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Fincher	Labrador	Roby	AYES—237	DeGette	Larsen (WA)	Rothman (NJ)
Fitzpatrick	Lamborn	Roe (TN)		DeLauro	Larson (CT)	Royal-Allard
Flake	Lance	Rogers (AL)		Deutch	Lee (CA)	Ruppersberger
Fleischmann	Landry	Rogers (KY)	Aderholt	Diaz-Balart	Levin	Rush
Fleming	Lankford	Rogers (MI)	Akin	Dicks	Lewis (GA)	Ryan (OH)
Flores	Latham	Rohrabacher	Alexander	Dingell	Lipinski	Sánchez, Linda
Forbes	LaTourette	Rokita	Altmire	Doggett	LoBiondo	T.
Fortenberry	Latta	Rooney	Amash	Dold	Loeb	Sarbanes
Fox	Lewis (CA)	Ros-Lehtinen	Amodei	Doyle	Lofgren, Zoe	Schakowsky
Franks (AZ)	LoBiondo	Roskam	Bachmann	Edwards	Lowe	Schiff
Frelinghuysen	Long	Ross (AR)	Bachus	Ellison	Lujan	Schrader
Gallegly	Lucas	Ross (FL)	Barletta	Engel	Lynch	Schwartz
Gardner	Luettkemeyer	Royce	Barrow	Eshoo	Maloney	Scott (VA)
Garrett	Lummis	Runyan	Bartlett	Farr	Markey	Scott, David
Gerlach	Manzullo	Ryan (WI)	Barton (TX)	Fattah	Matsui	Serrano
Gibbs	Marchant	Scalise	Benishek	Filner	McCarthy (NY)	Sewell
Gibson	Marino	Schilling	Berg	Frank (MA)	McCollum	Sherman
Gingrey (GA)	Matheson	Schmidt	Biggart	Frelinghuysen	McDermott	Sires
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Graves (GA)	McKeon	Sessions	Bonner	Hahn	Miller (NC)	Stark
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Green, Gene	McMorris	Shuster	Boswell	Hastings (FL)	Moore	Thompson (CA)
Griffin (AR)	Rodgers	Shultz	Boustany	Moran	Moran	Thompson (MS)
Griffith (VA)	Meehan	Simpson	Brady (TX)	Heinrich	Murphy (CT)	Tierney
Grimm	Mica	Smith (NE)	Brooks	Higgins	Nadler	Tonko
Guinta	Miller (FL)	Smith (NJ)	Broun (GA)	Himes	Napolitano	Towns
Guthrie	Miller (MI)	Southerland	Bucshon	Hinchee	Neal	Tsongas
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Hayworth	Nugent	Thornberry	Issa	Israel	Pelosi	Waters
Heck	Nunes	Tiberi	Jenkins	Jackson (IL)	Perlmutter	Watt
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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 16, 2012.

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

DEAR SPEAKER BOEHNER: I hereby respectfully submit my resignation from the Committee on Homeland Security effective today, February 16, 2012. I have accepted an assignment to the House Armed Services Committee.

If you and your staff should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 202-225-3531.

All the best,

JACKIE SPEIER.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on the Budget:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 16, 2012.

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

DEAR SPEAKER BOEHNER: I resign my position on the House Committee on the Budget, effective today, Thursday, February 16, 2012. Sincerely,

PAUL D. TONKO,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE JOHN D. DINGELL, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable JOHN D. DINGELL, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 10, 2012.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally pursuant to rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives that I have been served with a subpoena, issued by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, to produce documents in a criminal case.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is inconsistent with the precedents and privileges of the House. Sincerely,

JOHN D. DINGELL,
Member of Congress.

ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 553

Resolved, That the following named Members be and are hereby elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

(1) COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES.—Ms. Speier.

(2) COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET.—Ms. Bonamici.

(3) COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES.—Mr. Tonko.

(4) COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY.—Ms. Bonamici.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

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

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, President Obama's mandate on abortion-inducing drugs and contraceptive services has not gone away—I repeat—has not gone away. It has not been settled. There is no compromise. The administration's assault on the First Amendment continues. The deeply held beliefs of people who oppose abortifacients are still under attack.

Let's be clear. The President remains as determined as ever to force insurance companies and their customers to pay for services which defy the moral fiber of their beings and which are contrary to religious beliefs and sacred teachings.

Let me be clear. Despite what you have heard, no rules have changed. There has been no accommodation. President Obama is simply hoping to cover this issue with a smokescreen to push it past Election Day so he can still get his way.

That's why this Congress needs to act—and act right now—to put in place conscience protections that the administration cannot violate. We need to safeguard our religious liberties against these attacks by the Obama administration.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HANNA). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. LAMBORN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. LAMBORN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

America has a long history of religious freedom.

In the 17th century, colonists fled to what would become the United States of America in search of religious freedom. In 1789, Congress drafted the First Amendment, ensuring the right to the free exercise of religion. Throughout the 20th century, the Supreme Court has repeatedly upheld the rights of individuals to practice their religions according to the dictates of their own

consciences. In 2001, President Bush established the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives to “encourage faith-based programs without changing their mission.”

But today, the Obama administration's policies threaten that fundamental freedom. President Obama's new health care mandate, despite a flimsy, politically motivated, so-called “compromise,” forces religious organizations to pay for contraceptives and abortion-inducing drugs in their health care plans.

So much for over 200 years of religious freedom.

The mandate is an unprecedented act of government trampling over the deeply held beliefs of millions of Americans. I stand with my colleagues tonight in showing our united opposition to any efforts by the Obama administration to flagrantly disregard deeply held religious beliefs.

I am a cosponsor of the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act, introduced by Representative JEFF FORTENBERRY of Nebraska, which would protect the rights of conscience for faith-based organizations and would leave Federal law where it was before the President's divisive health care plan was passed.

A number of Representatives from around the country are very troubled by this unprecedented government intrusion into the First Amendment right of freedom of religion. We are going to take the next 60 minutes to explore just how wrong this decision was, how meaningless the so-called “compromise” is, and how vital to our country freedom of religion is today.

At this point, I would like to yield to the courageous sponsor of the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act, Representative FORTENBERRY of Nebraska.

Mr. FORTENBERRY. First of all, let me thank the gentleman from Colorado for his leadership in holding this discussion tonight. This is a very important discussion because it is about a fundamental American principle.

As you mentioned, over a year ago, we actually began work on the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act in anticipation that the new health care law may actually be used to undermine religious freedom and the moral precepts, the deeply held beliefs, of many Americans in this country.

You had mentioned that this particular bill—hopefully, we'll get it through this House soon, and there is a companion measure, by the way, in the Senate—would not only protect faith-based organizations, which seem to be most perniciously targeted by this new HHS mandate from the strong arm of government, which is forcing them to pay for drugs and procedures that may violate their ethics norms, but it would also protect all Americans because, right now, these institutions, as well as other people of good will, are being asked to choose: to follow your deeply held, reasoned beliefs or to obey President Obama and Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius'