

same ones that have succeeded in passing three budgets now in the last 3 years that have given this country the largest fiscal deficits in the history of our country. They are the same ones that are arguing now that pay-as-you-go should only include spending, not revenue. But they are the ones also that should accept the responsibility for their ideas, having, as I said, given this country the largest amount of fiscal deficits in the history of our country.

We borrowed \$1 trillion in the last 2½ years. We are going to borrow another trillion dollars in the next year and a half. And yet they argue, and will argue this afternoon on the motion to recommit, that we should only include spending.

Well, the pay-as-you-go resolution that I supported, and it was in the Blue Dog budget, was in the Democratic party alternative, was put everything on the table. If you want to spend more for any purpose, then you have to cut spending somewhere else. If you want to cut taxes, then you have got to cut spending somewhere to make room for them or raise taxes in some other area that will be more proficient, more efficient, and accomplish what needs to be done for the job creation in this country but also for getting our fiscal house in order.

We are not going to wish deficits away. We can argue about this, and we did last week. We can argue about what trade policy we should have. But one thing we cannot argue about, and no one does argue about, is the baby boom generation reaching age 62 in 2008, 65 in 2011, 67 in 2013. That is when the greatest economic pressure that this country has ever known is going to hit us, and that is why it is so important for this Congress and this administration to get real about fiscal responsibility.

Philosophy alone will not cut it. To those that argue that cutting taxes was going to produce more revenue, it didn't. It did not. It came up over \$100 billion short. Those of us that believe in pay-as-you-go say that when you advocate a policy, whether it be spending or revenue, and it does not do what you said it was going to do, then you should step up to the plate and pay for it. But, no, those who argue on the other side say we are not going to ask those fortunate to be alive today to pay for it, we are going to send the bill to our grandchildren. We are going to send the bill to them because they cannot vote in November.

Pay-as-you-go is a pretty simple philosophy. Every family in the United States has to adopt pay-as-you-go. Most families do not have the luxury, in fact, they would not even think about one of the solutions to the family problems is to reduce mom's or dad's paycheck and yet reduce that paycheck and live within that means. One would not think about doing that, but that is what the leadership of this House is suggesting. That is what they did even though a very large, I think

plurality, maybe majority on the other side of the aisle agrees with those of us that says pay-as-you-go is something that should be part of the budget resolution, and it should be implemented, and it should be implemented with everything on the table.

That is what the motion to instruct conferees tomorrow will be about, and I would encourage my colleagues, both sides of the aisle, to vote for it and put some muscle into the speechifying on budgets in this body.

NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR CONDOLEEZZA RICE SHOULD TESTIFY BEFORE THE 9/11 COM- MISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 20, 2004, the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice should testify before the 9/11 Commission. She can no longer hide behind the right of executive privilege. Both she and the President should waive their rights to executive privilege in this case. The executive privilege can still be preserved for President Bush and for future presidents in other matters.

There are few matters in our Nation's experience as sobering as the tragic terrorist attack of 9/11. It was the worst homeland attack on our security since Pearl Harbor, and we need a full accounting from the administration about what happened prior to 9/11.

The National Security Advisor has tried to have it both ways. She has commented on the proceedings of the Commission to the press, she has questioned the evidence presented to the Commission, and challenged the integrity of the witnesses testifying under oath, but she refuses to testify in public under oath to the Commission and to the families about what she knew about the events leading up to 9/11, about our efforts to stop terrorism, about our efforts to protect our national security.

The families and the Nation need to know and want to know what exactly happened prior to 9/11. We need Mrs. Rice's testimony under oath to reach a full accounting, especially since she is now from the sidelines publicly contradicting evidence and testimony presented to the Commission.

If Condoleezza Rice has another version of the events and facts, she must come forward and present them to the Nation under oath. Congress, the families, and the public deserve no less.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 55 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BOOZMAN) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, as soon as we call You "God with us," we realize Your covenant reenacted. You have committed Yourself to be in solidarity, "God with us." You wish to share our joys and pains, defend and protect us. You raise up from within us laments, shouts of praise, and hymns of constancy.

We will never truly know You, Lord God, as a compassionate God until we see You and know Your presence in the midst of our daily grind, at the bottom of our deepest longings, and as the sustaining strength in overwhelming trials.

You have chosen to be with us and love us with all our limitations as a people and as a Nation. So we rejoice in You now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CARTER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CARTER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2241. An act to reauthorize certain school lunch and child nutrition programs through June 30, 2004.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 26, 2004.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of

the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on March 26, 2004 at 9:10 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3926.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HON.
NANCY PELOSI, DEMOCRATIC
LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Democratic Leader:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER,
March 26, 2004.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to (10 U.S.C. 111 note) I hereby appoint retired Army Lt. General H.G. (Pete) Taylor, to the Commission On The Review Of The Overseas Military Facility Structure Of The United States.

Best regards,

NANCY PELOSI.

LIBYA RESPECTS AMERICA'S
INITIATIVES

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, in the global war on terrorism, it is reassuring that President George W. Bush is keeping focused on winning the war which was forced on America by the murderous attacks of September 11.

In the midst of Monday morning quarterbacking, we should see the facts of success: the Afghan and Iraqi dictatorships which supported terrorism have met regime change. An emboldened Pakistan has 70,000 troops uprooting terrorists on the border of Afghanistan, and Libya has abandoned its banned weapons programs.

Libya has seen the light. It is reassuring to learn from Thursday's Washington Post that the Libyan dictator's son Saif Islam Qaddafi has made the case for peace and freedom clear to other Arab countries: "Instead of shouting and criticizing the American initiative, you have to bring democracy to your countries, and then there will be no need to fear America or your people."

In conclusion, God bless our troops. We will never forget September 11.

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

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

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, last week I met with the Esperanza Senior Citizen Club in City Terrace in East Los Angeles to discuss the new Medicare pre-

scription drug law enacted last year. The seniors there had many, many questions. They asked me how the law will affect them and will it provide affordable drugs. Unfortunately, I had to tell them that the law does nothing to lower the cost of prescription drugs. In fact, I told them that it prohibits the Secretary of Health and Human Services from negotiating lower prices. They were star struck. They could not believe that that is what we had passed here in the Congress.

In short, the law increases profits for big pharmaceutical companies and fails to protect seniors. The Esperanza Senior Club was shocked when they learned the truth about the new law because they felt that Congress had abandoned them. They told me to go back to Washington and they told me to renegotiate, to open up a discussion on that piece of legislation, because for them and the district that I represent, still they are not able to afford their drugs, their medications; and they want choices. They wanted to know if they were going to have the same physician caring for them in the HMOs.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

UTROK ATOLL VESSEL
CONVEYANCE

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 2584) to provide for the conveyance to the Utrok Atoll local government of a decommissioned National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

Senate amendments:

(1) Page 2, after line 17, insert:

(c) *Within 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Utrok Atoll local government, in consultation with the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, shall submit a plan for the use of the vessel to be conveyed under subsection (a) to the House of Representatives Committee on Resources, the House of Representatives Committee on Science, the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.*

(2) Page 4, after line 6, insert:

SEC. 305. REBUILDING FISH STOCKS.

Section 105 of division H of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004, is repealed.

(3) Page 4, after line 6, insert:

**TITLE IV—PACIFIC ALBACORE TUNA
TREATY**

SEC. 401. IMPLEMENTATION.

(a) *IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 201, 204, or 307(2) of*

the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1821, 1824, and 1857(2)), foreign fishing may be conducted pursuant to the Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada on Pacific Coast Albacore Tuna Vessels and Port Privileges, signed at Washington May 26, 1981, including its Annexes and any amendments thereto.

(b) **REGULATIONS.**—*The Secretary of Commerce, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, may—*

(1) *promulgate regulations necessary to discharge the obligations of the United States under the Treaty and its Annexes; and*

(2) *provide for the application of any such regulation to any person or vessel subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, wherever that person or vessel may be located.*

(c) **ENFORCEMENT.**—

(1) *IN GENERAL.—The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.) shall be enforced as if subsection (a) were a provision of that Act. Any reference in the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.) to "this Act" or to any provision of that Act, shall be considered to be a reference to that Act as it would be in effect if subsection (a) were a provision of that Act.*

(2) **REGULATIONS.**—*The regulations promulgated under subsection (b), shall be enforced as if—*

(A) *subsection (a) were a provision of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.); and*

(B) *the regulations were promulgated under that Act.*

**SEC. 402. SOUTH PACIFIC TUNA TREATY ACT
AMENDMENT.**

Section 6 of the South Pacific Tuna Act of 1988 (16 U.S.C. 973d(a)) is amended by striking "outside of the 200 nautical mile fisheries zones of the Pacific Island Parties." and inserting "or to fishing by vessels using the longline method in the high seas areas of the Treaty area."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. GILCHREST) and the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. GILCHREST).

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

H.R. 2584 passed the House on November 11, 2003, by voice vote. The bill, as passed by the House, included a number of important provisions including the transfer of a decommissioned NOAA vessel to the local government of the Utrok Atoll, the reauthorization of the Yukon River Salmon Act of 2000, the reauthorization of the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967, and a provision to correct and ratify certain provisions within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Corps.

The Senate has made several additions to the legislation which make it a stronger conservation measure. These additions include language to implement the Pacific Albacore Tuna Treaty, a measure which will help ensure the sustainable conservation and management of the albacore tuna fishery shared by the United States and Canada; and language to allow certain U.S. fishing vessels access to South Pacific tuna stocks consistent with revisions to the 1988 South Pacific Tuna