

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I come before the House this morning with a special plea. In 200 years of the Nation's Capital, there has never been a crisis like this. There has never been a crisis where this capital city has been left without a budget and forced to contemplate closing down.

We have seen countless violations of home rule, all on the basis that it was your constitutional responsibility. Where is your constitutional responsibility to keep the city alive now? We have seen the abandonment of that responsibility for 3 months with no budget.

It is pointless to continue to fight this fight on a voucher principle. You have the votes for vouchers. Bring it to the floor on your own motion. A stand-off with the Senate, a body you do not control, on the backs of the District is wrong.

At the very least, Congress must not leave town without granting a CR for the District of Columbia to spend its own money. It has a responsibility to treat the 500,000 human beings I represent as a city, and not as if they were a Federal agency. It is your constitutional responsibility.

DEDICATED TO BALANCING THE FEDERAL BUDGET

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

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, the American people have probably heard a lot about how awful things are in Washington. They probably hear about the Government being shutdown, and about extremist freshmen holding President Clinton hostage, and on and on.

Mr. Speaker, what we have here is, in fact, a celebration of freedom, of democracy, and of the constitutional framework our Founding Fathers crafted.

Yes, there is a conflict over the budget. Yes, parts of the Government are closed. Yes, there are strong feelings.

All of us here in Congress were freely elected. Some of us feel that the direction Government has taken over the last generation needs to be changed. And we are absolutely dedicated to balancing the Federal budget, not just for accounting purposes, but for moral purposes. Our children should not bear the consequences for our irresponsibility. And that is why I believe that, in the end, Congress and the President will do the right thing and balance the budget.

Merry Christmas America.

SCROOGE STALKS THE HALLS OF CONGRESS

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

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, in this holiday season, Scrooge stalks the

Halls of this Congress. Yesterday we saw images on television of 80 tough freshmen Republicans saying we are going to do everything we can to balance the budget, even if it means shutting the Government down.

Here is what they do not tell you. They are going away. They will be home with their families while the families of the victims of flight 103 were shut out of Arlington Cemetery, while veterans will not get their checks—it was reported in the L.A. Times that one veteran was told he would be kicked out of his house if he did not have his check January 1—and while the poorest children in America do not get their checks at all.

Courage? Courage to tell the poorest children they do not get their checks, while these Members of Congress go off on their vacations, their warm fireplaces with their families?

Bah, humbug.

STRENGTH TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT

(Mrs. SMITH of Washington asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, we know today that it is morally wrong to spend more than we have available, and we know it is wrong to tax small business out of their small business; and what they have left, if they survive, is taken away at retirement. It used to be called losing the farm for the taxes.

We know that we have been doing this for many years, and policy makers in both parties have been indulging and shifting the cost to steal the future of America's children, and we know that that is wrong.

Negotiating the final budget is not going to be easy. The priorities are difficult. But the one thing America can do, one citizen at a time, is that they can pray that Congress and the negotiators will have God's wisdom to know what is right, and then have the strength that has not been in other Congresses to do that right.

EXPRESSION OF OUTRAGE

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is day 7 of the Government shutdown, and, once again, the Republicans come to the floor without a continuing resolution to keep the Government going. But yesterday they passed a resolution that allows them to go home next week for a holiday.

We all know that is what is going to happen today. The House is going to recess sometime this afternoon, the Republican majority is going to send everyone home for at least a week, and over the Christmas holiday and through New Year's the Government will continue to be shut down. Veter-

ans will not get their benefits, AFDC children will not get their benefits, we do not know what is going to happen to Medicaid and all the other benefit programs that many people rely on during the holidays and all seasons in order to keep their lives going.

It is not fair what this Republican majority is doing. They are not governing. The Constitution says that the majority party has the responsibility to govern. They should not simply go home for a nice Christmas vacation while the Government is shut down and so many other Americans do not receive the benefits they should be getting from this Government.

I am outraged at what is occurring.

PLACING BLAME

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

Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Speaker, do not you love it? It is the Christmas season, and they are sitting here lying today. Oh, it is terrible what the Republicans have done. In just 11 months we ended western democracy as we know it. "Yes, in just 11 months, these terrible Republican majorities have shut down Government. And here they are, calling for a balanced budget, and they are going to go home on Christmas."

For 40 years this pack ran this place, blaming President after President. "Oh, it was Carter's fault. He knew who was on the tennis court but he didn't know anything about finances. But we do, so we kept spending."

"Oh, it was Reagan's fault. He slept through the Cabinet meetings. But we know how to spend, so we kept spending."

So, it was Bush's fault, it was Clinton's fault, it was everybody else's fault.

But it was the fault of this Congress, who had their foot on the accelerator. Here they have the gall to stand up and say the marketplace tells us that Medigap is going up. Yes, that is AARP, the people that oppose our reforming Medicare, and the Medigap insurance is going up 33 percent; not because of anything that is going to be done, but because of what has been done, overutilization.

Yes, we are going to reform this place; yes, we are going to balance the budget. Merry Christmas, America.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EWING). The gentleman will state it.

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, in this Christmas spirit, is it appropriate to refer to Members as "lying" on the House floor?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. There should be no reference of that sort in debate to specific Members.

SLOWING GROWTH IS A CUT

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

Ms. RIVERS. Mr. Speaker, throughout the course of this week we have seen a \$1 million check come to the floor several times, along with a challenge that if anyone can prove that the Republicans are actually proposing to cut Medicare, they can win this check. Well, I learned in law school that if you want to define something, you go back to the precedent.

The precedent in 1994 set by that side of the aisle when exactly the same kind of adjustment was proposed for \$120 billion less was that slowing growth is a cut. All of the minority Members, all of the Republican members on the Committee on Ways and Means called it a cut, massive cut. Subcommittee chair CLAY SHAW called it "destructive Medicare cuts."

Now, look, folks, you set the standard. You decided that slowing growth was a cut. So one of two things is true: Either the Republicans did not fairly characterize the 1994 debate about slowing growth, or the RNC has to pay up its \$1 million. But do not give it to me. Put it on the deficit, OK?

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, the pending business is the question of agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the journal.

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

Mr. LAHOOD. 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 280, nays 78, not voting 75, as follows:

[Roll No. 880]

YEAS—280

Allard	Boehlert	Collins (GA)
Andrews	Boehner	Combest
Archer	Bonilla	Condit
Army	Bono	Cooley
Bachus	Boucher	Cox
Baesler	Browder	Coyne
Baker (CA)	Brownback	Crapo
Baldacci	Bryant (TN)	Cremins
Ballenger	Bunn	Cunningham
Barr	Bunning	Danner
Barrett (NE)	Burr	Davis
Barrett (WI)	Burton	de la Garza
Bartlett	Buyer	Deal
Barton	Camp	DeLauro
Bass	Campbell	DeLay
Bateman	Canady	Deutsch
Beilenson	Cardin	Diaz-Balart
Bereuter	Castle	Dickey
Berman	Chabot	Dicks
Bevill	Christensen	Dingell
Bilbray	Chrysler	Dixon
Bilirakis	Clayton	Doggett
Bishop	Clement	Dooley
Bliley	Clinger	Doyle
Blute	Coble	Dreier

Duncan	Klecza	Regula
Dunn	Klink	Richardson
Ehlers	Klug	Rivers
Ehrlich	Knollenberg	Roberts
Emerson	Kolbe	Roemer
English	LaHood	Rogers
Eshoo	Largent	Rohrabacher
Ewing	Lazio	Roth
Farr	Leach	Roukema
Fawell	Lewis (CA)	Royce
Fields (LA)	Lewis (KY)	Salmon
Flanagan	Lightfoot	Sanders
Foley	Linder	Sanford
Forbes	Livingston	Sawyer
Fowler	LoBiondo	Saxton
Fox	Lowey	Scarborough
Franks (CT)	Lucas	Schiff
Franks (NJ)	Luther	Schumer
Frelinghuysen	Martini	Seastrand
Frisa	Mascara	Sensenbrenner
Funderburk	Matsui	Shadegg
Gallegly	McCarthy	Shaw
Ganske	McDade	Shays
Gejdenson	McDermott	Shuster
Gekas	McHale	Sisisky
Geren	McHugh	Skeen
Gilchrest	McInnis	Skelton
Gilman	McIntosh	Slaughter
Gonzalez	McKeon	Smith (MI)
Goodlatte	McKinney	Smith (NJ)
Goodling	Meehan	Smith (WA)
Gordon	Metcalf	Solomon
Goss	Meyers	Souder
Greenwood	Mica	Spence
Gunderson	Miller (FL)	Spratt
Hall (TX)	Minge	Stearns
Hamilton	Mink	Stenholm
Hancock	Moakley	Studds
Hansen	Molinari	Stump
Hastert	Mollohan	Stupak
Hastings (WA)	Montgomery	Talent
Hayworth	Moorhead	Tate
Hobson	Moran	Taylor (NC)
Hoekstra	Morella	Tejeda
Hoke	Murtha	Thomas
Holden	Myrick	Thornberry
Horn	Nadler	Thornton
Hostettler	Neal	Thurman
Hoyer	Nethercutt	Tiahrt
Hunter	Neumann	Torkildsen
Hutchinson	Ney	Torres
Hyde	Norwood	Traficant
Inglis	Nussle	Upton
Istook	Ortiz	Vucanovich
Jackson (IL)	Oxley	Waldholtz
Jackson-Lee	Packard	Walker
(TX)	Pastor	Walsh
Johnson (CT)	Paxon	Wamp
Johnson (SD)	Payne (VA)	Ward
Johnston	Pelosi	Watts (OK)
Jones	Peterson (MN)	Weldon (FL)
Kanjorski	Petri	Weldon (PA)
Kelly	Portman	White
Kennedy (MA)	Pryce	Whitfield
Kennelly	Radanovich	Wicker
Kildee	Rahall	Yates
Kim	Ramstad	Young (FL)
King	Rangel	Zeliff
Kingston	Reed	

NAYS—78

Abercrombie	Gillmor	Payne (NJ)
Barcia	Gutierrez	Peterson (FL)
Becerra	Gutknecht	Pickett
Bonior	Hastings (FL)	Pomeroy
Borski	Hefley	Poshard
Brown (CA)	Hefner	Roybal-Allard
Brown (FL)	Heineman	Rush
Brown (OH)	Hilleary	Sabo
Clay	Hilliard	Scott
Clyburn	Hinchey	Skaggs
Coburn	Johnson, E. B.	Stockman
Coleman	Kennedy (RI)	Stokes
Collins (IL)	Latham	Tanner
Costello	Levin	Taylor (MS)
Dellums	Lewis (GA)	Thompson
Durbin	Longley	Velazquez
Engel	Maloney	Vento
Ensign	Markey	Visclosky
Evans	Martinez	Volkmer
Everett	McNulty	Waters
Flake	Menendez	Watt (NC)
Foglietta	Miller (CA)	Wise
Frank (MA)	Obey	Wolf
Frost	Olver	Woolsey
Furse	Orton	Wynn
Gephardt	Pallone	Zimmer

NOT VOTING—75

Ackerman	Graham	Myers
Baker (LA)	Green	Oberstar
Bentsen	Hall (OH)	Owens
Brewster	Harman	Parker
Bryant (TX)	Hayes	Pombo
Callahan	Herger	Porter
Calvert	Houghton	Quillen
Chambliss	Jacobs	Quinn
Chapman	Jefferson	Riggs
Chenoweth	Johnson, Sam	Ros-Lehtinen
Collins (MI)	Kaptur	Rose
Conyers	Kasich	Schaefer
Cramer	LaFalce	Schroeder
Crane	Lantos	Serrano
Cubin	LaTourette	Smith (TX)
DeFazio	Laughlin	Stark
Doolittle	Lincoln	Tauzin
Dornan	Lipinski	Torricelli
Edwards	Lofgren	Towns
Fattah	Manton	Waxman
Fazio	Manzullo	Weller
Fields (TX)	McCollum	Williams
Filner	McCrery	Wilson
Ford	Meek	Wyden
Gibbons	Mfume	Young (AK)

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

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 299, AMENDING HOUSE RULES TO PLACE LIMITATIONS ON COPYRIGHT ROYALTY INCOME FOR HOUSE MEMBERS, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 322, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 322

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the resolution (H. Res. 299) to amend the Rules of the House of Representatives regarding outside earned income. It shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider the motion to amend printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution only if offered by the chairman of the Committee on Rules. The resolution and the motion to amend shall be debatable for thirty minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Rules. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the motion to amend and on the resolution to its adoption without further intervening motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BE-REUTER). The gentleman from New York [Mr. SOLOMON] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, for the purposes of debate only, I yield 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. MOAKLEY], my very good friend, pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. Mr. Speaker, during consideration of the resolution, all time yielded is for debate purposes only.

(Mr. SOLOMON asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks, and include therein extraneous material.)