

Christianity what you say not what you do. If you are going to talk the talk, you must walk the walk. And the Republicans today are not walking with the poorest among us.

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, we have worked our way through Dickens, Dr. Seuss, and the entire New Testament. I wait to see what else awaits us.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield the balance of my time to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI), the minority leader.

Ms. PELOSI. I thank the gentlewoman from New York for yielding me this time and for her eloquent presentation of this rule against this terrible, terrible, as the Congresswoman from Florida said, shameful bill.

I want to also pay tribute to Mr. SPRATT of South Carolina, our ranking member on the Budget Committee, as I rise in opposition to this rule and in opposition to this bill. Mr. SPRATT, anybody in our country who cares about fairness, about opportunity, about responsibility, about community is enormously in your debt for the values budget that you put forth and the great and excellent work that you do on behalf of the American people. Thank you, Mr. SPRATT.

Mr. SPRATT called me earlier this evening and told me, well, actually it was earlier this morning, and he told me he had just received the budget bill, 700 pages. Now, we all know one thing for sure. No one in this Congress has read that bill. So later, in just a short while, we will be voting on a bill that no one has read. But we do know certain things about it that make it very objectionable, not just to us but to the religious community in America.

Mr. Speaker, "Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat, please to put a penny in the old man's hat. If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do. If you haven't got a ha'penny, God bless you."

With this budget bill, the special interest goose is getting very, very fat. Do we say God bless you with this budget when Congress leaves here without passing a budget which comes close to meeting the needs of America's families who are struggling to pay their home heating bills and pay the price at the pump? This same Congress gave obscene subsidies to oil companies that are making historic profits this year; yet we give a small token to America's families to help pay the bills to those oil companies.

Do we say God bless you with this budget when we leave here without extending the time that our seniors need to understand the befuddling prescription drug bill that has been handed to them with a time limit? Democrats have a better idea of extending the time for seniors and lowering the cost of prescription drugs. But, no, the pharmaceutical and health industry goose is getting fat off this Congress at the expense of America's seniors.

And, really, what is so sad about it is that when it comes to meeting the needs of our young people and opportu-

nities for them, we do not say God bless you, we say to them we are adding \$5,800 more to those who use student loans. How could that be right while at the same time we give tax cuts to those making over \$1 million a year; and at the same, at the same time we are growing the deficit and heaping mountains of debt onto those same young people?

Mr. OBEY calls this Scroogenomics. Scroogenomics. But, really, associating Scrooge with this Republican budget gives Scrooge a bad name. He saw the evil of his ways, Scrooge did. These Republicans are so blinded by the greed of their special interest friends that they are stuck in their cruel ways.

That is why leaders of every religious denomination have prayed in this rotunda, have prayed in churches across America, and as recently as a couple of days ago were arrested, over 100 of them and their representatives on the steps of the Cannon Building, to protest this budget.

Religious denominations prayed and lobbied Congress that Congress would do the right thing. They said that they were drawing a moral line in the sand against this budget. Democrats joined them in drawing that line in the sand between a Republican government of the privileged few instead of the government of the many, which is the American way.

Mr. Speaker, I associate myself with the remarks of the gentlewoman from Florida when she says, shame on you. It is shameful that this Congress will adjourn passing this immoral budget, meeting the greeds of the special interest friends of the Republicans instead, again, as I said, of the needs of the American people.

Mr. Speaker, as we leave for this Christmas recess, let us say God bless you to the American people by voting against this Republican budget statement of injustice and immorality. And let us not let the special interest goose get fat at the expense of America's children.

The gentleman from Washington State (Mr. MCDERMOTT) quoted the prophet Isaiah. My favorite saying from Isaiah is when he said: "To minister to the needs of God's creation is an act of worship. To ignore those needs is to dishonor the God who made us."

Let us vote "no" on this budget as an act of worship and for America's children.

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, obviously, I came prepared for the wrong debate. I brought the good economic news that is being told and shared and being invested all across this great land. Productivity numbers up, unemployment at 5 percent, nearly full employment for the country. RECORD numbers. Robust GDP growth quarter after quarter after quarter. The news that important reforms to Medicaid and Medicare will be moving forward, allowing those programs to continue to

grow at, in some cases, double the rate of inflation, double the rate of the CPI that most people use as their common benchmark. And the news that there is a record amount of money into LIHEAP.

We brought those facts and figures to a debate that was about deficit reduction, that was about the future of America. The other side brought Dr. Seuss. The other side brought Dickens and nursery rhymes and enough theology to field an old-time revival, but to do nothing about the fiscal health of this country; to do nothing about the fact that if we move forward with their Dickens economic plan, that if we move forward with their Dr. Seuss approach to economics that two-thirds of the Federal budget will be on autopilot; that if we move forward with their plan, these programs will continue to have the inefficiencies and the waste and the fraud that makes for an unresponsive, unreactive government that confiscates people's money and then does not even invest it back into a program that serves the very people who need it the most.

That is the crime in this, Mr. Speaker, that we have a thoughtful, long-term plan for the fiscal health of this country, something that future generations will say marked the turning point, the first reconciliation bill, the first real attempt at deficit reduction since 1997 to turn that ship of state toward a brighter tomorrow. It cannot be summed up in some cute little nursery rhyme. It is important stuff. Sometimes it is dry stuff; sometimes it is dull stuff. But, by golly, it is important.

It is important to each and every American because it impacts how much money their government takes from them and how wisely that government uses that money for the needs of its people.

□ 0330

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H. Res. 639 and H. Res. 640.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

conference report to accompany H.R. 1815;

adoption of H. Res. 639;
suspending the rules with respect to H. Con. Res. 284.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1815, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question on adoption of the conference report on H.R. 1815 on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The question is on the conference report.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 374, nays 41, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 665]

YEAS—374

Abercrombie Carson
Ackerman Carter
Aderholt Case
Akin Castle
Alexander Chabot
Allen Chandler
Andrews Chocola
Bachus Cleaver
Baker Clyburn
Barrett (SC) Coble
Barrow Cole (OK)
Bartlett (MD) Conaway
Barton (TX) Cooper
Bass Costa
Bean Costello
Beauprez Cramer
Becerra Crenshaw
Berkley Crowley
Berman Cubin
Berry Cuellar
Biggart Culberson
Bilirakis Cummings
Bishop (GA) Davis (AL)
Bishop (NY) Davis (CA)
Bishop (UT) Davis (FL)
Blackburn Davis (KY)
Blunt Davis (TN)
Boehrlert Davis, Tom
Boehner Deal (GA)
Bonilla DeFazio
Bonner DeGette
Bono Delahunt
Boozman DeLauro
Boren DeLay
Boswell Dent
Boucher Diaz-Balart, L.
Boustany Diaz-Balart, M.
Boyd Dicks
Bradley (NH) Dingell
Brady (PA) Doggett
Brady (TX) Doolittle
Brown (OH) Doyle
Brown (SC) Drake
Brown, Corrine Dreier
Brown-Waite, Ginny
Burgess Ehlers
Burton (IN) Emerson
Butterfield Engel
Buyer English (PA)
Calvert Eshoo
Camp (MI) Etheridge
Campbell (CA) Evans
Cannon Everrett
Cantor Farr
Capito Fattah
Capps Feeney
Capuano Ferguson
Cardin Fitzpatrick (PA)
Cardoza Flake
Carnahan Foley

Kelly
Kennedy (MN)
Kennedy (RI)
Kildee
Kind
King (IA)
King (NY)
Kingston
Kirk
Kline
Knollenberg
Kuhl (NY)
LaHood
Langevin
Lantos
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Latham
LaTourette
Leach
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Lipinski
LoBiondo
Lofgren, Zoe
Lowe
Lucas
Lungren, Daniel E.
Lynch
Mack
Maloney
Manzullo
Marchant
Marshall
Matheson
Matsui
McCarthy
McCaul (TX)
McCormack (MN)
McCotter
McCrery
McHenry
McHugh
McIntyre
McKeon
McMorris
Meehan
Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)
Melancon
Menendez
Mica
Michaud
Millender-
McDonald
Miller (FL)
Miller (MI)
Miller (NC)
Mollohan
Schiff
Schmidt
Moore (KS)
Moore (WI)
Moran (KS)
Moran (VA)

NAYS—41

Baird
Baldwin
Blumenauer
Conyers
Davis (IL)
Filner
Frank (MA)
Grijalva
Hastings (FL)
Hinchey
Jackson (IL)
Jones (OH)
Kilpatrick (MI)
Kucinich

NOT VOTING—19

Baca
Clay
Davis, Jo Ann
Emanuel
Gutierrez
Harman
Hefley

□ 0401

Messrs. RUSH, GEORGE MILLER of California, TIERNEY, and Mrs. JONES of Ohio changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Scott (VA)
Sensenbrenner
Sessions
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Sherman
Sherwood
Shimkus
Shuster
Simmons
Simpson
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Snyder
Sodrel
Souder
Spratt
Stearns
Strickland
Stupak
Sullivan
Sweeney
Tancredo
Tanner
Tauscher
Taylor (MS)
Taylor (NC)
Terry
Thomas
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Thornberry
Tiahrt
Tiberi
Turner
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Upton
Van Hollen
Walden (OR)
Walsh
Wamp
Wasserman
Schultz
Waxman
Weiner
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
Westmoreland
Wexler
Whitfield
Wicker
Wilson (NM)
Wilson (SC)
Wolf
Wu
Wynn
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

Rangel
Rush
Schakowsky
Serrano
Solis
Stark
Tierney
Towns
Velázquez
Waters
Watson
Watt
Woolsey

Myrick
Price (GA)
Radanovich
Reyes
Roybal-Allard

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, and Messrs. DELAHUNT, DOGGETT, and DINGELL changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST, CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2863, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The pending business is the vote on adoption of House Resolution 639 on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 214, nays 201, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 666]

YEAS—214

Aderholt
Akin
Alexander
Bachus
Baker
Barrett (SC)
Barton (TX)
Beauprez
Bilirakis
Bishop (GA)
Bishop (UT)
Blackburn
Blunt
Boehner
Bonilla
Bonner
Bono
Boren
Boswell
Boucher
Boustany
Boyd
Bradley (NH)
Brady (PA)
Brady (TX)
Brown (OH)
Brown (SC)
Brown, Corrine
Brown-Waite, Ginny
Burgess
Burton (IN)
Buyer
Calvert
Camp (MI)
Campbell (CA)
Cannon
Cantor
Capito
Capps
Capuano
Cardin
Cardoza
Carnahan

Doyle
Drake
Dreier
Duncan
Emerson
English (PA)
Everett
Feeney
Ferguson
Flake
Foley
Forbes
Fortenberry
Fossella
Foxy
Franks (AZ)
Frelinghuysen
Gallegly
Garrett (NJ)
Gibbons
Gillmor
Gingrey
Gohmert
Goode
Goodlatte
Granger
Graves
Green (WI)
Green, Gene
Gutknecht
Hall
Harris
Hastert
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Hayworth
Hensarling
Herger
Hobson
Hoekstra
Holden
Hulshof
Hunter
Issa
Jackson-Lee (TX)
Jefferson
Jenkins
Jindal
Johnson (CT)
Johnson (IL)
Johnson, E. B.
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Keller

Kirk
Kline
Knollenberg
Kuhl (NY)
LaHood
Latham
LaTourette
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Lucas
Lungren, Daniel E.
Mack
Manzullo
Marchant
McCaul (TX)
McCotter
McCrery
McHenry
McHugh
McKeon
McMorris
Melancon
Mica
Miller (FL)
Miller (MI)
Mollohan
Moran (KS)
Murphy
Murtha
Musgrave
Neugebauer
Ney
Northup
Norwood
Nunes
Nussle
Ortiz
Otter
Oxley
Pascrell
Paul
Pearce
Pence
Peterson (PA)
Petri
Pickering
Pitts
Poe
Pombo
Porter
Pryce (OH)
Putnam
Regula