

[Roll No. 50]

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 Barton Gibbs O'Rourke
 Beatty Gingrey (GA) Olson
 Becerra Goodlatte Palazzo
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 Bishop (GA) Gowdy Payne
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 Blumenauer Griffith (VA) Petri
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 Butterfield Huelskamp Rokita
 Calvert Huffman Rooney
 Camp Huizenga (MI) Ros-Lehtinen
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 Cantor Hunter Ross
 Capito Hurt Rothfus
 Capps Issa Roybal-Allard
 Carney Johnson, Sam Royce
 Carson (IN) Jones Ruiz
 Cartwright Joyce Runyan
 Cassidy Kaptur Ruppersberger
 Castro (TX) Keating Ryan (WI)
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 Chaffetz Kennedy Schiff
 Chu Kildee Schneider
 Cicilline King (IA) Schock
 Cleaver King (NY) Schrader
 Clyburn Kingston Schwartz
 Cohen Kline Schweikert
 Cole Kuster Scott, Austin
 Collins (GA) Labrador Scott, David
 Collins (NY) LaMalfa Sensenbrenner
 Conaway Lamborn Serrano
 Connolly Lankford Sessions
 Cook Larsen (WA) Shea-Porter
 Cooper Larson (CT) Sherman
 Crawford Levin Shimkus
 Crenshaw Lipinski Shuster
 Cuellar Loeb sack Simpson
 Cummings Lofgren Smith (NE)
 Daines Long Smith (NJ)
 Davis (CA) Lowenthal Smith (TX)
 Davis, Danny Luetkemeyer Smith (WA)
 DeGette Lujan Grisham Southerland
 Delaney (NM) Speier
 DeLauro Luján, Ben Ray Stivers
 DelBene (NM) Stockman
 DeSantis Maloney, Stutzman
 DesJarlais Carolyn Swallow (CA)
 Deutch Maloney, Sean Thompson (PA)
 Diaz-Balart Marino Thornberry
 Dingell Markey Tiberi
 Doggett Massie Tierney
 Doyle McCarthy (CA) Titus
 Duckworth McCarthy (NY) Tonko
 Duncan (SC) McCaul Tsongas
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 Esty Rodgers Walz
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 Fattah Meng Waters
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 Flores Miller (MI) Webster (FL)
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Young (IN)

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 25, 2013.Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
*Office of the Speaker, The Capitol,
Washington, DC.*

MR. SPEAKER, In light of my recent appointment to the House Ways and Means Committee, I hereby resign my position on both the House Budget Committee and the House Committee on Financial Services.

Best Regards,

CONGRESSMAN JIM RENACCI.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignations are accepted.

There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE, COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, AND COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Committee on Natural Resources, and the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 25, 2013.Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,
*Speaker, House of Representatives, Capitol,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Thank you for supporting my appointment to serve on the Committee on Appropriations. I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to serve on the Appropriations Committee.

I understand that in order to facilitate this appointment, I am required to resign from my current committee assignments. As a result, this letter is to resign my membership on the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Committee on Natural Resources, and the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

ANDY HARRIS, M.D.,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignations are accepted.

There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

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

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 26, 2013.Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,
*Speaker, The Capitol, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR SPEAKER BOEHNER: This letter is to notify you of my interest in stepping down from the House Committee on Agriculture so that I can dedicate additional focus to my other committee assignments and legislative responsibilities. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

STEVE SOUTHERLAND II,
Member of Congress.

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 Hudson Israel
 Bishop (NY) Israel
 Brady (PA) Jackson Lee
 Burgess Jeffries
 Capuano Jenkins
 Cárdenas Johnson (OH)
 Castor (FL) Johnson, E. B.
 Clarke Jordan
 Clay Kilmer
 Coffman Kind
 Conyers Kinzinger (IL)
 Costa Kirkpatrick
 Cotton Lance
 Courtney Langevin
 Crowley Latham
 Davis, Rodney Latta
 DeFazio Lee (CA)
 Denham Lewis
 Dent LoBiondo
 Duffy Lowey
 Edwards Lummis
 Fitzpatrick Marchant
 Foxx Matheson
 Gardner Matsui
 Gibson McDermott
 Graves (GA) McGovern
 Graves (MO) McKinley
 Green, Gene Meehan
 Griffin (AR) Meeks
 Grijalva Miller, George
 Gutierrez Moore
 Hanna Neal
 Ruiz Nolan
 Hartzler Nugent
 Hastings (FL) Pallone
 Heck (NV) Yoder

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

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NOT VOTING—22

Amodei Lucas Scott (VA)
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 Carter Maffei Takano
 Coble Mica Velázquez
 Cramer Pittenger Young (AK)
 Culberson Richmond Young (FL)
 Gohmert Rigell
 Johnson (GA) Rogers (KY)

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So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 48 on a motion to adjourn, I am not recorded because I was absent due to a death in my family. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 49 on H. Res. 77, I am not recorded because I was absent due to a death in my family. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 50 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 "yea."

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RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET AND COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ROTHFUS) laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Financial Services:

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

PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS FIRST SPONSOR OF H.J. Res. 19

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered as the first sponsor of H.J. Res. 19, a measure originally introduced by Representative Emerson of Missouri, for the purposes of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII.

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

There was no objection.

STOP THE SEQUESTER

(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, it's been almost 300 days since the House first acted to replace sequestration with targeted reforms that achieve the same level of deficit reduction without harming the economy, yet the Senate has failed to act.

The administration states that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is set to feel the impact of sequestration more than most States yet has offered no constructive plan forward.

The House has put forward two concrete proposals for a commonsense path to deficit reduction that will not harm our national security and will not harm our fragile economic recovery.

We all must make sacrifices in order to reduce the debt and fix Washington, for we can no longer spend \$1 trillion more than we take in each year. Raising taxes to chase after trillion dollar deficits, as the President suggests, is a recipe for economic decline. Spending is the problem.

It's time for the President to stop campaigning and call on the Democratized Senate to act. No more 11th-hour negotiations; no more unnecessary harm to families and small businesses. It's time for us to come together and work on serious solutions.

PROTECTING SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH FROM THE SEQUESTER

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

Mr. PETERS of California. Mr. Speaker, last week I visited the Salk Institute, a cutting-edge biological research facility whose work has contributed to San Diego's status as the number two life science cluster in the United States. At Salk, I met Dr. Geoff Wahl, a professor who leads a groundbreaking cancer research lab,

and Bianca Kennedy, a breast cancer advocate and survivor.

In fiscal year 2012, San Diego firms received more than \$130 million from the National Science Foundation and \$850 million from the National Institutes of Health. It's these types of investments that have created hundreds of thousands of jobs and bolstered our economy, contributing also to the quality of life for people around the world.

The sequester threatens to undo this progress. The immediate cuts to NIH from sequestration are 8.2 percent, which is equivalent to a cut of \$2.5 billion. This could result in the loss of 33,000 research-related jobs in 2013 and a \$4.5 billion decrease in economic activity.

Let's work together to avert the sequester so we can continue to improve the lives of patients and lead the world in science and technology.

WAYZATA GIRLS 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 Wayzata High School girls Nordic ski team.

For the first time in 33 years, the Wayzata girls Nordic skiing program claimed the very top prize at the State competition earlier this month in northern Minnesota.

Wayzata head coach Larry Myers lauded his team's attitude and morale as key to their success this season and at the State competition, but special congratulations also should go out to junior Alayna Sonnesyn and sophomore Anna French, who earned all-State honors at the meet.

Six students from Wayzata's State championship Nordic ski team also were members of the State championship cross-country running squad that captured a State championship title last fall. Each of these student athletes, their parents, and their coaches deserve praise for their dedication and determination.

It's an honor to be able to represent and recognize such great student athletes and the Wayzata School District. Congratulations.

STOP THE SEQUESTER

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

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, on this coming Friday, March 1, we are going to see budget cuts that will devastate Federal workers, programs, agencies, and private sector contractors. This pending \$85 billion in cuts for this fiscal year alone was intended to be so bad, just so horrible, and cause such widespread damage that they were never intended to take effect in the first place. Yet here we are with an-

other self-inflicted wound as House Republicans continue to ignore Democrats' requests to find a sensible alternative.

In Maryland alone, sequestration will hurt families, including 800 children who will lose access to school readiness programs; 2,100 fewer children receiving lifesaving vaccinations; 12,000 mothers and young children cut from Women, Infants, and Children programs; and 46,000 civilian private sector workers are going to be furloughed. And the list goes on in Maryland and across the country.

Mr. Speaker, make no mistake, the GOP, the Republicans rule the roost here in the House, and they can stop these senseless cuts today. It's in their power and the power of the GOP to stop the cuts that are going to cost 900,000 jobs and threaten economic recession. The American people deserve better.

Mr. Speaker, with that, I also ask unanimous consent to bring up H.R. 699, a balanced bill to replace the sequester with spending cuts and revenues.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the guidelines consistently issued by successive Speakers as recorded on page 752 of the House Rules Manual, the Chair is constrained not to entertain the gentlewoman's request unless it has been cleared by the bipartisan floor and committee leaderships.

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THE INABILITY TO GOVERN

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, sequestration is a bad idea. I voted "no."

The idea for the sequester came from White House advisers. The President quickly signed the sequester and made it the law of the land. Now he has buyer's remorse. The House, in seeing the error of its ways, repented, and two times replaced the sequestration with rational cuts. The President's siesta Senate, however, ignored the House legislation and went missing in action.

Rather than administer with a smidge less taxpayer money, the President blames others for his fate. This is in spite of his power to determine priorities in spending, so he says the sky is falling because his government cannot operate without more money. He does not have the ability to produce a balanced budget or cut back waste, duplication, inefficiency, or fluff.

As the sequester is upon us, it is time for the President to lead America and govern with less money, but the President only knows one way to rule—tax more, spend more, and scare the people more. This is the inability to govern.

And that's just the way it is.

WE MUST AVOID THE SEQUESTER

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