

NOT VOTING—17

Aderholt Gallegly Radanovich
 Burton (IN) Hinojosa Ryan (OH)
 Buyer Johnson, Sam Shimkus
 Calvert McCaul (TX) Sullivan
 Davis (AL) Norwood Wexler
 Deal (GA) Pryce (OH)

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So (two-thirds of those being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COMMENDING THE BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY BRONCOS FOR WINNING THE 2007 FIESTA BOWL AND COMPLETING AN UNDEFEATED SEASON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 43.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PAYNE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 43, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 415, nays 0, answered “present” 2, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 26]
 YEAS—415

Abercrombie Brady (TX) Culberson
 Ackerman Braley (IA) Cummings
 Akin Brown (SC) Davis (CA)
 Alexander Brown, Corrine Davis (IL)
 Allen Brown-Waite, Davis (KY)
 Altmire Ginny Davis, David
 Andrews Buchanan Davis, Jo Ann
 Arcuri Burgess Davis, Lincoln
 Baca Butterfield Davis, Tom
 Bachmann Camp (MI) DeFazio
 Bachus Campbell (CA) DeGette
 Baird Cannon Delahunt
 Baker Cantor DeLauro
 Baldwin Capito Dent
 Barrett (SC) Capps Diaz-Balart, M.
 Barrow Capuano Dicks
 Bartlett (MD) Cardoza Dingell
 Barton (TX) Carnahan Doggett
 Bean Carney Donnelly
 Becerra Carson Doolittle
 Berkley Carter Doyle
 Berman Castle Drake
 Berry Castor Dreier
 Biggert Chabot Duncan
 Bilbray Chandler Edwards
 Billirakis Clarke Ehlers
 Bishop (GA) Clay Ellison
 Bishop (NY) Cleaver Ellsworth
 Bishop (UT) Lamanuel Emanuel
 Blackburn Coble Emerson
 Blumenauer Cohen Engel
 Blunt Cole (OK) English (PA)
 Boehner Conaway Eshoo
 Bonner Conyers Etheridge
 Bono Cooper Everett
 Boozman Costa Fallon
 Boren Costello Farr
 Boswell Courtney Fattah
 Boucher Cramer Feeney
 Boustany Crenshaw Ferguson
 Boyd (FL) Crowley Filner
 Boyda (KS) Cubin Flake
 Brady (PA) Cuellar Forbes

Fortenberry Loeb sack
 Fossella Lofgren, Zoe
 Foxx Lowey
 Frank (MA) Lucas
 Franks (AZ) Lungren, Daniel
 Frelinghuysen E.
 Garrett (NJ) Lynch
 Gerlach Mack
 Giffords Mahoney (FL)
 Gilchrest Maloney (NY)
 Gillibrand Manullo
 Gillmor Marchant
 Gingrey Markey
 Gohmert Marshall
 Gonzalez Matheson
 Goode Matsui
 Goodlatte McCarthy (CA)
 Gordon McCarthy (NY)
 Granger McCollum (MN)
 Graves McCotter
 Green, Al McCrery
 Green, Gene McDermott
 Grijalva McGovern
 Gutierrez McHenry
 Hall (NY) McHugh
 Hall (TX) McIntyre
 Hare McKeon
 Harman McMorris
 Hastert Rodgers
 Hastings (FL) McNerney
 Hastings (WA) McNulty
 Hayes Meehan
 Heller Meek (FL)
 Hensarling Meeks (NY)
 Herger Melancon
 Herseth Mica
 Higgins Michaud
 Hill Millender
 Hinchey McDonald
 Hirono Miller (FL)
 Hobson Miller (MI)
 Hodes Miller (NC)
 Hoekstra Miller, Gary
 Holden Miller, George
 Holt Mitchell
 Honda Mollohan
 Hooley Moore (KS)
 Hoyer Moore (WI)
 Hulshof Moran (KS)
 Hunter Moran (VA)
 Inglis (SC) Murphy (CT)
 Inslee Murphy, Patrick
 Israel Murphy, Tim
 Issa Murtha
 Jackson (IL) Musgrave
 Jackson-Lee Myrick
 (TX) Nadler
 Jefferson Napolitano
 Jindal Neal (MA)
 Johnson (GA) Neugebauer
 Johnson (IL) Nunes
 Johnson, E. B. Oberstar
 Jones (NC) Obey
 Jones (OH) Olver
 Jordan Ortiz
 Kagen Pallone
 Kanjorski Pascarell
 Kaptur Pastor
 Keller Paul
 Kennedy Payne
 Kildee Pearce
 Kilpatrick Pelosi
 Kind Pence
 King (IA) Perlmutter
 King (NY) Peterson (MN)
 Kingston Peterson (PA)
 Kirk Petri
 Klein (FL) Pickering
 Kline (MN) Pitts
 Knollenberg Platts
 Kucinich Poe
 Kuhl (NY) Pomeroy
 LaHood Porter
 Lamborn Price (GA)
 Lampson Price (NC)
 Langevin Putnam
 Lantos Rahall
 Larsen (WA) Ramstad
 Larson (CT) Rangel
 Latham Regula
 LaTourette Rehberg
 Lee Reichert
 Levin Renzi
 Lewis (CA) Reyes
 Lewis (GA) Reynolds
 Lewis (KY) Rodriguez
 Lipinski Rogers (AL)
 LoBiondo Rogers (KY)

Rogers (MI) Rohrabacher
 Ros-Lehtinen Linder
 Roskam Stark
 Ross
 Rothman
 Roybal-Allard
 Royce
 Ruppertsberger
 Rush
 Ryan (WI)
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 Sanchez, Linda
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 Sanchez, Loretta
 Sarbanes
 Saxton
 Schakowsky
 Schiff
 Schmidt
 Schwartz
 Scott (GA)
 Scott (VA)
 Sensenbrenner
 Serrano
 Sessions
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 Shadegg
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 Shea-Porter
 Sherman
 Shuler
 Shuster
 Simpson
 Sires
 Skelton
 Slaughter
 Smith (NE)
 Smith (NJ)
 Smith (TX)
 Smith (WA)
 Snyder
 Solis
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 Spratt
 Stearns
 Stupak
 Sutton
 Tancredo
 Tanner
 Tauscher
 Taylor
 Terry
 Thompson (CA)
 Thompson (MS)
 Thornberry
 Tiahrt
 Tiberi
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 Turner
 Udall (CO)
 Udall (NM)
 Upton
 Van Hollen
 Velázquez
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 Walberg
 Walden (OR)
 Walsh (NY)
 Walz (MN)
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 Waters
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 Welch (VT)
 Weldon (FL)
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 Young (AK)
 Young (FL)

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—2

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So (two-thirds of those being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I was absent from votes today, January 16, 2007, due to a memorial service in Ohio. As a result, I was not recorded for a series of votes. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on rollcalls 24, 25, and 26.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to my leave of absence, I am submitting for the RECORD how I would have voted if I had been present earlier today.

I would have voted “aye” on all suspension measures put to the House for a rollcall vote which are as follows:

Rollcall No. 24 “aye”—H. Res. 61—observing and celebrating the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. Rollcall No. 25 “aye”—H. Res. 39—Commending the University of Florida Gators for their victory in the 2006 BCS. Rollcall No. 26 “aye”—H. Res. 43—Commending the Boise State University Broncos football team for winning the 2007 Fiesta Bowl and Completing an undefeated season.

STATE OF EMERGENCY IN OKLAHOMA

(Mr. BOREN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BOREN. Mr. Speaker, I bring some bad news from my home State of Oklahoma. We are facing a terrible ice storm in the eastern portion of our State, the Second Congressional District. We have had many homes without power. We have had trees fall over. We have had individuals lose their life.

So I would like the record to reflect that I am not going to be here tomorrow because I think it is more important that I be with my constituents. The Governor of the State of Oklahoma, Brad Henry, is also going to be touring the damage with me. And I would like the record to reflect that if I were here in this Chamber, I would have voted “aye” in regards to the cost savings for our college students here in the Congress.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 6

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I be removed

as cosponsor of H.R. 6. My name was listed inadvertently as a cosponsor.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 6

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Tennessee Mr. JOHN TANNER's name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 6.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from West Virginia?

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

INVESTING IN AMERICA'S FUTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. McDERMOTT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, we will invest in America's future tomorrow by making college more affordable and accessible for over 5 million Americans. We are going to cut the interest rate in half over the next 5 years for undergraduates with subsidized student loans. Interest on those loans will drop from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent over the next 4 years.

Investing in America's future is long overdue. Now, the question is: Who benefits? Ordinary Americans, that is who. This legislation will help low- and middle-income Americans who rely on subsidized loans to make college a reality. It gives them a real shot at the American Dream.

We know that an undergraduate college degree is a minimum education requirement for participating in the hope and opportunity of the 21st century. We also know that our sons and daughters have been forced to take on significant debt in recent years to pursue that college degree. In the last 5 years, undergraduate students and their families have seen tuition and fees rise over 40 percent at public universities after inflation. At the same time, the cost of borrowing money has gone up by 2 percent.

It is a debt load that is forcing talented young Americans to pass up a

college education and America cannot afford to let that happen. Americans with an undergraduate degree earn much more on average than Americans without one. In 2005, the average earnings of someone with a college degree was 60 percent more than someone with only a high school degree. In today's dollars, we are talking about \$37,000 versus \$67,000 for a college graduate.

And there is every reason to believe this income gap will widen in coming years. Making college more affordable and accessible gives more of our children and grandchildren access to a better life, and those economic benefits ripple through the entire economy.

I represent Seattle, a city where technological innovation is a daily ingredient of our local economy, from Boeing to Microsoft, through a thousand start-ups. These companies need an educated workforce to succeed. Like it or not, we are competing in a global economy, and Americans deserve every fair advantage.

A college education is one of the best advantages, and it isn't just about making money. With a college degree, students have more careers to choose from. In other words, a college degree is a key that can unlock your own personal happiness. Imagine working at something you want to do every day instead of something you have to do.

Today, too many promising young Americans are not going to college because it costs too much, not because they do not have the ability to succeed. And we know there are racial and gender disparities that make it imperative for us as a Nation to make college more affordable, accessible, and available.

For those who do go to college, the typical student graduates over \$17,000 in debt. So we are making a downpayment in this bill on America's future by cutting the interest rate on subsidized student loans, and we would be wise as a Nation to do more.

Today, the United States accounts for 14 percent of the world's college graduates. That is just half of the percentage we accounted for 30 years ago. In other words, knowledge is power, and other nations have dramatically stepped up their efforts.

A few months ago, the nonpartisan National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education released a new report that ranks the United States 16 among the 27 industrialized nations in the world for the number of students who complete a college education or advanced certificate degree. The data in the report also suggests there is a shortage of college-educated young Americans ready to take over as the college-trained baby boomers retire. We could be as much as 15 million college graduates short in just over a decade. That would be completely unacceptable in the United States of America.

Cutting interest rates in half on subsidized student loans is a start, but it is just that. It is just a beginning. We

need to find other ways to invest in America's future by investing in America's future generation. We say it over and over again, that children are our future. This is an opportunity to put in law the fact that we mean business. The 21st century will require nothing less.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. ADERHOLT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. ADERHOLT addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

SPECIALIST RYAN BERG—TEXAS SOLDIER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, last Wednesday, January 10, 2007, the flag flew at half mast in the small coastal town of Sabine Pass, Texas. The neighbors had learned of the sacrifice of their hometown son, Specialist Ryan Berg, who was 19. He was fighting the war in the land of Iraq.

Army Specialist Ryan Berg was an American soldier. When others his age were talking about going to college or working in the nearby refineries, Ryan went to the local Army recruiter's office on his 18th birthday and joined the United States Army, knowing America was at war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He was proud to be an American, and Ryan chose to serve his Nation. He wanted to make a difference by being an American soldier. Ryan Berg had spent his entire life in Sabine Pass, Texas, and he knew everybody in town. Ryan always planned on returning to his home to live and raise a family after he finished his duty with the United States Army and for America.

Like his mother and his father, Ryan attended and graduated from Sabine Pass School. The Sabine Pass School has all the grades in just one building. Ryan played football, basketball, and golf. Childhood friends of Ryan knew him as an outgoing and friendly guy. One of his friends said, "There wasn't anything or anyone he didn't like, and everybody liked him." He was a gentleman who always helped others who needed it in Sabine Pass.

Ryan knew his calling after high school was to join the United States Army. He simply wanted to protect his country, like he had protected those he knew and loved all his life. He was stationed in Fort Hood, Texas. Ryan met his wife, Katy, in September of 2006, just a few months ago. The young newly wed couple soon received the news that Ryan, like so many others before him, would be sent to the desert sands of Iraq.

He was deployed to Iraq on October 4, 2006, and he was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, Alpha Section, 3rd Platoon.