

Denham	King (IA)	Ribble
Dent	King (NY)	Richmond
DesJarlais	Kingston	Rigell
Diaz-Balart	Kinzinger (IL)	Rivera
Donnelly (IN)	Kissell	Roby
Dreier	Kline	Roe (TN)
Duffy	Labrador	Rogers (AL)
Duncan (SC)	Lamborn	Rogers (KY)
Duncan (TN)	Lance	Rogers (MI)
Ellmers	Landry	Rohrabacher
Emerson	Lankford	Rokita
Farenthold	Latham	Rooney
Fitzpatrick	LaTourette	Ros-Lehtinen
Flake	Latta	Roskam
Fleischmann	Lewis (CA)	Ross (AR)
Fleming	Lipinski	Ross (FL)
Fiorio	LoBiondo	Royce
Forbes	Loebsock	Ryunyan
Fortenberry	Long	Ryan (OH)
Fox	Lucas	Ryan (WI)
Franks (AZ)	Luetkemeyer	Scalise
Frelinghuysen	Lummis	Schilling
Gallely	Lungren, Daniel	Schmidt
Garamendi	E.	Schock
Gardner	Mack	Schrader
Garrett	Manzullo	Schweikert
Gerlach	Marchant	Scott (SC)
Gibbs	Matheson	Scott, Austin
Gibson	McCarthy (CA)	Sensenbrenner
Gingrey (GA)	McCaul	Sessions
Gohmert	McClintock	Shimkus
Goodlatte	McCotter	Shuler
Gosar	McHenry	Shuster
Gowdy	McKeon	Simpson
Granger	McKinley	Smith (NE)
Graves (GA)	McMorris	Smith (NJ)
Graves (MO)	Rodgers	Smith (TX)
Green, Gene	Meehan	Southerland
Griffin (AR)	Mica	Stearns
Griffith (VA)	Michaud	Stivers
Grimm	Miller (FL)	Stutzman
Guinta	Miller (MI)	Sullivan
Guthrie	Miller, Gary	Terry
Hall	Mulvaney	Thompson (CA)
Hanna	Murphy (PA)	Thompson (MS)
Harper	Myrick	Thompson (PA)
Harris	Neugebauer	Thornberry
Hartzler	Noem	Tiberi
Hastings (WA)	Nugent	Tipton
Hayworth	Nunes	Turner (NY)
Heck	Nunnelee	Turner (OH)
Heinrich	Olson	Upton
Hensarling	Owens	Walberg
Herger	Palazzo	Walden
Herrera Beutler	Paulsen	Walsh (IL)
Hochul	Pearce	Walz (MN)
Holden	Pence	Webster
Huelskamp	Peterson	Welch
Huizenga (MI)	Petri	West
Hultgren	Platts	Westmoreland
Hunter	Poe (TX)	Whitfield
Hurt	Pompeo	Wilson (SC)
Issa	Posey	Wittman
Jenkins	Price (GA)	Wolf
Johnson (OH)	Quayle	Womack
Johnson, Sam	Rahall	Woodall
Jones	Reed	Yoder
Jordan	Rehberg	Young (AK)
Kelly	Reichert	Young (FL)
Kind	Renacci	Young (IN)

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Ackerman	Conyers	Hastings (FL)
Baldwin	Courtney	Higgins
Bass (CA)	Crowley	Himes
Becerra	Cummings	Hinche
Berkley	Davis (CA)	Hinojosa
Berman	Davis (IL)	Hirono
Bishop (NY)	DeGette	Holt
Blumenauer	DeLauro	Honda
Bonamici	Deutch	Hoyer
Brady (PA)	Dicks	Israel
Braley (IA)	Dingell	Jackson (IL)
Brown (FL)	Doggett	Jackson Lee
Butterfield	Dold	(TX)
Capps	Doyle	Johnson (GA)
Capuano	Edwards	Johnson (IL)
Carnahan	Ellison	Johnson, E. B.
Carney	Engel	Kaptur
Castor (FL)	Eshoo	Keating
Chu	Farr	Kildee
Ciciline	Fattah	Kucinich
Clarke (MI)	Fudge	Langevin
Clarke (NY)	Gonzalez	Larsen (WA)
Clay	Green, Al	Larson (CT)
Cleaver	Grijalva	Lee (CA)
Clyburn	Gutierrez	Levin
Cohen	Hahn	Lewis (GA)
Connolly (VA)	Hanabusa	Lofgren, Zoe

Lowey	Pelosi	Sewell
Lujan	Perlmutter	Sherman
Lynch	Peters	Sires
Maloney	Pingree (ME)	Smith (WA)
Malkey	Polis	Speier
Roby	Price (NC)	Stark
Matsui	Quigley	Sutton
McCarthy (NY)	Reyes	Tierney
McCollum	Richardson	Tonko
McDermott	Rothman (NJ)	Towns
McGovern	Royal-Allard	Tsongas
McNerney	Ruppersberger	Van Hollen
Meeks	Rush	Velázquez
Miller (NC)	Sánchez, Linda	Visclosky
Miller, George	T.	Wasserman
Moore	Sanchez, Loretta	Schultz
Moran	Sarbanes	Waters
Murphy (CT)	Schakowsky	Watt
Nadler	Schiff	Waxman
Neal	Schwartz	Wilson (FL)
Oliver	Scott (VA)	Woolsey
Pallone	Scott, David	Yarmuth
Pascarell	Serrano	
Pastor (AZ)		

NOT VOTING—11

Andrews	Marino	Pitts
Finer	McIntyre	Rangel
Fincher	Napolitano	Slaughter
Frank (MA)	Paul	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

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So the bill was passed.
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:
Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 164, I was away from the Capitol due to prior commitments to my constituents. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, April 17, 2012, I was absent during roll-call vote No. 164 due to a family health emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on Final Passage of H.R. 4089—Sportsmen's Heritage Act of 2012.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3288

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor to H.R. 3288.

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

There was no objection.

JOBS

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, the March employment report continues to show us that the Federal Government has not been helping to create jobs in our economy. A Wall Street Journal editorial from April 9 highlighted a few examples from the report. Here is one extremely startling statistic:

The labor force participation rate—or the share of civilian population that is working—dropped again to 63.8 percent. In March, 2009, a month after the \$800 billion stimulus passed Congress, the labor participation rate was nearly 2 percentage points higher, at 65.6 percent.

This is a prime example that continuously throwing money of hard-

working taxpayers that the Federal Government takes from them at the problem will not solve it. We need real solutions that will stimulate our proven economic engine: small businesses. That's why I support the Small Business Tax Cut Act that will help 22 million hardworking small businesses retain and create more jobs.

THE MEDICARE ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS IMPROVEMENT ACT

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to H.R. 1959, the Medicare Orthotics and Prosthetics Improvement Act. This legislation has been designed to improve the quality of orthotic and prosthetic care and reduce fraudulent payments for orthotic and prosthetic services under Medicare.

This legislation would require the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to reimburse only those providers who have been accredited or licensed in orthotics and prosthetics. The legislation also would require CMS to report to Congress on its enforcement efforts to reduce fraud and abuse. Fraud and abuse contributes not only to rising costs, but it also harms patients, particularly when medically necessary devices are arbitrarily provided or without qualified providers.

Mr. Speaker, we need to collectively look at ways to create savings by combating waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare system. This legislation will enhance patient care and ensure that Medicare fraud is addressed, particularly when the fiscal solvency of the Medicare program is in question.

GSA GONE WILD

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it's party time at the General Services Administration. The good times rolled in Las Vegas, where the GSA spent over \$800,000 of tax money on a conference for 300 people. Now we learn that back in 2010, the GSA employees escaped their marble palace in Washington, D.C., and jetted off to Sin City for a taxpayer-funded high-dollar boondoggle. This so-called "conference" included a \$31,000 reception, fancy awards, food, wine, lavish suites with bubbling hot tubs, clowns, swanky parties, iPod giveaways, and even a mind reader. This kind of lavish spending is exactly why Americans don't trust the government with their money.

But what happened in Vegas just didn't stay in Vegas. A GSA whistleblower snitched off the bureaucrats-gone-wild bunch. Now, GSA officials are folding their cards, cashing in their chips, and resigning. The day of reckoning has come for those who played

poker with the people's money. Public servants should not be public serpents. These government bureaucrats should pay out of their own pockets the taxpayer money they squandered in Las Vegas.

And that's just the way it is.

TROUBLE BETWEEN SUDAN AND SOUTH SUDAN

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

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, over the weekend, the situation went from bad to worse in Sudan, with military clashes erupting into a full-blown crisis along the troubled border region between Sudan and South Sudan. President al-Bashir, wanted by the International Criminal Court for crimes against humanity, is directing this new round of bombings that threaten a fragile peace.

It was less than a year ago that the world's youngest nation was born in South Sudan, and already we are witnessing the disturbing return to violence and inhumanity.

Last month, I was joined by 67 Members of my House colleagues on a letter to President Obama expressing our serious concern for the ongoing human calamity in Sudan.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, let me just say half a million lives hang in the balance as the Sudanese Government attacks rebels and civilians alike with a methodical strategy to stop cultivation and block humanitarian aid. We must not idly stand by. So I call on my colleagues to sponsor legislation by our colleagues—Representatives CAPUANO, MCGOVERN, WOLF—and myself who have recently introduced H.R. 4169, the Sudan Peace, Security, and Accountability Act, to update the diplomatic tools in Sudan to reflect the current dangers on the ground.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
Washington, DC, March 30, 2012.

Hon. BARACK OBAMA,
President of the United States, The White House, Washington, DC.

CC:
Secretary of State Hillary Clinton
Ambassador to the United Nations Susan Rice

DEAR PRESIDENT OBAMA: We write to express our serious concern for the ongoing human calamity in the Sudanese border areas of South Kordofan, Blue Nile, Abyei, and Darfur, and in Yida and other refugee camps in South Sudan. The Sudanese government continues to target civilian populations through the use of indiscriminate bombing and the denial of humanitarian aid. These actions have left nearly half a million people at risk of starvation in the coming weeks and months. Sudan's impending rainy season, and resulting poor road conditions, will soon make the delivery of any aid extremely difficult, if not impossible.

We applaud your recent actions demonstrating your firm commitment to ending the humanitarian crisis in South Kordofan and the border areas. There are two upcoming opportunities for the United States to further support a humanitarian agenda em-

phasizing aid delivery and access to these border areas. First, the United States will assume the rotating presidency of the United Nations Security Council in April and secondly, the United States will host the G8 summit at Camp David in May.

We hope that the United States will take advantage of both platforms by demanding full and unimpeded access for international humanitarian organizations to the border regions, while calling on Khartoum to agree to a concrete timeline to implement the United Nations-African Union-League of Arab States Tripartite Proposal. Specifically, we request that the United States ensure that Sudan and South Sudan are placed as a priority on the U.N. Security Council agenda during the U.S. presidency. These efforts will complement and further advance the message on Sudan you delivered this week to Chinese President Hu Jintao during your bilateral meeting in Seoul.

Khartoum's notorious ability to delay and its failure to honor agreements suggest that a more robust, consistent and coordinated approach is needed to protect the lives of vulnerable populations. We have seen such sustained international coordination led by the United States in both negotiating the Comprehensive Peace Agreement signed in 2005, and in helping to implement the successful South Sudan referendum in 2011.

Now is the time to act. Affected areas of South Kordofan and Blue Nile reached emergency levels of food insecurity in March, and the situation has continued to deteriorate. This is one level short of famine. The remaining areas within South Kordofan, as well as much of Blue Nile state, are facing crisis levels of food insecurity.

Recognizing the concrete steps your Administration has taken to spare the lives of vulnerable populations and prevent further conflict, we ask that you use the upcoming opportunities at the United Nations Security Council and the G8 summit in May to leverage multilateral pressure on the Government of Sudan and its supporters. We appreciate your ongoing commitment to that goal.

Respectfully Yours,

Barbara Lee, Michael E. Capuano, James P. McGovern, Al Green, Karen Bass, G.K. Butterfield, Judy Chu, Wm. Lacy Clay, James E. Clyburn, Keith Ellison, Bob Filner, and Howard L. Berman.

André Carson, Yvette D. Clarke, Emanuel Cleaver, Elijah E. Cummings, Chaka Fattah, Marcia L. Fudge, Raúl M. Grijalva, Sheila Jackson Lee, Rick Larsen, John W. Olver, Lucille Roybal-Allard, and Robert C. Scott.

Terri A. Sewell, Michael M. Honda, Hank Johnson, John Lewis, Cedric L. Richmond, Gregorio Sablan, David Scott, Bennie G. Thompson, Edolphus Towns, Frederica S. Wilson, John Conyers Jr., and Laura Richardson.

Corrine Brown, Jackie Speier, Peter A. Defazio, Melvin L. Watt, Lynn C. Woolsey, Donna M. Christensen, Alcee L. Hastings, Maxine Waters, Pete Stark, Carolyn B. Maloney, Aaron Schock, and Donna F. Edwards.

Maurice D. Hinchey, Russ Carnahan, Zoe Lofgren, Lois Capps, Michael H. Michaud, Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Stephen F. Lynch, Sanford D. Bishop Jr., Brad Sherman, Sam Farr, Jesse L. Jackson Jr., and Danny K. Davis.

Steve Cohen, Jan Schakowsky, Chris Van Hollen, Jerrold Nadler, Charles Rangel, Marcy Kaptur, James P. Moran, and Steve Israel.

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WE CAN DO BETTER

(Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise because I truly believe we can do better. I join my colleague from Texas to speak and raise the question of: What was the GSA, the General Services Administration, thinking? There are a lot of good workers and we should not attribute to them bad acts, but it was such poor judgment—\$800,000 to be spent recklessly on party hearty.

But I also want to raise the question of the contracts that the GSA sends out. In the instance of the stimulus dollars, my Federal building has been rehabbed under the stimulus moneys to create jobs, and we can't get the contractor, Gilbane, to address the question of diversity in the workforce or diversity in contractors. What a terrible shame. There has been some hard work and some attention, but not the hard press that should come about when you seek fairness.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to mention the fact that I'm supporting Mr. COURTNEY's bill, of Connecticut, because it is a shame to double, triple the interest rates on loans that college students need to provide for their education.

Finally, I want to say that NASA has sent the *Discovery* to the Smithsonian. I want a shuttle in Houston, and we're never giving up until we get it. We are the historic home for the shuttle.

HUNGER AND THE RYAN BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, in tonight's Democratic Special Order, we will be highlighting the severe and immoral cuts made to antihunger and nutrition programs in the House Republican budget.

Right now, millions of American families and children are suffering from food insecurity. As the map here clearly shows, food hardship is a national tragedy. It is present in each and every congressional district. The districts that are highlighted in pink and in red have the most food hardships, while the districts in yellow are not far behind. Districts highlighted in blue have the lowest food hardship, but the national average is that nearly one in five Americans struggles with food hardship. Simply put, they are at risk of going hungry.

According to a study done by the Center for Budget Policy and Priorities, the Republican budget, composed by Chairman PAUL RYAN and endorsed by Presidential candidate Mitt Romney, would "impose extraordinary cuts in programs that serve as a lifeline for