

Payne	Ruppersberger	Thornberry
Pearce	Ryan (OH)	Tiberi
Pelosi	Ryan (WI)	Tierney
Perlmutter	Salmon	Tipton
Perry	Sánchez, Linda	Titus
Peters (CA)	T.	Tonko
Peters (MI)	Sanchez, Loretta	Tsongas
Peterson	Sarbanes	Turner
Petri	Scalise	Upton
Pingree (ME)	Schakowsky	Valadao
Pittenger	Schiff	Van Hollen
Pitts	Schneider	Vargas
Pocan	Schock	Veasey
Poe (TX)	Schrader	Vela
Polis	Schwartz	Velázquez
Pompeo	Schweikert	Visclosky
Posey	Scott (VA)	Wagner
Price (GA)	Scott, Austin	Walberg
Price (NC)	Scott, David	Walden
Quigley	Sensenbrenner	Walorski
Radel	Serrano	Walz
Rahall	Sessions	Wasserman
Rangel	Sewell (AL)	Schultz
Reed	Shea-Porter	Waters
Reichert	Sherman	Watt
Renacci	Shinkus	Waxman
Ribble	Shuster	Weber (TX)
Rice (SC)	Simpson	Webster (FL)
Rigell	Sinema	Welch
Roby	Sires	Wenstrup
Rogers (AL)	Slaughter	Westmoreland
Rogers (KY)	Smith (NJ)	Williams
Rogers (MI)	Smith (TX)	Wilson (FL)
Rohrabacher	Southerland	Wilson (SC)
Rokita	Speier	Wittman
Rooney	Stewart	Wolf
Ros-Lehtinen	Stivers	Womack
Roskam	Stockman	Woodall
Ross	Swalwell (CA)	Yarmuth
Rothfus	Takano	Yoder
Roybal-Allard	Terry	Yoho
Royce	Thompson (CA)	Young (IN)
Ruiz	Thompson (MS)	
Runyan	Thompson (PA)	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Johnson, E. B.

NOT VOTING—36

Barton	Deutch	Meng
Bilirakis	Doggett	Moran
Bishop (GA)	Forbes	Pastor (AZ)
Boustany	Gingrey (GA)	Richmond
Brady (PA)	Grijalva	Roe (TN)
Buchanan	Gutierrez	Rush
Campbell	Hanna	Smith (NE)
Clarke	Joyce	Smith (WA)
Coble	Lee (CA)	Stutzman
Conyers	Lucas	Whitfield
Culberson	Lynch	Young (AK)
Davis, Danny	Maffei	Young (FL)

□ 1900

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.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, on roll-call No. 46 on approving the Journal, I am not recorded because I was absent due to a death in my family. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 47 on H.R. 667, I am not recorded because I was absent due to a death in my family. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

## HONORING THE WOMEN OF TOMORROW MENTOR AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

(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'm so pleased to recognize Women of

Tomorrow, a community organization that encourages and empowers at-risk high school girls to develop to their fullest potential. This south Florida-based organization was founded in 1997 by Jennifer Valoppi and is now in 43 Florida and 13 Michigan cities, helping 2,500 girls in over 100 high schools.

Women of Tomorrow has a bright future and will expand and connect girls across the country to mentoring scholarship opportunities. It's celebrating 16 years of teaching professional and personal skills.

Over 90 percent of the young ladies mentored by Women of Tomorrow improve their grade point average, graduate from high school, pursue higher education, and improve their self-esteem immensely.

The mentors and supporters of Women of Tomorrow work tirelessly to help teens, and I congratulate them on their Sweet 16.

## SEQUESTRATION BY THE NUMBERS

(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, we're hearing a lot about sequestration on the news, the American people are, and I just want to run down sequestration by the numbers.

You know, it's been 290 days since I and my Republican colleagues voted for the first of two bills to replace the President's sequestration with smarter, more responsible spending cuts that total \$1 trillion over 10 years. Now, why is that needed?

Well, Mr. Speaker, the official debt today is \$15.5 trillion. That's \$50,000 for every man, woman and child in this country. And that's not the real debt. The real debt, when you look at what's due with every living individual today with Medicare and Social Security, that's somewhere between 71 and \$72 trillion.

Economists just a week or so ago estimated that by the year 2020, interest alone, interest alone on an annual basis will be \$1 trillion. Sequestration, we're looking at \$85 billion out of a \$3 trillion budget.

I'm going to call on the Senate Democrats and President Obama for smarter, more bipartisan ways to replace the Obama sequester and to address making sure we don't leave a legacy of debt for our children, grandchildren, and all future generations.

## TIME TO WORK TOGETHER

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

Mr. ENYART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because I often hear from folks who work hard but are struggling to make ends meet. Families across southern Illinois are frustrated with the complacency in Washington.

Unless we act, nearly \$1.2 trillion will be cut from defense and domestic programs. Scott Air Force Base, a major economic hub, the largest employer in my district and a vital component of our national security, would be hard hit, as would important programs that keep our children and our Nation safe.

If sequestration goes into effect, 1 million jobs could be in jeopardy. It is irresponsible to let a failed plan with an artificial deadline and politically manufactured crisis cost our workers, our veterans, our men and women in uniform, our seniors, our small businesses their livelihood and risk our fragile economy.

It's time for Congress to set aside partisanship and to work together to produce a comprehensive solution that responsibly addresses the deficit but doesn't cost jobs.

□ 1910

## CONGRATULATING EDEN PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS NORDIC SKI TEAM

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

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Eden Prairie Boys Nordic Ski Team for becoming State champions this year. For the first time in nearly 30 years, the Eagles' boys team claimed the State Nordic ski championship title after an excellent performance in the Nordic competition at Giants Ridge earlier this month. The team had an outstanding season and proved their ability and determination in the finals.

Seniors Tom Bye and Ryan Stewart both finished in the top 10, and Henry Zurn and Jay Grootwassink also attained all-State honors. Also deserving of praise, Mr. Speaker, are the coaches, including Coach Doug Boonstra, also known as "Boonie," whose leadership and unwavering support helped motivate these student athletes.

Congratulations to the students, their parents, the coaching staff, and to everybody who helped contribute to the success of the Eagles team.

## SEQUESTER EFFECTS ON NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

Ms. KUSTER. If Congress fails to act, the sequester is going to trigger mindless, across-the-board cuts that will hurt middle class New Hampshire families and undermine our economy. There's no question we do need to reduce the deficit, but we have to do it in a balanced way that distinguishes between wasteful spending we cannot afford to keep and critical investments we cannot afford to cut.

We cannot afford to cut investments in research at colleges like Dartmouth

and UNH. We cannot afford to cut investments in programs that prepare our students for the 21st century economy, like those at Nashua Community College. We cannot afford to cut investments in critical defense systems produced by companies like BAE, that protect our troops and create good jobs.

The only way to protect these priorities while avoiding the sequester is for both parties to pass a balanced, bipartisan plan that will responsibly reduce the deficit, grow our economy, and protect middle class families. Now is the time for Congress to step up and do its job.

#### CONGRATULATING THE STEPHENVILLE YELLOW JACKETS

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

Mr. WILLIAMS. I rise to salute the mighty Stephenville Yellow Jackets for winning their fifth State championship in football.

Texas football has been written about in TV shows, movies, and books, but Hollywood's version isn't nearly as exciting as the real thing. During the 2012 high school football season, Stephenville lost only one game as it prepared to enter the playoffs. In the championship game, quarterback Tyler Jones threw for five touchdowns and 422 yards and rushed for another 126.

What makes this team so remarkable is not only that it won, but that it was worthy of winning. These are good kids who do credit to their school and their town. Stephenville, Texas, is the cowboy capital of the world. The 17,000 Texans who live there are patriotic, passionate people who take care of business and take care of their neighbors; and, like their high school team, they are winners at everything they do.

I am proud to represent Stephenville, Texas, in the United States Congress, and I am proud to salute the Yellow Jackets on their fifth State title. I look forward to congratulating them next year on another championship.

#### INVESTING IN OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

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

Mr. PETERS of California. Mr. Speaker, many will be hurt by the sequester, but San Diego will be hurt in particular. Today, I'm here to urge Congress to work together to find a bipartisan solution to sequestration.

The Port of San Diego is our window to national and international commerce, as well as a main driver of our economy. The Port of San Diego is the fourth largest port in California, and one of 17 commercial strategic ports in America, overseeing two maritime cargo terminals, two cruise ship terminals, and hundreds of maritime leases to small businesses.

Since 2001, the port has received almost \$22 million in Federal funding for critical infrastructure projects, which has allowed the port to hire more San Diegans and boost San Diego's economy. The American Society of Engineers found that with an additional investment of \$15.8 billion between now and 2020, our national system of ports could provide \$270 billion in U.S. exports and \$697 billion in GDP.

Now is not the time to be cutting critical investments in our infrastructure. Let's work together to find a solution.

#### HONORING MR. JAMES E. WALKER

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

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of a great American, Mr. James E. Walker.

Mr. Walker was born on April 12, 1924, in Gulfport, Mississippi. He grew up in a close-knit family of seven children. After graduating from Woolmarket High School, he joined the United States Marine Corps and served in World War II from 1942 to 1945. Upon returning home, he earned a degree in engineering and became the engineering supervisor at the VA in Biloxi, retiring after 35 years.

Mr. Walker was also the loving husband of Helen Peterson Walker. They wed on February 21, 1946, exactly 67 years to the date of his recent passing.

Mr. Walker was known for his love of trout fishing, his hometown of Gulfport, Mississippi, and most importantly, his family. I stand before you today and declare without a shadow of a doubt that he was the epitome of what we consider a member of the Greatest Generation.

Mr. Walker, you will be missed, not only by your family, but also by the country you so faithfully served in the Marine Corps. *Semper fidelis*.

#### SEQUESTER AND THE CHILDREN

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Because they have no voting rights, a group that we don't hear a lot about is children. On Friday, March 1, our children will be in the eye of the storm. The sequester that will occur will impact children, particularly Head Start.

So many of my Head Start organizations have cried out for relief and Title I funding, so I want to say to them that we are going to come together. It may not be on Friday, but we know that we're going to look forward to overturn what has been a process that was put in place because President Obama and the Democrats were ready to make sure the government was going to run and others were not.

Now we have a crisis, but that crisis will not last long because we Demo-

crats will put children first and find a solution to ensure that the American people have the resources that are necessary to provide services to ensure the quality of life that their tax dollars pay for. We must have revenue and, yes, we must have spending responsibility, but we cannot undermine the American people.

#### SEQUESTRATION

(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 rise today to express my strong disappointment in the House Republican leadership in committing such legislative malpractice by failing to do anything about automatic spending cuts that will happen this Friday.

Here we are on the brink of another economic disaster manufactured by Washington, and, just as before, this crisis will have real consequences to real people. In my district alone, schools will lose \$11 million in Federal funding. California will be losing \$87.6 million in funding for primary and secondary schools. Fewer students will be learning and more teachers will be out of work.

There's a rational way to approach balancing the people's budget, and this is not it. We can cut foolish spending without foolishly cutting spending.

H.R. 699, of which I'm a cosponsor, would replace this meat-cleaver method of budgeting with a balanced approach. It would include additional revenue from multimillionaires and smart cuts for unnecessary spending.

We might not agree on what the right way to cut spending is, but we also should agree that using broad, indiscriminate cuts is the wrong way to cut spending. Let's come together to pass legislation to avert these cuts.

□ 1920

#### RECOGNIZING DR. IRVING FRADKIN

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

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Irving Fradkin of Fall River, Massachusetts, a finalist for the national "Citizen Service Before Self" award.

The son of Russian immigrants, Dr. Fradkin's story of service began in the late 1950s. As an optometrist opening his new practice in a struggling former mill city, he was immediately struck by how few of his young patients had plans to go to college. When he asked why, the response was always a simple answer: My parents can't afford it.

At the time, the average cost of tuition was a couple hundred dollars a year. Dr. Fradkin did the math. He figured that if each of Fall River's 30,000