

Clarke (NY) Heinrich
 Clay Heller
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 Clyburn Herger
 Coble Herrera Beutler
 Coffman (CO) Higgins
 Cohen Himes
 Cole Hinchey
 Conaway Hirono
 Connolly (VA) Holden
 Conyers Holt
 Cooper Honda
 Costa Hoyer
 Costello Huelskamp
 Courtney Huizenga (MI)
 Cravaack Hultgren
 Crawford Hunter
 Crenshaw Hurt
 Critz Inslee
 Crowley Israel
 Cuellar Issa
 Culberson Jackson (IL)
 Cummings Jackson Lee
 Davis (CA) (TX)
 Davis (IL) Jenkins
 Davis (KY) Johnson (GA)
 DeFazio Johnson (IL)
 DeGette Johnson (OH)
 DeLauro Johnson, E. B.
 Denham Johnson, Sam
 Dent Jones
 DesJarlais Jordan
 Deutch Kaptur
 Diaz-Balart Keating
 Dicks Kelly
 Dingell Kildee
 Doggett Kind
 Dold King (IA)
 Donnelly (IN) King (NY)
 Doyle Kingston
 Dreier Kinzinger (IL)
 Duffy Kissell
 Duncan (SC) Kline
 Duncan (TN) Kucinich
 Edwards Labrador
 Ellison Lamborn
 Ellmers Lance
 Emerson Landry
 Engel Langevin
 Eshoo Lankford
 Farenthold Larsen (WA)
 Farr Larson (CT)
 Fattah Latham
 Filner LaTourette
 Fincher Latta
 Fitzpatrick Lee (CA)
 Fleischmann Levin
 Fleming Lewis (CA)
 Flores Lewis (GA)
 Forbes Lipinski
 Fortenberry LoBiondo
 Foxx Loeb sack
 Frank (MA) Lofgren, Zoe
 Franks (AZ) Long
 Fudge Lowey
 Gallegly Lucas
 Garamendi Luetkemeyer
 Gardner Luján
 Garrett Lummis
 Gerlach Lungren, Daniel
 Gibbs E.
 Gibson Lynch
 Gingrey (GA) Mack
 Gohmert Maloney
 Gonzalez Manzullo
 Goodlatte Marchant
 Gosar Marino
 Gowdy Markey
 Granger Matheson
 Graves (GA) Matsui
 Graves (MO) McCarthy (CA)
 Green, Al McCarthy (NY)
 Green, Gene McCaul
 Griffin (AR) McClintock
 Griffith (VA) McCollum
 Grijalva McCotter
 Grimm McDermott
 Guinta McGovern
 Guthrie McHenry
 Gutierrez McIntyre
 Hall McKeon
 Hanabusa McKinley
 Harper McMorris
 Harris Rodgers
 Hartzler McNerney
 Hastings (FL) Meehan
 Hastings (WA) Meeks
 Hayworth Mica
 Heck Michaud

Miller (FL) Shimkus
 Miller (MI) Shuler
 Miller (NC) Shuster
 Miller, Gary Simpson
 Miller, George Sires
 Moore Slaughter
 Moran Smith (NE)
 Mulvaney Smith (NJ)
 Murphy (CT) Smith (TX)
 Murphy (PA) Smith (WA)
 Myrick Southerland
 Nadler Speier
 Napolitano Stark
 Neal Stivers
 Neugebauer Stutzman
 Noem Sullivan
 Nugent Trawford
 Nunes Terry
 Nunnelee Thompson (CA)
 Olson Thompson (MS)

Thompson (PA) Watt
 Thornberry Waxman
 Tiberi Webster
 Tierney Weiner
 Tipton Welch
 Tonko West
 Towns Westmoreland
 Tsongas Wilson (FL)
 Turner Wilson (SC)
 Upton Wittman
 Van Hollen Wolf
 Velázquez Womack
 Visclosky Woodall
 Walberg Woolsey
 Walden Wu
 Walsh (IL) Yarmuth
 Walz (MN) Yoder
 Wasserman Young (AK)
 Schultz Young (FL)
 Waters Young (IN)

NOES—4

Amash Polis
 Flake Stearns
 Berg Hanna Whitfield
 Frelinghuysen Hinojosa
 Giffords Paul

NOT VOTING—7

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). One minute remains in this vote.

□ 1643

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 for:

Mr. BERG. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 160 I was inadvertently detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

CONGRATULATING WOMEN OF TOMORROW ON ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a great South Florida organization: Women of Tomorrow. This month, Women of Tomorrow will hold its annual gala, celebrating 10 years of making a difference in the lives of young women.

Women of Tomorrow was founded in 1997 by South Florida journalist Jennifer Valoppi and Telemundo President Don Browne. Their goal was to help at-risk young women live up to their full potential. The result has been a truly unique organization that pairs accomplished professional women with small groups of at-risk teenage girls in high schools. The mentors come from varied backgrounds: lawyers, doctors, entrepreneurs and public servants. They show their mentees that anything is possible and nothing is out of their reach.

Congratulations, Women of Tomorrow, on 10 amazing years, and I know that the next 10 will be even better.

PUBLIC BROADCASTING

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, there is a lot of rhetoric one hears in the House about what the American public wants or what the American public thinks.

Well, this week survey research came out commissioned by the Public Broadcasting System and conducted by a bipartisan survey research team from Hart Research and American Viewpoint that is powerful evidence that while Americans are concerned about the budget and budget deficits, public broadcasting is a higher priority.

Support for public broadcasting transcends party affiliation. More than two-thirds of all voters oppose elimination of Federal funding for public broadcasting as approved by my Republican friends. What is most interesting, nearly eight in 10 voters believe that PBS should receive the same amount of government funding or more than it currently receives.

It's not just Democrats. Ninety-two percent favor the same amount or more. It's not just Independents. Seventy-five percent favor the same amount or more. Two-thirds of Republicans favor the same or more money for public broadcasting.

There's still time to climb off the ledge. The Senate should stand tall and the House should reverse itself.

THE DEBT

(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. My constituents are perplexed with Washington, Mr. Speaker. Economists have warned and the public demands Washington tighten its belt. Despite this year's \$1.6 trillion deficit, the President still refuses to change course and reduce spending.

President Obama created the bipartisan National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform by executive order. The commission's mission, according to the executive order was, quote, to identify policies to improve the fiscal situation in the medium term and to achieve fiscal sustainability over the long run.

Unfortunately, the President's FY 2012 budget ignores every essential observation and proposal advanced by the commission and doubles debt held by the public by the end of his term while adding on \$13 trillion in new debt.

Erskine Bowles, the Democratic chairman of the fiscal commission stated: the White House budget request goes "nowhere near where they will have to go to resolve our fiscal nightmare."

Mr. Speaker, my constituents and I agree. Despite the need to rein in our runaway debt, the President's budget is more of the same. It's time we take the economists and our constituents seriously and get serious on the debt. I ask

my colleagues to join me in heeding their call.

RISING GAS PRICES

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

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to shed light on a very serious problem—skyrocketing gasoline prices.

In the capital district of New York, prices at the pump today average about \$3.50 per gallon. Nationally, the average price is \$3.38 per gallon, and it continues to rise. Due to the continued conflict in North Africa and the Middle East, oil is over \$100 per barrel. There appears to be no end in sight.

For every \$10 per barrel rise in the price of oil, America sends an additional \$40 billion overseas, yearly. How can we expect to turn around our economy and create jobs when we are sending this much money to our enemies?

Plain and simple, we must start thinking outside the barrel—to create jobs and protect our national security. We as Americans are better than the ancient fuel that we put into our vehicles.

Using 19th and 20th century oil subsidies in this 21st century is outdated and foolish. We are literally giving away hard-earned taxpayer money to big oil companies that are setting record profits. What do we get in return? Sticker shock at the pump.

Mr. Speaker, this is unfair to hard-working Americans that play by the rules. We deserve better. Let's stop this sticker shock.

□ 1650

BABY KILLER FLEES

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, last Thursday was just a normal day in Houston, Texas. Seven families left their babies at Jackie's Childcare, and went along to work just as they did every day.

A daycare is supposed to be a place where parents trust caregivers with the safety of their kids. After all, that is what they are supposed to do—keep children safe. The owner, however, Jessica Tata, left the children by themselves and carelessly drove off to Target. Meanwhile, the pot of oil she had left on the electric stove caught fire, and those seven babies burned in a massive fire.

Elizabeth Kojah, Kendyll Stradford, Elias Castillo, and Shomari Dickerson all burned to death. They were all under the age of 3.

It took several days for the authorities to get their act together to file charges. Meanwhile, Tata was able to flee to Nigeria. As the Good Book says: "The guilty fleeth when no one pursueth."

There should be no question in any person's mind that Jessica Tata should be held responsible for this crime. So the long arm of the law needs to capture her and return her to Texas and let a jury decide what to do with that baby killer—because justice is what we do.

And that's just the way it is.

LOSING THE WAR OF COMMON SENSE

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

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, last week, while most of us were working from our districts, a newspaper article entitled, "Combat Troops To Get Gay Sensitivity Training," was published. The article explains how our combat forces on the front lines in Afghanistan will soon be required to take a time-out from their mission and be forced to participate in the Pentagon's homosexual sensitivity training regimen.

I still maintain the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell will harm recruitment, retention and readiness; but regardless of your opinion on that issue, it is remarkable that the courageous men and women who have voluntarily put themselves in harm's way are being subjected to such insane distractions while the war wages on around them.

Our Nation is at war against an enemy that wants nothing more than the complete destruction of our way of life. For the President and the Pentagon to dangerously distract the attention of our troops in forward operating bases away from the enemy and toward homosexual sensitivity training is outrageous.

To the men and women in the U.S. Armed Forces, I pray to God that you all return home safe and sound to your families. I, for one, believe in your mission and want to win the war on terror because we have certainly lost the war of common sense.

ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I am glad my colleague came up to talk about high energy prices. We have consistently tried on this side of the aisle to talk about an all-of-the-above energy strategy. We are independent on electricity generation, but we are held captive to imported crude oil.

So what does that mean?

That means we are stuck with a one-fuel technology. In an all-of-the-above energy strategy, we envision a world where you go to a filling station, and you have fuel competing. You have coal-to-liquid technologies; you have liquid fuel by natural gas; you have renewable fuel by biomass. You have all of these issues to help decrease our reliance on imported crude oil. We have

the operability for an oil-sand pipeline from Canada.

We really can be independent on our energy needs based upon North American energy resources. We have to be about that. For the administration to celebrate opening up one permit on the gulf coast is a joke. We ought to get our drilling rigs back and operating.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

THE CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GUINTA). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I want to thank the Democratic leadership for giving the Congressional Black Caucus this time to stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in Wisconsin, in Ohio, as well as those in Indiana, and anywhere the rights of workers are being trampled upon. The similarities in what is going on here in the Nation's Capital and in the Wisconsin capital are not only striking, but it's the kind of coordinated attack against working men and women that we have become accustomed to seeing from Republican legislators and Governors.

I don't understand why Governor Walker can't take "yes" for an answer. The unions have agreed to most, if not all, of the concessions he asked for; but rightly, they will not—and should not—give up their right to collective bargaining.

No one knows better than the African American community what unions have done to lift people out of poverty, to ensure them decent jobs with decent wages and protections in the workplace. Not only African Americans, but all Americans have benefited from the work of our labor unions.

What Governor Walker is doing is not about balancing a budget or reducing a deficit any more than the cuts in spending are up here. It's about busting unions, thus making it possible for companies to run roughshod over workers' rights—a place no one in this country should ever allow us to go back to.

For the life of me, I can't understand what Republicans have against children—or is it just poor and middle class children? The Governor and his allies in the State legislature would rather take teachers out of the classroom—killing jobs—and jeopardize the education of Wisconsin's children than raise property taxes just a little bit to help cover the cost of providing a quality education even after the teachers