

regime that drives up premiums, erodes the quality of care and puts the government between them and their doctors, we lose the trust of the American people.

As Teddy Roosevelt once said, “No man is above the law and no man is below it.” Yet, through administrative ruling the Obama Administration has exempted Members of Congress and their staff from the very health care law that bears the President’s name. Meanwhile, the President, Vice President and their political employees are not even required to be part of the new health exchanges. If this law is so great, Mr. President, then why won’t you and your political appointees be subject to it?

The answer is simple: ObamaCare is not working and the doctor doesn’t want a taste of his own medicine.

Karen, from Cypress, Texas in my district wrote to me this week that “as a benefits department employee of an independent oil and gas exploration and production company, I have major issues with ObamaCare. I abhor the waste of my department’s time and expense in documenting our policies just to show Congress that we already comply with the mandates, despite the lack of guidance we get. Seems to me Congress is punishing employers who offer good coverage. How is this going to help anyone? And don’t even get me started on the administration exempting themselves all from it. That rankles more than almost anything else.”

Another one of my constituents, an insurance agent who also happens to be the Mayor of Tomball, Texas, called my office this week and told me that her clients—which include businesses in and around my district—have no idea what is required of them under the law. The Obama Administration has given thousands of waivers to businesses, delayed implementation of dozens of provisions of the law and no one know what to expect next.

What we do know if that ObamaCare is not ready for prime time. We must give our constituents the certainty of a full year delay of the individual mandate. Anything short will only result in more chaos and confusion, not to mention skyrocketing premiums, billions in new taxes and the erosion of the doctor-patient relationship.

Most importantly, elected officials must be treated the same as the people they represent. No exemption for Members of Congress!

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 367, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the motion.

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

RECORDED VOTE

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, this 15-minute vote on adoption of the motion will be followed by a 5-minute vote on approval of the Journal, if ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 228, noes 201, not voting 3, as follows:

[Roll No. 504]

AYES—228

Aderholt	Guthrie	Pitts
Amash	Hall	Poe (TX)
Amodei	Hanna	Pompeo
Bachus	Harper	Posey
Barber	Harris	Price (GA)
Barletta	Hartzler	Radel
Barr	Hastings (WA)	Reed
Barrow (GA)	Heck (NV)	Reichert
Benishek	Hensarling	Renacci
Bentivolio	Herrera Beutler	Ribble
Bilirakis	Holding	Rice (SC)
Bishop (UT)	Horsford	Rigell
Black	Hudson	Roby
Blackburn	Huelskamp	Roe (TN)
Boehner	Huizenga (MI)	Rogers (KY)
Boustany	Hultgren	Rogers (MI)
Brady (TX)	Hunter	Rohrabacher
Bridenstine	Hurt	Rokita
Brooks (AL)	Issa	Rooney
Brooks (IN)	Jenkins	Ros-Lehtinen
Buchanan	Johnson (OH)	Roskam
Bucshon	Johnson, Sam	Ross
Burgess	Jones	Rothfus
Calvert	Jordan	Royce
Camp	Joyce	Ruiz
Campbell	Kelly (PA)	Runyan
Cantor	Kingston	Ryan (WI)
Capito	Kinzing (IL)	Salmon
Carter	Kline	Sanford
Cassidy	Labrador	Scalise
Chabot	LaMalfa	Schock
Chaffetz	Lamborn	Schweikert
Coble	Lance	Scott, Austin
Coffman	Lankford	Sensenbrenner
Cole	Latham	Sessions
Collins (GA)	Latta	Shimkus
Collins (NY)	LoBiondo	Shuster
Conaway	Long	Simpson
Cook	Lucas	Sinema
Cotton	Luetkemeyer	Smith (MO)
Cramer	Lummis	Smith (NE)
Crawford	Maffei	Smith (NJ)
Crenshaw	Maloney, Sean	Smith (TX)
Culberson	Marchant	Southerland
Daines	Marino	Stewart
Davis, Rodney	Matheson	Stivers
Denham	McCarthy (CA)	Stutzman
DeSantis	McCaul	Terry
DesJarlais	McClintock	Thompson (PA)
Duffy	McHenry	Thornberry
Duncan (SC)	McIntyre	Tiberi
Duncan (TN)	McKeon	Tipton
Elmiers	McKinley	Turner
Farenthold	McMorris	Upton
Fincher	Rodgers	Valadao
Fitzpatrick	Meadows	Wagner
Fleischmann	Meehan	Waltberg
Fleming	Messer	Walden
Flores	Mica	Walorski
Forbes	Miller (FL)	Weber (TX)
Fortenberry	Miller (MI)	Webster (FL)
Fox	Miller, Gary	Wenstrup
Franks (AZ)	Mullin	Westmoreland
Frelinghuysen	Mulvaney	Whitfield
Gardner	Murphy (PA)	Williams
Garrett	Neugebauer	Wilson (SC)
Gerlach	Noem	Wittman
Gibbs	Nugent	Wolf
Gibson	Nunes	Womack
Goodlatte	Nunnelee	Woodall
Gosar	Olson	Yoder
Gowdy	Palazzo	Yoho
Graves (GA)	Paulsen	Young (AK)
Graves (MO)	Pearce	Young (FL)
Griffin (AR)	Perry	Young (IN)
Griffith (VA)	Petri	
Grimm	Pittenger	

NOES—201

Andrews	Butterfield	Conyers
Bachmann	Capps	Cooper
Barton	Capuano	Costa
Bass	Cárdenas	Courtney
Beatty	Carney	Crowley
Becerra	Carson (IN)	Cuellar
Bera (CA)	Cartwright	Cummings
Bishop (GA)	Castor (FL)	Davis (CA)
Bishop (NY)	Castro (TX)	Davis, Danny
Blumenauer	Chu	DeFazio
Bonamici	Cicilline	DeGette
Brady (PA)	Clarke	Delaney
Braley (IA)	Clay	DeLauro
Broun (GA)	Cleaver	DelBene
Brown (FL)	Clyburn	Dent
Brownley (CA)	Cohen	Deutch
Bustos	Connolly	Diaz-Balart

Dingell	Kirkpatrick	Price (NC)
Doggett	Kuster	Quigley
Doyle	Langevin	Rahall
Duckworth	Larsen (WA)	Rangel
Edwards	Larson (CT)	Richmond
Ellison	Lee (CA)	Rogers (AL)
Engel	Levin	Levin
Enyart	Lewis	Roybal-Allard
Eshoo	Lipinski	Ruppersberger
Esty	Loebach	Ryan (OH)
Farr	Lofgren	Sánchez, Linda T.
Fattah	Lowenthal	Sanchez, Loretta
Foster	Lowey	Sarbanes
Frankel (FL)	Lujan Grisham (NM)	Schakowsky
Fudge	Lujan, Ben Ray (NM)	Schiff
Gabbard	Lynch	Schneider
Gallego	Maloney, Carolyn	Schrader
Garamendi	Massie	Schwartz
Garcia	Matsui	Scott (VA)
Gingrey (GA)	McCollum	Scott, David
Gohmert	McDermott	Serrano
Granger	McGovern	Sewell (AL)
Grayson	McNerney	Shea-Porter
Green, Al	Meeks	Sherman
Green, Gene	Meng	Sires
Grijalva	Michaud	Slaughter
Gutiérrez	Miller, George	Smith (WA)
Hahn	Moore	Speier
Hanabusa	Moran	Swalwell (CA)
Hastings (FL)	Murphy (FL)	Takano
Heck (WA)	Nadler	Thompson (CA)
Higgins	Napolitano	Thompson (MS)
Himes	Neal	Tierney
Hinojosa	Negrete McLeod	Titus
Holt	Nolan	Tonko
Honda	O'Rourke	Tsongas
Hoyer	Owens	Van Hollen
Huffman	Pallone	Vargas
Israel	Pascarell	Veasey
Jackson Lee	Pastor (AZ)	Vela
Jeffries	Payne	Velázquez
Johnson (GA)	Pelosi	Visclosky
Johnson, E. B.	Perlmuter	Walz
Kaptur	Peters (CA)	Wasserman
Keating	Peters (MI)	Schultz
Kelly (IL)	Peterson	Waters
Kennedy	Pingree (ME)	Watt
Kildee	Pocan	Waxman
Kilmer	Polis	Welch
Kind		Wilson (FL)
King (IA)		Yarmuth
King (NY)		

NOT VOTING—3

McCarthy (NY)	Rush	Stockman
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Mr. CRAWFORD changed his vote from “no” to “aye.”

So the motion was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 41 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 2335

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. POE of Texas) at 11 o'clock and 35 minutes p.m.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 30, 2013.
Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, U.S. Capitol, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on September 30, 2013 at 10:00 p.m.:

That the Senate disagree to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution H.J. Res 59.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION RELATING TO CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 59, CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION, 2014

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 113-240) on the resolution (H. Res. 368) relating to consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 59) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

RELATING TO CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 59, CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION, 2014

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 368 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 368

Resolved, That the House hereby (1) takes from the Speaker's table the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 59) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, with the House amendment to the Senate amendment thereto, (2) insists on its amendment, and (3) requests a conference with the Senate thereon.

SEC. 2. Any motion pursuant to clause 4 of rule XXII relating to House Joint Resolution 59 may be offered only by the Majority Leader or his designee.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER), my friend, the ranking member from the Rules Committee, pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 368 directs the House of

Representatives to go to conference with the Senate to resolve differences between the two Chambers on how to appropriately fund the Federal Government. Like any other time the House goes to a conference, Mr. Speaker, the minority will have an opportunity to instruct conferees and have their ideas heard.

For nearly 3 weeks, this body, the United States House of Representatives, has made numerous legitimate efforts to find a compromise to avoid a government shutdown. Unfortunately, Senate Majority Leader REID and Senate Democrats have been unwilling to negotiate and have stonewalled any attempt to find common ground.

No one wants a government shutdown, but Mr. REID's unwillingness to work with House Republicans to find a solution is what brings us to a point now this evening. I know that we want to get our work done tonight. I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on the rule, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me the customary 30 minutes, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Let me be clear: the proposal before us is nothing but another way to run out the clock. I think while we're speaking here, in just a little while we will find in 20 minutes—21 minutes, because I think we will go 1 minute after midnight—that this government will shut down.

This amazing government that we are supposed to be overseeing—America, the United States—can't manage its business and shows that to the rest of the world over the fact of trying to stop the bill you hate that is the law of the land, that has already been verified by the Supreme Court as to its constitutionality and where our President won election handily when this was the main idea.

I don't believe anymore that this is the product of a few people with strange ideas. This is the Republican Party. I think people who watch the news, jaded—I do; every idle moment I have to be finding out what's going on in the world—were quite stunned to watch a Republican conference over, and the Members coming out absolutely gleeful, many of them expressing glee—one of them said that he was almost giddy with joy about closing down the House.

Earlier this evening, I saw after the 2010 elections some new Members who were saying on the news that their intention was to shut down the House. Well, they've done it.

At any time we could have taken up a clean bill for the Senate. All we had to do was vote for that Senate amendment resolution and pass that here, which could have been done easily with bipartisan votes. It would then have gone to the President of the United States. Government workers could sleep easier tonight if we had done that. They wouldn't have to worry

about paying the rent, or being able to buy groceries, or being able to pay the tuition for their child in college.

What we are doing to the psyche of America—not "we." I'm not going to say that again, the universal "we." What Republicans are doing to the psyche of America will be a long time in healing.

I think the absurdity knows no bounds. We want to say again that if anybody has any mistaken notions that the Democrats were involved in it, there are no Democrats' fingerprints on any of these bills. I'll say that again: Democrats had no input at all at any time on what any of these bills were going to say in the greatest matter before the House of Representatives to keep the government going, to meet our obligation to fund the government.

In fact, by cutting out the people's Representatives on my side of the House, almost half of the people in the United States' voices were stilled throughout this whole process. The only time we got to talk was when we were up here, and we were trying to run and catch up to see what was going on. We had no idea what this was about, that this was coming tonight. We were able to pick up bits and pieces maybe off the floor, and people passing around some things that maybe they heard. But the whole Democrat side has been shut out—not just on this measure, but on everything in the world that we have done in this term and last term as well. Now, I don't want anybody to forget that because everybody is going to yell if something goes wrong here, they're going to try to blame it on us. It's not on us. I have never seen anything like this.

In addition, for well over 6 months this Democratic side has begged, cajoled, done everything they could to try to get this House to appoint conferees and to go to conference with the Senate of the United States on bills that each Chamber had already passed. We couldn't do the farm bill—couldn't do much of anything. And I said earlier today one of the reasons is sequestration. So we had only gotten two appropriations bill. They've run out of money, and there was no way in God's Earth we could have ever done the 12 that we needed to do.

But even that hasn't caused any idea of changing what we're doing. And we want to be a part of that. We would like to take the 6 weeks—imagine, on one hand, we are appointing conferees for a 6-week measure when we wouldn't do it for the budget of the Federal Government.

Now we would like to be as much a part of it as we can while we're trying to deal with the debt limit and certainly to do away with sequestration that even my friend, Mr. ROGERS, the chair of the Appropriations Committee, said was far too draconian and that the government would be seriously underfunded.

□ 2345

But tonight, here we are, tragically here. Let me see now, it's 15 minutes