

Pocan	Schakowsky	Tonko
Polis	Schiff	Tsongas
Pompeo	Schneider	Turner
Posey	Schrader	Upton
Price (GA)	Schwartz	Valadao
Price (NC)	Schweikert	Van Hollen
Quigley	Scott (VA)	Vargas
Rahall	Scott, Austin	Veasey
Rangel	Scott, David	Vela
Reed	Sensenbrenner	Visclosky
Reichert	Serrano	Wagner
Renacci	Sessions	Walden
Rice (SC)	Sewell (AL)	Walorski
Richmond	Shea-Porter	Walz
Rigell	Sherman	Wasserman
Roby	Shimkus	Schultz
Roe (TN)	Shuster	Waters
Rogers (AL)	Simpson	Watt
Rogers (KY)	Sinema	Waxman
Rogers (MI)	Slaughter	Webster (FL)
Rokita	Smith (NE)	Welch
Rooney	Smith (NJ)	Wenstrup
Ros-Lehtinen	Smith (TX)	Westmoreland
Roskam	Smith (WA)	Whitfield
Ross	Southerland	Williams
Rothfus	Speier	Wilson (FL)
Roybal-Allard	Stewart	Wilson (SC)
Royce	Stivers	Wittman
Ruiz	Stutzman	Wolf
Runyan	Swalwell (CA)	Womack
Ruppersberger	Takano	Woodall
Ryan (OH)	Terry	Yarmuth
Ryan (WI)	Thompson (CA)	Yoder
Salmon	Thompson (PA)	Yoho
Sanchez, Linda	Thornberry	Young (AK)
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Sanchez, Loretta	Tierney	Young (IN)
Sarbanes	Tipton	
Scalise	Titus	

NAYS—17

Amash	Duncan (SC)	Radel
Bentivolio	Duncan (TN)	Ribble
Broun (GA)	Gowdy	Stockman
Collins (GA)	Graves (GA)	Walberg
Cotton	Massie	Weber (TX)
DeSantis	Poe (TX)	

NOT VOTING—17

Alexander	Lankford	Rush
Braley (IA)	Lee (CA)	Schock
Ciilline	Lynch	Sires
Costa	Meng	Thompson (MS)
Gohmert	Miller, George	Velázquez
Labrador	Rohrabacher	

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Mr. GOWDY changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE TED POE, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable TED POE, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 12, 2013.

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 received a subpoena, issued by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, purporting to require certain responses to a questionnaire in connection with a civil case.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined under Rule VIII that the subpoena seeks information that is not "material and relevant" and that it is not "consistent with the privileges and

rights of the House." Accordingly, I intend to move to quash the subpoena.

God and Texas,

TED POE,
Member of Congress.

□ 1900

CONDEMNING ATTACK ON IRANIAN DISSIDENTS

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Judge Poe's House Resolution 89, condemning the terrorist attack on February 9, 2013, at Camp Liberty in Iraq and requesting the prompt and safe return of the residents to Camp Ashraf.

This attack has demonstrated that the living conditions of the residents are being threatened and their safety is in jeopardy.

The United States needs to help facilitate the return of the residents for their own protection to Camp Ashraf, located also in Iraq, where they have safer facilities and a better infrastructure that may sustain future attacks—yes, future attacks. According to press reports, Mr. Speaker, the Iranian Quds Force intends to attack Camp Liberty again with rockets and mortars.

Mr. Speaker, time is of the essence. I urge the U.S. House of Representatives to debate the Poe bill on the floor immediately due to the urgent humanitarian situation that the residents are facing.

CONGRATULATING SERGEANT GEORGE FOR HIS PURPLE HEART

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

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the sacrifice and selfless service of Marine Sergeant Zachary George, who was born and raised in San Ramon, California. He and I even went to the same elementary school.

Sergeant George was wounded in Afghanistan on February 4 while honorably serving on his third tour of duty abroad. Last Tuesday, March 5, President Obama awarded Sergeant George the Purple Heart for his heroic efforts.

Last week, I had the honor of meeting Sergeant George at Walter Reed National Medical Center. His perseverance and positive outlook inspired me and should serve as an example to us all.

I thank Sergeant George for his brave actions, and I congratulate him on the prestigious achievement of a Purple Heart. His courage in combat and his honor to our country, our community, and the 15th District should forever be remembered.

Sergeant George exemplifies the Marine Corps' values of honor, courage, and commitment every day. His selfless service reminds us that, as a Nation, we must pledge that when our

troops return home we leave no servicemember behind.

Along with Sergeant George's fellow marines and servicemembers, I sincerely thank Sergeant George's family for their sacrifice and service to our country. I wish Sergeant George a speedy recovery in North Carolina, where he resides with his wife and infant daughter.

THE UNAFFORDABLE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, the Federal Reserve, on Wednesday, March 6, released an edition of its so-called "beige book" that said that the President's Affordable Care Act is being cited as a reason for layoffs and a slowdown in the economy and a slowdown in hiring. The beige book examines economic conditions of the Federal Reserve districts across the country through interviews with key business contacts, economists, and market experts in each district.

The Federal Reserve noted:

Employers in several districts cited the unknown effects of the Affordable Care Act as reasons for planned layoffs and reluctance to hire more staff.

Supporters of the Affordable Care Act refer to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, which noted the law will have only mildly negative employment effects. Such defenses are far cries from the claims used by supporters of the bill to force passage in 2009 and merely remind Americans of the countless broken promises that now define the so-called "Affordable Care Act."

The writing is on the wall, Mr. Speaker. The reality is the Affordable Care Act is costing American jobs. As more of its regulations go into effect, the more employers are going to alter their hiring decisions to account for its unaffordable costs.

THE PATH TO PROSPERITY IS A TRIP TO NOWHERE

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

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address the so-called "Path to Prosperity" that was released today by the distinguished gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. RYAN).

As a freshman Member of Congress, I was hoping to look at the Republican budget with a fresh set of eyes and focus on areas where both parties, Democrats and Republicans, can agree. Too often Congress focuses on what divides us and not what unites us. But looking at the gentleman from Wisconsin's proposal, all he's given us are

vague bullet points that fail to say much.

Mr. RYAN says he'd like to eliminate loopholes. Great. Democrats would love to do that, too. But how can we do so when Mr. RYAN won't even specify which deductions or credits he'd eliminate?

I'd like to close the carried interest loophole and end tax breaks for private jets and luxury yachts, but what set of loopholes does Mr. RYAN want to close? It's a mystery. What tax breaks would Mr. RYAN like to cut? The home mortgage interest deduction? The child tax credit?

Let me stop you right there, Mr. RYAN, because cutting those programs will hurt the middle class residents of my district, and I will not support such cuts.

This is not a path to prosperity. For the middle class, it's a trip to nowhere.

Mr. RYAN says he is a serious policymaker, but looking at this proposal, I'm not sure what he's serious about.

TERRY HIGH SCHOOL 4A STATE CHAMPIONS

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

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, around midnight last Saturday, I was standing with a group of spirited Texans in the parking lot of B.F. Terry High School. We were waiting for the triumphant return of the Terry men's basketball team. Three hours earlier, the Rangers were cutting down the nets as the Texas 4A State champions.

The Rangers showed the heart of a true champion by defeating the two-time defending champions, Dallas Kimball, 55-47. Down eight at halftime, the Terry defense took over. In the second half, they held Dallas Kimball without a point for the last 3 minutes and 45 seconds.

Congratulations to Coach Michael Jackson, MVP Derrick Griffin, and the whole team for bringing the hardware home to Rosenberg.

LET'S DO THINGS THE RIGHT WAY

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, it's my intent to bring the House's attention to several important issues.

First of all, I would like to join in a mutual effort with Mr. POE to address the devastation of the people in Camp Ashraf and Camp Liberty. Those are Iranian refugees who have been attacked and who have been mistreated, and we must fight for them and ensure their safety.

I also want to comment on the introduction of a new budget by the House and to say that we have to come together and not be conflicting with programs or initiatives that will not happen; and to have a budget based upon

the elimination of the Affordable Care Act, it simply will not happen. We must come together.

Finally, America is ready for comprehensive immigration reform. In a meeting I held yesterday in Houston with over 90 to 100 persons, if you heard the story of a father who was told to leave his children behind and to leave the country, you would know this is not about immigration. It's about families. It's about humanitarianism. It's about bringing America and Americans together.

We have a few things to do in this country and a few things to do in this Congress. Let's get on with it and do it in the right way.

□ 1910

THE DISTINGUISHED WARFARE MEDAL

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

Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Recently, the Pentagon proposed a new medal, the Distinguished Warfare Medal, to recognize those members of the armed services who operate the drones, which serve on vital missions over war areas. That's a good thing. However, they've also recommended that it take precedence over and be rated above the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

It is of great concern to a number of us in the House that this has taken place because we believe that those who fight and have the wounds of battle should have their medals take precedence over them.

I ask all Members to be in support of H.R. 833 and to sign on as cosponsors so that we can correct this problem and work together to make sure that the Bronze Star and Purple Heart are kept in their rightful order of medals, because these things do matter to our military.

GOODBYE, LEO

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

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. I rise this evening just to honor and pay tribute to a dear, dear friend of mine and of the community in my congressional district, Leo Keating. He was the grandfather of my legislative director, Ryan Keating, and of his brother, who is a dear friend of mine, Brendan Keating.

Leo was one of these great World War II veterans who knew how to live life. He was a pilot. He was a lawyer. He loved baseball—and he was funny. He was a tremendous guy who helped me at a very, very young age get into politics. Today, as we went through his funeral mass, his son Dan, who practiced law with him, talked about these three Bronze Stars that he earned in the war.

Typical of that generation, nobody really knew about it because he didn't talk about it.

So I wanted to rise and honor that and honor him because I think, as we deal with a lot of the craziness that's going on here in Washington, D.C., it was a nice example today to see this man who was a hero to his country getting the military burial and what-not and to think he never even talked about it and how beautiful that was. He was just a great guy who knew how to live life. We will miss Leo Keating, and I know his family and his friends will miss him dearly, but he gave us one last gift going out: his family wanted him to have dialysis, and he said no.

Come on, Dad. Try it just one time. See if you like it. See if it helps.

No. I'm ready.

And he was ready. And he gave us one last example on how to live with grace and dignity.

So, goodbye, Leo.

MAKE IT IN AMERICA: THE ECONOMY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PITTENGER). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2013, the gentleman from California (Mr. GARAMENDI) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, thank you very much.

I am JOHN GARAMENDI from California, and I am joined by several of my colleagues here tonight. We want to go through a couple of things that are of the utmost importance to Americans. I had three townhalls on Saturday in California—it was about a 450-mile drive to get to all three of them—but at each and every one of them the concerns were very, very similar.

The first overriding concern was the economy. In California, there is this desire to get the economy going. There is a pent-up energy in the people—in the businesses, in the small businesses, in the farmers. It's not just because it's spring and the almonds are blossoming—or maybe it's the “a-munds” depending on what part of my district you're from. It's that there is this desire to get moving forward.

They keep asking me, What's going on in Congress? Why can't you guys get it together out there?

And we explained what's happening here.

We have been through five crises over the last 18 months—manufactured crises, things that didn't have to happen. Each and every time, the entire system of America's economy and politics comes to a stop, and we lurch up to that fateful cliff, and then we move on but not with the kind of robust energy that this economy is capable of. We need to get this continuing resolution and all of these fiscal cliffs out of the way to get the economy moving, and there are some very, very good examples of why the economy is poised to take off.