

fund do not have any knowledge about how to fix the program. Perhaps the gentleman, in his wisdom, forgot that one of the trustees was the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Rubin. Perhaps he forgot one of the trustees was the Secretary of Health and Human Services who oversees the entire Medicare program. She is one of the trustees. Perhaps the gentleman, in his rhetorical splendor, forgot that Shirley F. Chater, Commissioner of Social Security, is one of the trustees. Those are all President Clinton's appointees who are charged with running the program, besides statutorily being trustees of the trust fund. They have responsibility.

In their report they suggested in a general way legislative changes. Read the conclusion of the trustees' report. They said generally we should take programs that are in effect and extend them to other areas. What H.R. 1590 asks is to be specific in the recommendations that those trustees made, including the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

In addition, there has been great weight placed on linking fixing Medicare with tax cuts and arguing that our attempt to fix Medicare is because we want to spend it on taxes. Where were you folks a couple of months ago when the House of Representatives voted out tax cuts that were fully funded? Was a piece of Medicare funding used for those tax cuts? Yes. What was it? The only Medicare cuts suggested by President Clinton in his fiscal year 1996 budget. They totaled a munificent \$10 billion, and they were extenders of current limitations. That is all the Democrats have offered from the Clinton administration. We accepted those and included them in the fully funded tax cuts.

What is in front of us is the bankruptcy of Medicare. Listen carefully: "Today Medicaid and Medicare are going up at 3 times the rate of inflation. We propose to let it go up at 2 times the rate of inflation. Today Medicare beneficiaries get \$4,700. In 2002, we propose \$6,300." That is going up, that is not going down. Who said, "Today Medicaid and Medicare are going up at 3 times the rate of inflation. We propose to let it go up at 2 times the rate of inflation?" President Clinton 2 years ago.

How interesting when you see an opportunity to make political hay with seniors. You refuse to give responsible suggestions for change.

H.R. 1590 is a responsible suggestion for change, and we urge its passage.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. THOMAS] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1590.

The question was taken.

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 247, nays 170, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 330]

YEAS—247

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| Armey | Ganske | Norwood |
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| Baessler | Geren | Orton |
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| Baker (LA) | Gillmor | Packard |
| Ballenger | Gilman | Parker |
| Barr | Goodlatte | Paxon |
| Barrett (NE) | Goodling | Petri |
| Bartlett | Gordon | Pombo |
| Barton | Goss | Porter |
| Bass | Graham | Portman |
| Bateman | Green | Pryce |
| Bereuter | Greenwood | Quillen |
| Bilbray | Gunderson | Quinn |
| Bilirakis | Gutknecht | Radanovich |
| Bliley | Hall (TX) | Ramstad |
| Blute | Hancock | Regula |
| Boehkert | Hansen | Riggs |
| Boehner | Hastert | Roberts |
| Bonilla | Hastings (WA) | Rohrabacher |
| Bono | Hayes | Ros-Lehtinen |
| Brewster | Hayworth | Roth |
| Brownback | Hefley | Roukema |
| Bryant (TN) | Heineman | Royce |
| Bunn | Herger | Salmon |
| Bunning | Hillery | Sanford |
| Burr | Hoekstra | Saxton |
| Burton | Hoke | Scarborough |
| Buyer | Horn | Schaefer |
| Callahan | Hostettler | Schiff |
| Calvert | Houghton | Schiff |
| Camp | Hunter | Seastrand |
| Canady | Hutchinson | Sensenbrenner |
| Castle | Hyde | Shadegg |
| Chabot | Inglis | Shaw |
| Chambliss | Johnson (CT) | Shays |
| Chapman | Johnson, Sam | Shuster |
| Chenoweth | Jones | Sisisky |
| Christensen | Kasich | Skeen |
| Chrysler | Kelly | Smith (MI) |
| Clinger | Kim | Smith (NJ) |
| Coble | King | Smith (TX) |
| Coburn | Kingston | Smith (WA) |
| Collins (GA) | Klug | Solomon |
| Combest | Knollenberg | Souder |
| Condit | Kolbe | Spence |
| Cooley | LaHood | Stearns |
| Cox | Largent | Stenholm |
| Crane | Latham | Stockman |
| Crapo | LaTourrette | Stump |
| Creameans | Laughlin | Talent |
| Cubin | Lazio | Tate |
| Cunningham | Leach | Tauzin |
| Davis | Lewis (CA) | Taylor (MS) |
| Deal | Lewis (KY) | Taylor (NC) |
| DeLay | Lightfoot | Thomas |
| Diaz-Balart | Linder | Thornberry |
| Dickey | Livingston | Tiahrt |
| Doolittle | LoBiondo | Torkildsen |
| Dornan | Longley | Torricelli |
| Dreier | Lucas | Traficant |
| Duncan | Manzullo | Upton |
| Dunn | Martini | Visclosky |
| Ehlers | McCollum | Vucanovich |
| Ehrlich | McCrery | Waldholtz |
| Emerson | McDade | Walker |
| English | McHugh | Walsh |
| Ensign | McInnis | Wamp |
| Everett | McIntosh | Watts (OK) |
| Ewing | McKeon | Weldon (FL) |
| Fawell | Metcalf | Weldon (PA) |
| Fields (TX) | Meyers | Weller |
| Flanagan | Mica | White |
| Foley | Miller (FL) | Whitfield |
| Forbes | Molinaro | Wicker |
| Fowler | Moorhead | Wolf |
| Fox | Morella | Young (AK) |
| Franks (CT) | Murtha | Young (FL) |
| Franks (NJ) | Myers | Zeliff |
| Frelinghuysen | Myrick | Zimmer |
| Frisa | Nethercutt | |

NAYS—170

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| Abercrombie | Barrett (WI) | Bentsen |
| Andrews | Becerra | Bevill |
| Baldacci | Beilenson | Bishop |

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| Borski | Holden | Pastor |
| Boucher | Hoyer | Payne (NJ) |
| Browder | Jackson-Lee | Payne (VA) |
| Brown (CA) | Jacobs | Pelosi |
| Brown (FL) | Jefferson | Peterson (MN) |
| Brown (OH) | Johnson (SD) | Pickett |
| Bryant (TX) | Johnson, E. B. | Pomeroy |
| Cardin | Johnston | Poshard |
| Clay | Kanjorski | Rahall |
| Clayton | Kaptur | Rangel |
| Clement | Kennedy (MA) | Reed |
| Clyburn | Kennedy (RI) | Richardson |
| Coleman | Kennelly | Rivers |
| Collins (MI) | Kildee | Roemer |
| Conyers | Klink | Rose |
| Costello | LaFalce | Roybal-Allard |
| Cramer | Lantos | Rush |
| Danner | Levin | Sabo |
| de la Garza | Lewis (GA) | Sanders |
| DeFazio | Lincoln | Sawyer |
| DeLauro | Lofgren | Schroeder |
| Dellums | Lowe | Schumer |
| Deutsch | Luther | Scott |
| Dicks | Maloney | Scott |
| Dingell | Manton | Serrano |
| Dixon | Markey | Skaggs |
| Doggett | Martinez | Skelton |
| Dooley | Mascara | Slaughter |
| Doyle | Matsui | Spratt |
| Durbin | McCarthy | Stark |
| Edwards | McDermott | Stokes |
| Engel | McHale | Studds |
| Eshoo | McKinney | Stupak |
| Evans | McNulty | Tanner |
| Farr | Meehan | Tejeda |
| Fattah | Meek | Thompson |
| Fazio | Menendez | Thornton |
| Fields (LA) | Mfume | Thurman |
| Filner | Miller (CA) | Towns |
| Frank (MA) | Mineta | Velazquez |
| Frost | Minge | Vento |
| Furse | Mink | Volkmer |
| Gejdenson | Moakley | Ward |
| Gephardt | Mollohan | Waters |
| Gibbons | Montgomery | Watt (NC) |
| Gonzalez | Moran | Waxman |
| Gutierrez | Nadler | Williams |
| Hall (OH) | Neal | Wilson |
| Hamilton | Oberstar | Wise |
| Harman | Obey | Woolsey |
| Hastings (FL) | Olver | Wyden |
| Hefner | Ortiz | Wynn |
| Hilliard | Owens | Yates |

NOT VOTING—17

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| Ackerman | Foglietta | Peterson (FL) |
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| Berman | Hobson | Rogers |
| Collins (IL) | Istook | Torres |
| Coyne | Klecaska | Tucker |
| Flake | Lipinski | |

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

So (two-thirds not having voted in favor thereof) the motion was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 995

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 995.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR ALL COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES TO SIT TODAY AND BALANCE OF THE WEEK DURING 5-MINUTE RULE

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged motion.