

NO BUDGET NO PAY ACT

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

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about an important piece of legislation that I am proud to co-sponsor, the No Budget No Pay Act. It says if we, the Members of the House and the Senate, don't adopt a budget and pass all of the appropriations bills by October 1, we don't get paid.

The Congressional Budget Act of 1974 requires the Congress complete a budget annually, and for over 1,000 days, we have not done so. The deadlines for the budget and appropriations bills are missed so often that they're meaningless. This kicking the can down the road mentality has got to stop. People are fed up. And, frankly, America cannot afford it anymore. We have to balance our books just like American families do.

Our constituents have to perform their job duties to collect a paycheck, and so should we. I urge you to support this commonsense legislation. Not only will it help us get our fiscal house in order, it will help restore trust in this institution.

PREVENTING CUTS TO AIR NATIONAL GUARD

(Ms. HOCHUL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. HOCHUL. Mr. Speaker, as we begin voting on the National Defense Authorization Act later today, I want to remind people that, earlier this year, the Air Force proposed cutting 5,100 Air National Guard positions from our military. Part of this plan eliminates three C-130s and 800 jobs from the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station in my own district.

Transparency in government is important to all of us. Yet in this decision, no information was provided to us as to how these decisions were made to cut that many across the country. It's clear we need to reduce our spending, but we need to do it in a transparent and open way.

Last week, I was proud to join Republicans and Democrats on the Armed Services Committee in offering an amendment to restore these positions. When our citizens need help, whether it's fighting terrorism in Afghanistan or being rescued from floods in upstate New York, I say: Who you gonna call?

I want to make sure that the Air National Guard is prepared to protect us; and therefore, today, we need to protect them.

COMBAT ACTION BADGE AMENDMENT

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

Mr. NUGENT. Mr. Speaker, on May 2, 2005, the Department of the Army au-

thorized the creation of the Combat Action Badge. This badge provides special recognition for soldiers who personally engage the enemy or are engaged by the enemy during combat operations. The bayonet and grenade on the badge are associated with the act of combat. The oak wreath on the badge signifies strength and loyalty.

Current Army policy limits the eligibility to those individuals who meet the criteria of the Combat Action Badge after September 18, 2001. Unfortunately, this overlooks thousands of veterans who made similar sacrifices in previous wars. That's why I offered this amendment that would expand the eligibility for the Combat Action Badge to also include those who served honorably from December 7, 1941, to September 18, 2001.

Additionally, in accordance with the wishes of those veterans who approached me about the expanded eligibility of this badge, the costs of the Combat Action Badge would be borne by those individuals, not the taxpayers. Therefore, this measure will cost American taxpayers nothing.

I was proud to introduce this identical amendment last year to the National Defense Authorization Act, which passed the House en bloc. So I'm back this year continuing to fight for combat veterans of the past to receive the recognition they rightfully deserve. With that, I ask for your support.

RECOGNIZING UNIVERSITY WITHOUT WALLS

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

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the University of Massachusetts' popular and successful University Without Walls program as it celebrates its 40th anniversary at the end of this academic year.

The University Without Walls program was established in 1971 to give adults an opportunity to complete their bachelor's degrees at a world-class public university while simultaneously maintaining a job.

Over these past 40 years, the program has awarded degrees to more than 4,000 men and women ranging in age from 20 to 80. From the Facebook generation to the Greatest Generation, this program continues to make a difference in the lives of ordinary people.

While many colleges and universities across the country now have similar programs on their campuses, the program at UMass is one of the oldest and most well-regarded adult bachelor's degree completion initiatives in the Nation. I know many of the successful individuals from western Massachusetts who have benefited professionally from this initiative.

I applaud Dr. Ingrid Bracey and her extraordinary team at the UMass campus in Amherst for their dedication to nontraditional students in both the

classroom and the workplace. As one of their strongest and most outspoken supporters, I'm happy to share their success story with the American family here today in the House of Representatives.

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HONORING BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS

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

Mr. BARTLETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two very special schools in the Sixth District of Maryland which were honored this year as Federal Blue Ribbon Schools: Bel Air Elementary School in Cumberland and Oklahoma Road Middle School in Eldersburg.

Since 1982, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program of the Department of Education has recognized schools where students achieve the very highest academic level.

I would like to particularly mention the women who lead these schools.

Mrs. Autumn Eirich brings a spark of excitement to Bel Air Elementary with her positive attitude and her dedication to the school community. She facilitated the Bel Air philosophy: School Centered on Reaching Excellence, or SCORE.

The Oklahoma Road Middle School has adopted the motto, "Good, Better, Best," to encourage educational and social achievement for all their students. Ms. Catherine Hood symbolizes that motto with her leadership style of collegiality and stewardship, which has created an atmosphere of trust and fosters a positive learning environment.

With educational leaders like Autumn Eirich and Catherine Hood and dedicated students like those at Bel Air Elementary and Oklahoma Road Middle School, America's future is bright.

STUDENT LOAN CRISIS

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

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, in a few hours, one of the least productive, most unpopular Congresses in American history is going to go on another recess, despite the fact that in 43 days interest rates for the Stafford student loan program will double from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent on July 1, 43 days away from today.

What's happened in the last week or so? The Senate Republican leadership led a filibuster to block not only the consideration of a bill to prevent this, but discussion or debate on a bill. In this House, after 3 months of stonewalling, Speaker BOEHNER brought a bill to the House which cynically took money out of a preventive health care fund for cancer and heart disease screening to pay for a 1-year

Band-Aid for Stafford student loans, a measure which the Hartford Courant this morning—the oldest published newspaper in America—described as “just sick.”

My bill, H.R. 3826, will lock in the lower rate at 3.4 percent, providing students and families with a real horizon to budget for college. It has over 150 bipartisan cosponsors. It is time for us to move, fix this issue, and allow students and families the ability to plan for next year's college year.

IN RECOGNITION OF PATTY MOZLEY

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

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Patty Mozley for 43 years of dedicated service to the students of The Walker School in Marietta, Georgia.

Patty moved to Marietta in 1969 and began teaching third grade, and she held that position for 17 years. She also served as interim principal and spent the last 26 years as an enrollment adviser.

An avid playwright, Mozley also began The Walker School's drama program, writing and directing the first script. Before her retirement, The Walker School renamed the studio theater in Mozley's honor. Students, parents, and communities need more educators like her. She has inspired countless lives, and she has fostered a love for learning in her students.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Patty Mozley's outstanding accomplishments and her unwavering commitment to education.

DEPUTY JAMES “J.D.” PAUGH

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

Mr. BARROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Deputy James “J.D.” Paugh of the Richmond County Sheriff's Office in Augusta, Georgia.

Deputy Paugh was killed in the line of duty when he stopped to help what appeared to be a stranded motorist on the Bobby Jones Expressway. As Deputy Paugh stopped his vehicle, Christopher Michael Hodges opened fire, striking Deputy Paugh nine times before turning his gun on himself.

I had the opportunity to visit with members of Deputy Paugh's family on Tuesday at the 31st Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service, where family and friends of peace officers who died in the line of duty came together from all over the Nation to remember their loved ones.

As National Police Week comes to a close this week, we honor J.D. Paugh, all peace officers who have given the

ultimate sacrifice, and the families of fallen officers throughout the Nation.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GINGREY of Georgia). Pursuant to House Resolution 661 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. 4310.

Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DOLD) kindly take the chair.

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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. 4310) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes, with Mr. DOLD (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, amendment No. 55 printed in House Report 112-485 offered by the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. PEARCE) had been postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, proceedings will now resume on those amendments printed in House Report 112-485 on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

Amendment No. 46 by Mr. SMITH of Washington.

Amendment No. 45 by Mr. GOHMERT of Texas.

Amendment No. 17 by Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado.

Amendment No. 18 by Mr. KEATING of Massachusetts.

Amendment No. 19 by Mr. BROUN of Georgia.

Amendment No. 20 by Mr. CARSON of Indiana.

Amendment No. 26 by Mr. CUMMINGS of Maryland.

Amendment No. 29 by Mr. SABLAN of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Amendment No. 30 by Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia.

Amendment No. 31 by Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia.

Amendment No. 32 by Mr. PRICE of Georgia.

Amendment No. 38 by Mr. RIGELL of Virginia.

Amendment No. 42 by Ms. LEE of California.

Amendment No. 47 by Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina.

Amendment No. 48 by Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado.

Amendment No. 49 by Ms. LEE of California.

Amendment No. 54 by Mr. FRANKS of Arizona.

Amendment No. 55 by Mr. PEARCE of New Mexico.

The Chair will reduce to 2 minutes the minimum time for any electronic vote after the first vote in this series.

AMENDMENT NO. 46 OFFERED BY MR. SMITH OF WASHINGTON

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman of Washington (Mr. SMITH) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

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 182, noes 238, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 270]

AYES—182

Ackerman	Green, Al	Oliver
Altmire	Green, Gene	Pallone
Amash	Griffith (VA)	Pastor (AZ)
Andrews	Grijalva	Paul
Baca	Gutierrez	Pelosi
Baldwin	Hahn	Perlmutter
Bartlett	Hanabusa	Peters
Bass (CA)	Hastings (FL)	Petri
Becerra	Heinrich	Pingree (ME)
Berkley	Higgins	Polis
Berman	Himes	Price (NC)
Bishop (NY)	Hinchey	Quigley
Bishop (UT)	Hinojosa	Rahall
Blumenauer	Hirono	Rangel
Bonamici	Hochul	Rehberg
Boswell	Holden	Reyes
Brady (PA)	Holt	Ribble
Braley (IA)	Honda	Richardson
Broun (GA)	Hoyer	Richmond
Brown (FL)	Huelskamp	Rothman (NJ)
Butterfield	Israel	Roybal-Allard
Capps	Jackson (IL)	Rush
Capuano	Jackson Lee	Ryan (OH)
Carnahan	(TX)	Sánchez, Linda T.
Carney	Johnson (GA)	Sarbanes
Carson (IN)	Johnson (IL)	Schakowsky
Castor (FL)	Johnson, E. B.	Schiff
Chu	Jones	Schrader
Ciilline	Kaptur	Schwartz
Clarke (MI)	Keating	Scott (VA)
Clarke (NY)	Kildee	Scott, David
Cleaver	Kind	Sensenbrenner
Clyburn	Kucinich	Serrano
Cohen	Labrador	Sherman
Connolly (VA)	Langevin	Shimkus
Conyers	Larsen (WA)	Shuler
Cooper	Larson (CT)	Sires
Courtney	Lee (CA)	Smith (WA)
Critz	Lewis (GA)	Stark
Crowley	Loebach	Sutton
Cummings	Lofgren, Zoe	Thompson (CA)
Davis (CA)	Lowey	Thompson (MS)
Davis (IL)	Luján	Tierney
DeFazio	Lynch	Tipton
DeGette	Maloney	Tonko
DeLauro	Markey	Towns
Deutch	Matsui	Tsongas
Dicks	McClintock	Van Hollen
Dingell	McCollum	Velázquez
Doggett	McDermott	Visclosky
Doyle	McGovern	Walz (MN)
Duncan (TN)	McNerney	Wasserman
Edwards	Meeks	Schultz
Engel	Michaud	Waters
Eshoo	Miller (NC)	Watt
Farr	Miller, George	Waxman
Fattah	Moore	Welch
Frank (MA)	Moran	Wilson (FL)
Fudge	Murphy (CT)	Woolsey
Garamendi	Nadler	Yarmuth
Gibson	Napolitano	
Gonzalez	Neal	

NOES—238

Adams	Akin	Austria
Aderholt	Alexander	Bachmann