama bin Laden. On an issue like this, there are many different points of view, and it takes a person who has the ability to evaluate to take charge. And he made a decision.

We certainly would like to commend the Navy SEALs who did another extraordinary job, just as they did in Somalia when I was there. I was in Somalia the day after the Navy SEALs eliminated the pirates who had hijacked a ship. And I was at a press conference in Mogadishu where I said that when you tread on Americans, this is the result. In the middle of Mogadishu as I left, as you may recall, my plane was fired on by persons who are related to al Qaeda.

Well, let me once again comment that New Jersey, who lost so many people in 9/11 going to the World Trade Center where many of them work, we hope that they will have some peace.

NATIONAL PHYSICAL FITNESS MONTH AND WELLNESS CAUCUS

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

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a moment to recognize the month of May as National Physical Fitness and Sports Month. Since 1983, various individuals and organizations have focused on May as a time to promote awareness of the value of physical activity and the pursuit of happier, healthier, and more productive lives. Chronic diseases, including preventable illnesses like heart disease and stroke,