

CALL OF THE HOUSE

Mr. TAUZIN. Mr. Speaker, I move a call of the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. A quorum is not present.

A call of the House was ordered.

The call was taken by electronic device, and the following Members responded to their names:

[Roll No. 329]

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—421

Abercrombie	Cunningham	Hobson
Ackerman	Davis (AL)	Hoeffel
Aderholt	Davis (CA)	Hoekstra
Akin	Davis (FL)	Holden
Alexander	Davis (IL)	Holt
Allen	Davis (TN)	Honda
Andrews	Davis, Jo Ann	Hookey (OR)
Baca	Davis, Tom	Hostettler
Bachus	Deal (GA)	Houghton
Baird	DeFazio	Hoyer
Baker	DeGette	Hulshof
Baldwin	Delahunt	Hunter
Ballance	DeLauro	Hyde
Ballenger	DeLay	Insee
Barrett (SC)	DeMint	Isakson
Bartlett (MD)	Deutsch	Israel
Barton (TX)	Diaz-Balart, L.	Issa
Bass	Diaz-Balart, M.	Istook
Beauprez	Dicks	Jackson (IL)
Becerra	Dingell	Jackson-Lee
Bell	Doggett	(TX)
Bereuter	Doolittle	Janklow
Berkley	Doyle	Jefferson
Berry	Dreier	Jenkins
Biggart	Duncan	John
Bilirakis	Dunn	Johnson (CT)
Bishop (GA)	Edwards	Johnson (IL)
Bishop (NY)	Ehlers	Johnson, E. B.
Bishop (UT)	Emanuel	Johnson, Sam
Blackburn	Emerson	Jones (NC)
Blumenauer	Engel	Jones (OH)
Blunt	English	Kanjorski
Boehlert	Eshoo	Kaptur
Boehner	Etheridge	Keller
Bonilla	Evans	Kelly
Bonner	Everett	Kennedy (MN)
Bono	Farr	Kennedy (RI)
Boswell	Fattah	Kildee
Boucher	Feeney	Kilpatrick
Boyd	Ferguson	Kind
Bradley (NH)	Filner	King (IA)
Brady (PA)	Flake	King (NY)
Brady (TX)	Fletcher	Kingston
Brown (OH)	Foley	Kirk
Brown (SC)	Forbes	Kleczka
Brown, Corrine	Ford	Kline
Brown-Waite,	Fossella	Knollenberg
Ginny	Franks (AZ)	Kolbe
Burgess	Frelinghuysen	Kucinich
Burns	Frost	LaHood
Burr	Gallegly	Lampson
Burton (IN)	Garrett (NJ)	Langevin
Buyer	Gerlach	Lantos
Calvert	Gibbons	Larsen (WA)
Camp	Gilchrest	Larson (CT)
Cannon	Gillmor	Latham
Cantor	Gingrey	Leach
Capito	Gonzalez	Lee
Capps	Goode	Levin
Capuano	Goodlatte	Lewis (CA)
Cardin	Gordon	Lewis (GA)
Cardoza	Goss	Lewis (KY)
Carson (IN)	Granger	Linder
Carson (OK)	Graves	Lipinski
Carter	Green (TX)	LoBiondo
Case	Green (WI)	Lofgren
Castle	Greenwood	Lowe
Chabot	Grijalva	Lucas (KY)
Chocola	Gutierrez	Lucas (OK)
Clyburn	Gutknecht	Lynch
Coble	Hall	Majette
Cole	Harman	Maloney
Collins	Harris	Manzullo
Conyers	Hart	Markey
Cooper	Hastings (FL)	Marshall
Costello	Hastings (WA)	Matheson
Cox	Hayes	Matsui
Cramer	Hayworth	McCarthy (MO)
Crane	Hefley	McCarthy (NY)
Crenshaw	Hensarling	McCollum
Crowley	Herger	McCotter
Cubin	Hill	McCreery
Culberson	Hinchey	McDermott
Cummings	Hinojosa	McGovern

McHugh	Pomeroy	Smith (NJ)
McIntyre	Porter	Smith (TX)
McKeon	Portman	Snyder
McNulty	Price (NC)	Solis
Meehan	Pryce (OH)	Spratt
Meek (FL)	Putnam	Stearns
Meeks (NY)	Quinn	Stenholm
Menendez	Radanovich	Strickland
Mica	Rahall	Stupak
Michaud	Ramstad	Sullivan
Millender-	Rangel	Sweeney
McDonald	Regula	Tancredo
Miller (FL)	Rehberg	Tanner
Miller (MI)	Renzi	Tauscher
Miller (NC)	Reyes	Tauzin
Miller, Gary	Reynolds	Taylor (MS)
Miller, George	Rodriguez	Taylor (NC)
Mollohan	Rogers (AL)	Terry
Moore	Rogers (KY)	Thomas
Moran (KS)	Rogers (MI)	Thompson (CA)
Moran (VA)	Rohrabacher	Thompson (MS)
Murphy	Ros-Lehtinen	Thornberry
Murtha	Ross	Tiahrt
Musgrave	Rothman	Tiberi
Myrick	Roybal-Allard	Tierney
Nadler	Royce	Toomey
Napolitano	Ruppersberger	Towns
Neal (MA)	Rush	Turner (OH)
Nethercutt	Ryan (OH)	Turner (TX)
Neugebauer	Ryan (WI)	Udall (CO)
Ney	Ryun (KS)	Udall (NM)
Northup	Sabo	Upton
Norwood	Sanchez, Linda	Van Hollen
Nunes	T.	Velazquez
Nussle	Sanchez, Loretta	Visclosky
Oberstar	Sanders	Vitter
Obey	Sandlin	Walden (OR)
Olver	Saxton	Walsh
Ortiz	Schakowsky	Wamp
Osborne	Schiff	Waters
Ose	Schrock	Watson
Otter	Scott (GA)	Watt
Owens	Scott (VA)	Waxman
Oxley	Sensenbrenner	Weiner
Pallone	Serrano	Weldon (FL)
Pascarella	Sessions	Weldon (PA)
Pastor	Shadegg	Weller
Paul	Shaw	Wexler
Payne	Shays	Whitfield
Pearce	Sherman	Wicker
Pelosi	Sherwood	Wilson (NM)
Pence	Shimkus	Wilson (SC)
Peterson (MN)	Shuster	Wolf
Peterson (PA)	Simmons	Woolsey
Petri	Simpson	Wu
Pitts	Skelton	Wynn
Platts	Slaughter	Young (AK)
Pombo	Smith (MI)	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington) (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. On this rollcall, 421 Members have recorded their presence by electronic device, a quorum.

Under the rule, further proceedings under the call are dispensed with.

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2003

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Michigan (Mr. DINGELL) is recognized.

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I yield the balance of my time to the distinguished gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. BERRY).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Arkansas is recognized for 2 minutes.

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, we are here this evening on a very serious matter. It can literally mean life or death for many of our elderly citizens. Our great Nation was founded, and has

so far been successful, based on the self-evident truth in the Declaration of Independence that all men are created equal. They are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, and that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Mr. Speaker, these founding truths were followed by a firm commitment from our Founding Fathers, the last sentence in the Declaration of Independence. It says: In support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.

Mr. Speaker, I think that those men would be heartbroken to see what happens here this evening. As I said earlier, the Republicans are in charge. We recognize that. You can do what you want to do. You do, and I give you credit, for publicly acknowledging that you want to destroy Medicare. You do, and I give you credit, for some of your leaders publicly acknowledging that you would put us into bankruptcy just so we can make the government smaller, so we can do away with certain social programs that you do not like. And I give you credit for that. In fact, I think some of you, and I have seen it, have publicly proclaimed you are proud of it.

My dilemma is, why would you want to do what you are trying to do tonight to the greatest generation, the men and women that went through the Depression, fought World War II, and then built this great Nation into what it is today and turned it over to my generation?

I had a cute little remark in there, but I am not going to use it because I think this is far too serious, this business we take up this evening. A government should not make poor people poorer, rich people richer. It should not create a situation where no one has to be responsible, and it should not make it possible for a person or group of persons to be able to take advantage of others because of an act of that government.

If you do what you are talking about doing, you will make that exact thing possible. You will make it possible for insurance companies and pharmaceutical companies to rob the senior citizens of this country.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Connecticut (Mrs. JOHNSON) is recognized.

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I yield the balance of my time to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY), the majority leader.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I want to commend all those that have worked so hard on probably the most important issue that most of us will vote on in our career. There is very few times that you are going to have a vote like this.