

why it is that neither party has had the courage to bring this forward until now I do not know, but I stand here with pride to be associated with it today.

Mr. Speaker, if you want to create jobs, call your Senator. Call your Senator from your home State, Mr. Speaker, and share with them the importance of moving the pro jobs agenda that is sitting on their doorstep. I understand, Mr. Speaker, and I wouldn't hold it against you if you can't remember all of the jobs bills we've passed, there have been so many, but you can see them. It's on the Web, jobs.gop.gov. You can see it there, every single one, and you can see their status. Now, in fairness to the Senate, of the more than 30 bills we've passed, they've done a handful, and I mean literally a handful, but dozens more sit there waiting.

I want to say to you, Mr. Speaker, if the pitch from my colleague that we are abdicating our responsibility to focus on jobs took any root with you at all, let me say emphatically: Not true, not true. Our focus has always been on jobs. Our focus will continue to be on jobs. Our focus has always been the economy. Our focus will continue to be the economy.

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But there is a trust deficit in this town. Everyone hears it when they head home. Everybody hears it from their constituencies: I don't believe you when you say it out of Washington, D.C.

I get it. I come up here. I read these budgets, Mr. Speaker. Some of them are hard to understand. We've got a whole team of staff here to help us sort through those numbers. I rely on that staff. I'll go and talk to them, and we'll go through it all line by line. It's hard to understand, and it doesn't need to be. It doesn't need to be D.C. doublespeak. It can be Georgia common sense that we bring to the budgeting process, and that is what the underlying resolution does today.

In 2001, when President Bush took office, the CBO projected a surplus of \$889 billion by 2011. That turned into a \$1.3 trillion deficit under two Presidents—from \$889 billion in surplus to \$1.3 trillion in deficits. I'll tell you that every single spending bill that left this body over those years—and I was not in this body, serving, but I saw it day in and day out—was done with the very best of intentions. Yet where does that leave our children and our grandchildren? It leaves them \$15 trillion in debt.

You talk about being the wind at the backs of small businesses, Mr. Speaker. I tried to get my mind around what \$15 trillion—on its way to \$16 trillion—in debt means. Do you know, if you're a small business owner in America and if you'd started a business on the day that Jesus Christ was born and if you'd been so bad at it that you'd lost \$1 million a day, every day, 7 days a week, Mr. Speaker, from the day Jesus was

born until today, you would have to continue to lose \$1 million a day every day, 7 days a week, for another 700 years to lose your first \$1 trillion?

As stewards of the American people's money, we've lost \$15 trillion, much of that just in the last 4 years. Anything that we can do—no matter how big or small—that incorporates the American people into this budget discussion, that gives them the best information that they can have, that provides to us the best information that we can have and that does away with the funny math that has almost become a punch line across this country is a step in the right direction. There is a trust deficit in this country, and the underlying legislation today takes a very strong step towards correcting it.

Mr. Speaker, I want to say again how much I appreciate Chairman PAUL RYAN and his work in leading the Budget Committee as well as how much I appreciate Chairman DAVID DREIER and his work in leading the Rules Committee. These two gentlemen have been champions of honesty in the budget process. What we have today, both in the rule and in the underlying bill, is the realization of their tireless efforts.

I encourage my colleagues to vote "yes" on this rule. Vote "yes" on this rule that allows every single idea to improve the underlying legislation, and that's germane, to come to this House floor, and then vote your consciences. Vote your consciences on those amendments, and vote your consciences on the underlying bill. I wager, if this body votes its conscience on this underlying bill, it's going to pass this body and head to the United States Senate.

Mr. Speaker, with that, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

THE SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATHAM). The question is on the resolution.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. 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, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

CIVILIAN PROPERTY REALIGNMENT ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 537 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. 1734.

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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. 1734) to decrease the deficit by realigning, consolidating, selling, disposing, and improving the efficiency of federal buildings and other civilian real property, and for other purposes, with Mr. WOMACK (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Monday, February 6, 2012, amendment No. 6 printed in House Report 112-385 offered by the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CARNAHAN) had been disposed of.

AMENDMENT NO. 3 OFFERED BY MR. CONNOLLY OF VIRGINIA

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, the unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CONNOLLY) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes 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 191, noes 230, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 36]

AYES—191

Ackerman	Deuth	Langevin
Altmire	Dicks	Larsen (WA)
Andrews	Dingell	Larson (CT)
Baca	Doggett	Lee (CA)
Baldwin	Dold	Levin
Barrow	Doyle	Lewis (GA)
Bass (CA)	Edwards	Loeb sack
Bass (NH)	Engel	Lofgren, Zoe
Becerra	Eshoo	Lowey
Berkley	Farr	Lujan
Berman	Fattah	Lynch
Bishop (GA)	Filner	Maloney
Bishop (NY)	Fitzpatrick	Marchant
Blumenauer	Frank (MA)	Markey
Boren	Fudge	Matsui
Boswell	Garamendi	McCarthy (NY)
Brady (PA)	Gerlach	McCollum
Braley (IA)	Gonzalez	McDermott
Brown (FL)	Green, Al	McGovern
Butterfield	Green, Gene	McIntyre
Capps	Grijalva	McMorris
Capuano	Gutierrez	Rodgers
Cardoza	Hahn	Meeks
Carney	Hanabusa	Michaud
Carson (IN)	Hastings (FL)	Miller (NC)
Castor (FL)	Heinrich	Miller, George
Chaffetz	Higgins	Moore
Chandler	Himes	Moran
Chu	Hinchey	Murphy (CT)
Cicilline	Hinojosa	Nadler
Clarke (MI)	Hirono	Napolitano
Clarke (NY)	Hochul	Oliver
Clay	Holden	Owens
Cleaver	Holt	Pallone
Clyburn	Honda	Pascarell
Cohen	Hoyer	Pastor (AZ)
Connolly (VA)	Inslee	Pelosi
Conyers	Israel	Perlmutter
Cooper	Issa	Peters
Costa	Jackson (IL)	Pingree (ME)
Costello	Jackson Lee	Platts
Courtney	(TX)	Polis
Critz	Johnson (GA)	Price (NC)
Crowley	Johnson, E. B.	Quigley
Cuellar	Jones	Rahall
Cummings	Kaptur	Rangel
Davis (CA)	Keating	Reyes
Davis (IL)	Kildee	Richardson
DeFazio	Kind	Richmond
DeGette	Kissell	Ross (AR)
DeLauro	Kucinich	Rothman (NJ)

Roybal-Allard
Ruppersberger
Rush
Sánchez, Linda
T.
Sanchez, Loretta
Sarbanes
Schakowsky
Schiff
Schrader
Schwartz
Scott (VA)
Scott, David
Serrano

Sewell
Sherman
Shuler
Slaughter
Smith (WA)
Speier
Stark
Sutton
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Tierney
Tonko
Towns
Tsongas

Van Hollen
Velázquez
Visclosky
Walz (MN)
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watt
Waxman
Welch
Wilson (FL)
Wolf
Woolsey
Yarmuth

NOES—230

Adams
Aderholt
Akin
Alexander
Amash
Amodei
Austria
Bachmann
Bachus
Barletta
Bartlett
Barton (TX)
Benishke
Berg
Biggart
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bishop (UT)
Black
Blackburn
Bonner
Bono Mack
Boustany
Brady (TX)
Brooks
Broun (GA)
Buchanan
Bucshon
Buerkle
Burgess
Burton (IN)
Calvert
Camp
Campbell
Canseco
Cantor
Capito
Carter
Cassidy
Chabot
Coble
Coffman (CO)
Conaway
Cravack
Crawford
Crenshaw
Culberson
Davis (KY)
Denham
Dent
DesJarlais
Diaz-Balart
Donnelly (IN)
Dreier
Duffy
Duncan (SC)
Duncan (TN)
Ellmers
Emerson
Farenthold
Fincher
Flake
Fleischmann
Fleming
Flores
Forbes
Fortenberry
Foxy
Franks (AZ)
Frelinghuysen
Gallegly
Gardner
Garrett
Gibbs
Gibson
Gingrey (GA)
Gohmert

Goodlatte
Gosar
Gowdy
Granger
Graves (GA)
Graves (MO)
Griffin (AR)
Griffith (VA)
Grimm
Guinta
Guthrie
Hall
Hanna
Harper
Harris
Hartzler
Hastings (WA)
Hayworth
Heck
Hensarling
Herger
Herrera Beutler
Huelskamp
Huizenga (MI)
Hultgren
Hunter
Hurt
Jenkins
Johnson (IL)
Johnson (OH)
Johnson, Sam
Jordan
Kelly
King (IA)
King (NY)
Kingston
Kinzinger (IL)
Kline
Labrador
Lamborn
Lance
Landry
Lankford
Latham
LaTourette
Latta
Lewis (CA)
LoBiondo
Long
Lucas
Luetkemeyer
Lummis
Lungren, Daniel
E.
Mack
Manzullo
Marino
Matheson
McCarthy (CA)
McCauley
McClintock
McCotter
McHenry
McKeon
McKinley
Meehan
Mica
Miller (FL)
Miller (MI)
Miller, Gary
Mulvaney
Murphy (PA)
Myrick
Neugebauer
Noem
Nugent
Nunes

Nunnelee
Olson
Palazzo
Paulsen
Pearce
Pence
Peterson
Petri
Pitts
Poe (TX)
Pompeo
Posey
Price (GA)
Quayle
Reed
Rehberg
Reichert
Renacci
Ribble
Rigell
Rivera
Roby
Roe (TN)
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rogers (MI)
Rohrabacher
Rokita
Rooney
Ros-Lehtinen
Roskam
Ross (FL)
Royce
Runyan
Ryan (WI)
Scalise
Schilling
Schmidt
Schock
Schweikert
Scott (SC)
Scott, Austin
Sensenbrenner
Sessions
Shimkus
Shuster
Simpson
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Southernland
Stearns
Stivers
Sullivan
Terry
Thompson (PA)
Thornberry
Tiberi
Tipton
Turner (NY)
Turner (OH)
Upton
Walberg
Walden
Walsh (IL)
Webster
West
Westmoreland
Whitfield
Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Womack
Woodall
Yoder
Young (AK)
Young (FL)
Young (IN)

NOT VOTING—11

Carnahan
Cole
Ellison
Lipinski
McNerney
Neal
Paul
Payne
Ryan (OH)
Sires
Stutzman

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Mr. TIPTON and Mrs. NOEM changed their vote from “aye” to “no.”

Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Mr. NADLER changed their vote from “no” to “aye.” So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

Mr. COLE. Mr. Chair, on rollcall number 36, (the Connolly Amendment to H.R. 1734, the Civilian Property Realignment Act which provides for the General Services Administration (GSA) to override the congressionally-approved recommendations of the Commission and allow property to be given at no cost to create open space) had I been present, I would have voted “no.”

The Acting CHAIR. There being no further amendments, under the rule, the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker having assumed the chair, Mr. WOMACK, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1734) to decrease the deficit by realigning, consolidating, selling, disposing, and improving the efficiency of Federal buildings and other civilian real property, and for other purposes, and, pursuant to House Resolution 537, reported the bill, as amended by that resolution, back to the House with sundry amendments adopted in the Committee of the Whole.

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

Is a separate vote demanded on any further amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole? If not, the Chair will put them en gros.

The amendments were agreed to.

The SPEAKER. 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. Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of H.R. 1734 is postponed.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 1, 2012.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a facsimile copy of a letter received from Mr. Steve Trout, Director of Elections, Office of the Secretary of State, State of Oregon, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held January 31, 2012, the Honorable Suzanne Bonamici was elected Representative to Congress for the First Congressional District, State of Oregon.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.

ELECTIONS DIVISION,

Salem, Oregon, February 1, 2012.

Re Representative in Congress, First Congressional District in Oregon.

Hon. KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk, House of Representatives,
The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. HAAS: This is to advise you the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, for Representative in Congress from the First Congressional District of Oregon, show that Suzanne Bonamici received 111,570 or 53.82% of the total number of votes cast for that office.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Suzanne Bonamici was elected as Representative in Congress from the First Congressional District in Oregon.

To the best of our knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to the election.

As soon as the official results are certified on March 1, 2012, this office will provide you with an official Certificate of Election as required by law.

Sincerely,

STEVE TROUT,
Director of Elections.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE SUZANNE BONAMICI, OF OREGON, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentlewoman from Oregon, the Honorable SUZANNE BONAMICI, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

Her certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to her election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oregon?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will Representative-elect BONAMICI and the members of the Oregon delegation present themselves in the well.

All Members will rise and the Representative-elect will please raise her right hand.

Ms. BONAMICI appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, you are now a Member of the 112th Congress.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE SUZANNE BONAMICI TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the entire Oregon congressional delegation, I'm pleased to introduce a fellow Oregon Duck, Italian American,