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Stated for:

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 52 I was on the floor and tried to vote when it was closed. Had I been present. I would have voted "vea."

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 293, nays

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119, answered "present" 1, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 53]

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So the Journal was approved. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AVERTING SEQUESTRATION

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

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call on Republican leaders to keep the House in session until Congress fulfills its responsibility to the American people by averting sequestration.

With Rhode Island unemployment at 10.2 percent, my constituents cannot afford a single day of these indiscriminate cuts. They will have a negative impact on Rhode Islanders seeking job assistance, teachers educating our children, and countless seniors who rely on food assistance, not to mention the numerous jobs in our defense industry.

We've found compromise in the past. Since April of 2011, Congress has reduced the deficit by over \$2.5 trillion, cutting spending by over \$1.4 trillion, with almost \$3 in spending cuts for every \$1 of revenue. Mr. Speaker, Democrats in the House and the Senate, along with the President, have put forward balanced proposals to avert these devastating cuts. I urge you to listen to the American people and bring balanced legislation to the floor for a vote. Our communities cannot afford to wait.

NATURAL GAS OFFERING ENERGY REVOLUTION

(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 Congressional Natural Gas Caucus has relaunched with a four-member bipartisan leadership team in order to expand efforts and organizational resources in the 113th Congress.

Despite a fragile economic recovery, the Nation is witnessing an energy revolution through which energy resource development is offering economic growth, new jobs, and lower energy costs. America's newly found ability to access expansive reserves of natural gas is a large part of this new domestic resource base, which has afforded new opportunities for America's manufacturing sector based on the comparative advantages of lower energy costs and for American families as they heat their homes at a fraction of the cost.

Despite these new fortunes, there are countless policy challenges that must be leveraged for the Nation to continue benefiting from this abundant, clean, low-cost energy source.

The mission of the Congressional Natural Gas Caucus is to educate Members of Congress and the public about the importance of natural gas as a domestic energy resource and its role in meeting the Nation's energy demand and in attaining energy security.

I, along with my fellow cochairs—Representative GENE GREEN from Texas, Representative Tom REED from New York, and Representative JIM COSTA from California—encourage Members to join us in this effort today.

AVERTING SEQUESTRATION

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

Mr. ENYART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because southern Illinois folks are worried about sequestration undermining the economy and costing us jobs. I want to share with you today a letter about those concerns. This letter is from the supervisor of a young National Guard family.

Sarah and Mike, a young couple, one small child and another on the way, both deployed to Afghanistan with us in 2008. If nothing changes, Sarah will get hit with the furloughs, and Mike will probably lose his fulltime National Guard job entirely. This is just devastating. Obviously, don't blame

you. You weren't even in Congress when the Budget Control Act passed. But real people are going to get hurt—bad—veterans and soldiers. This is just incredible. I cannot believe Congress is going to let this train wreck happen. I know you know this, but it matters a great deal to us in DOD and the Guard, both to the civilian employees who will be the immediate victims, and to the rest of us who have to deal with the fallout.

OBAMA ADMINISTRATION PLAYS POLITICS

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

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the administration, in an effort to drive home the devastating impacts of sequestration, indicated that they would begin releasing criminal aliens held in detention centers across the United States. This policy is not only a shortsighted scare tactic, but it is also a completely inappropriate way to handle our fiscal problems.

By releasing these criminals out into the communities, the Obama administration is also playing politics with American safety. Not to mention, the administration is placing an undue additional burden on the already strained Federal programs that have succeeded in identifying, arresting, and removing criminal aliens. Ordering the release of criminals back into our communities because their crimes aren't serious enough to qualify for deportation completely ignores DHS's core mission to address our Nation's illegal immigration problem. We're putting our communities at risk, stressing local law enforcement, and not saving a dime once repeat offenders find themselves back in the system.

Mr. Speaker, we are a Nation of laws. We would do well to remember that.

AVERTING SEQUESTRATION

(Mrs. BUSTOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak out today against the automatic cuts known as sequestration which are set to kick in days from right now. These cuts were designed to be so painful and so terrible that they would never see the light of day. This is budgetary insanity. That is why I have opposed sequestration from the start.

Earlier today, I met with the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce and representatives from the Rock Island Arsenal. Last week, I met with a defense contractor from Rockford, Illinois, and I toured the USDA Research Lab in Peoria, Illinois. That's the place where they figured out how to mass produce penicillin, and these are the kinds of programs that are at risk. These programs are rightly worried about the impact of sequestration.

We will see job losses because of this flawed budget process, and it will have a trickle-down effect throughout the region that I represent. Our residents

will have less money to eat out. They'll have less money to see a movie or to shop at our small businesses. We cannot afford to have this happen.

I introduced my first piece of legislation a couple of weeks ago, the Government Waste Reduction Act. It is a bipartisan, commonsense approach to reduce government waste and not impact the middle class. This type of approach is reasonable, responsible, and rational, and that's what I would call for in a bipartisan fashion.

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SEQUESTRATION

(Ms. FRANKEL of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about Ruth. She's 91 years old, from my hometown. And Ruth, like many of my constituents, through the years, she's lost her network of family and friends.

After coming home from the hospital, she was unable to shop or cook and could barely get out of bed. According to Ruth, her life was literally saved by a Federal program called Meals on Wheels that delivers more than a million meals to seniors in need each day.

On Friday, as a result of mindless, indiscriminate budget cuts known as sequestration, folks like Ruth, across this country, will be in jeopardy of going hungry, and that is wrong. So I urge my colleagues to do what is right, come together, stop the sequestration, and implement a long-term, balanced approach to reducing our national debt.

Mr. Speaker, I 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 (Mr. BENTIVOLIO). 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 until it has been cleared by the bipartisan floor and committee leaderships.

SEQUESTRATION

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

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. Speaker, last week I traveled across my district listening to my neighbors, who cannot afford the cuts that will go into place under sequestration. At Harper College, school superintendents told me that sequestration will cut vital programs and jeopardize the future of our children.

In Hanover Park, I listened to officials discussing desperately needed