

Lewis (CA)	Paulsen	Scott, Austin	Duncan (SC)	Labrador	Ribble	Matsui	Pingree (ME)	Sires
LoBiondo	Pearce	Sensenbrenner	Duncan (TN)	Lamborn	Rigell	McCarthy (NY)	Polis	Slaughter
Long	Pence	Sessions	Ellmers	Lance	Rivera	McCollum	Price (NC)	Speier
Lucas	Petri	Shimkus	Emerson	Landry	Roby	McDermott	Quigley	Stark
Luetkemeyer	Pitts	Shuster	Fleming	Lankford	Roe (TN)	McGovern	Rahall	Sutton
Lummis	Platts	Simpson	Fincher	Larsen (WA)	Rogers (AL)	McIntyre	Rangel	Thompson (CA)
Lungren, Daniel E.	Poe (TX)	Smith (NE)	Fitzpatrick	Laatham	Rogers (KY)	McNerney	Richardson	Thompson (MS)
Mack	Pompeo	Smith (NJ)	Flake	LaTourette	Rogers (MI)	Meeks	Richmond	Tierney
Marchant	Posey	Smith (TX)	Fleischmann	Latta	Rohrabacher	Michaud	Rothman (NJ)	Tonko
Marino	Price (GA)	Southerland	Fleming	Lewis (CA)	Rokita	Miller (NC)	Roybal-Allard	Towns
Matheson	Quayle	Stearns	Flores	Lipinski	Rooney	Miller, George	Ruppersberger	Tsongas
McCarthy (CA)	Reed	Stivers	Forbes	LoBiondo	Ros-Lehtinen	Moore	Rush	Van Hollen
McCaul	Rehberg	Stutzman	Fortenberry	Long	Roskam	Moran	Ryan (OH)	Velázquez
McClintock	Reichert	Sullivan	Fox	Lucas	Ross (AR)	Murphy (CT)	Sánchez, Linda T.	Visclosky
McCotter	Renacci	Terry	Franks (AZ)	Luetkemeyer	Ross (FL)	Nadler	Sanchez, Loretta T.	Wasserman
McHenry	Ribble	Thompson (PA)	Frelinghuysen	Lummis	Royce	Napolitano	Sarbanes	Schultz
McKeon	Rigell	Thornberry	Gallegly	Lungren, Daniel E.	Runyan	Neal	Schakowsky	Waters
McKinley	Rivera	Tiberti	Gardner	Mack	Ryan (WI)	Olver	Schiff	Watt
McMorris	Roby	Tipton	Garrett	Marchant	Scalise	Pallone	Schiff	Waxman
Rodgers	Roe (TN)	Turner	Gerlach	Marino	Schilling	Pascrell	Schwartz	Weiner
Meehan	Rogers (AL)	Upton	Gibbs	Matheson	Schmidt	Pastor (AZ)	Scott (VA)	Welch
Mica	Rogers (KY)	Walberg	Gibson	Matheson	Schock	Payne	Scott, David	Wilson (FL)
Miller (FL)	Rogers (MI)	Walden	Gingrey (GA)	McCarthy (CA)	Schrader	Pelosi	Serrano	Woolsey
Miller (MI)	Rohrabacher	Walsh (IL)	Gohmert	McCaul	Schweikert	Perlmutter	Sewell	Wu
Miller, Gary	Rokita	Webster	Goodlatte	McClintock	Scott (SC)	Peters	Sherman	Yarmuth
Mulvaney	Rooney	West	Gosar	McCotter	Scott, Austin			
Murphy (PA)	Ros-Lehtinen	Westmoreland	Gowdy	McHenry	Sensenbrenner			
Myrick	Roskam	Whitfield	Granger	McKeon	Sessions	Farr	Manzullo	Smith (WA)
Neugebauer	Ross (FL)	Wilson (SC)	Graves (GA)	McKinley	Shimkus	Giffords	Reyes	
Noem	Royce	Wittman	Graves (MO)	McMorris	Shuler			
Nugent	Runyan	Wolf	Griffin (AR)	Rodgers	Shuster			
Nunes	Ryan (WI)	Womack	Griffith (VA)	Meehan	Simpson			
Nunnelee	Scalise	Woodall	Grimm	Mica	Smith (NE)			
Olson	Schilling	Yoder	Guinta	Miller (FL)	Smith (NJ)			
Owens	Schmidt	Young (AK)	Guthrie	Miller (MI)	Smith (TX)			
Palazzo	Schock	Young (FL)	Hall	Miller, Gary	Southerland			
Paul	Schweikert	Young (IN)	Hanna	Mulvaney	Stearns			
	Scott (SC)		Harper	Murphy (PA)	Stivers			
			Harris	Myrick	Stutzman			
			Hartzler	Neugebauer	Sullivan			
			Hastings (WA)	Noem	Terry			
			Hayworth	Nugent	Thompson (PA)			
			Heller	Nunes	Thornberry			
			Hensarling	Nunnelee	Tiberti			
			Herger	Olson	Tipton			
			Herrera Beutler	Owens	Turner			
			Huelskamp	Palazzo	Upton			
			Huizenga (MI)	Paul	Walberg			
			Hultgren	Paulsen	Walden			
			Hunter	Pearce	Walsh (IL)			
			Hurt	Pence	Walz (MN)			
			Issa	Peterson	Webster			
			Jenkins	Petri	West			
			Johnson (IL)	Pitts	Westmoreland			
			Johnson (OH)	Platts	Whitfield			
			Johnson, Sam	Poe (TX)	Wilson (SC)			
			Jones	Pompeo	Wittman			
			Jordan	Posey	Wolf			
			Kelly	Price (GA)	Womack			
			King (IA)	Quayle	Woodall			
			King (NY)	Reed	Yoder			
			Kingston	Rehberg	Young (AK)			
			Kinzinger (IL)	Reichert	Young (FL)			
			Kline	Renacci	Young (IN)			

## NOT VOTING—4

Giffords Reyes  
Manzullo Smith (WA)

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There is 1 minute left in the vote.

□ 1630

So the motion to recommit was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

## RECORDED VOTE

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 256, noes 171, not voting 5, as follows:

[Roll No. 171]

AYES—256

Adams	Bonner	Chabot
Aderholt	Bono Mack	Chaffetz
Akin	Boren	Chandler
Alexander	Boustany	Coble
Altmire	Brady (TX)	Coffman (CO)
Amash	Brooks	Cole
Austria	Broun (GA)	Conaway
Bachmann	Buchanan	Cooper
Bachus	Bucshon	Costa
Barletta	Buerkle	Cravaack
Barrow	Burgess	Crawford
Bartlett	Burton (IN)	Crenshaw
Barton (TX)	Calvert	Cuellar
Bass (NH)	Camp	Culberson
Benishek	Campbell	Davis (KY)
Berg	Canseco	Denham
Biggart	Cantor	Dent
Bilbray	Capito	DeJarlais
Bilirakis	Cardoza	Diaz-Balart
Bishop (UT)	Carney	Dold
Black	Carter	Dreier
Blackburn	Cassidy	Duffy

Duncan (SC)	Labrador	Ribble	Matsui	Pingree (ME)	Sires
Duncan (TN)	Lamborn	Rigell	McCarthy (NY)	Polis	Slaughter
Ellmers	Lance	Rivera	McCollum	Price (NC)	Speier
Emerson	Landry	Roby	McDermott	Quigley	Stark
Fleming	Lankford	Roe (TN)	McGovern	Rahall	Sutton
Fincher	Larsen (WA)	Rogers (AL)	McIntyre	Rangel	Thompson (CA)
Fitzpatrick	Laatham	Rogers (KY)	McNerney	Richardson	Thompson (MS)
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Flores	Lipinski	Rooney	Miller, George	Ruppersberger	Tsongas
Forbes	LoBiondo	Ros-Lehtinen	Moore	Rush	Van Hollen
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Granger	McKeon	Sessions			
Graves (GA)	McKinley	Shimkus			
Graves (MO)	McMorris	Shuler			
Griffin (AR)	Rodgers	Shuster			
Griffith (VA)	Meehan	Simpson			
Grimm	Mica	Smith (NE)			
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Harper	Murphy (PA)	Stivers			
Harris	Myrick	Stutzman			
Hartzler	Neugebauer	Sullivan			
Hastings (WA)	Noem	Terry			
Hayworth	Nugent	Thompson (PA)			
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Issa	Peterson	Webster			
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Kingston	Rehberg	Young (AK)			
Kinzinger (IL)	Reichert	Young (FL)			
Kline	Renacci	Young (IN)			

## NOES—171

Ackerman	Critz	Himes
Andrews	Crowley	Hinchee
Baca	Cummings	Hinojosa
Baldwin	Davis (CA)	Hirono
Bass (CA)	Davis (IL)	Holden
Becerra	DeFazio	Holt
Berkley	DeGette	Honda
Berman	DeLauro	Hoyer
Bishop (GA)	Deutch	Insee
Bishop (NY)	Dicks	Israel
Blumenauer	Dingell	Jackson (IL)
Boswell	Doggett	Jackson Lee
Brady (PA)	Donnelly (IN)	(TX)
Braley (IA)	Doyle	Johnson (GA)
Brown (FL)	Edwards	Johnson, E. B.
Butterfield	Ellison	Kaptur
Capo	Engel	Keating
Capuano	Eshoo	Kildee
Cooper	Fattah	Kind
Carson (IN)	Finer	Kissell
Castor (FL)	Frank (MA)	Kucinich
Chu	Fudge	Langevin
Cicilline	Garamendi	Larson (CT)
Clarke (MI)	Gonzalez	Lee (CA)
Clarke (NY)	Green, Al	Levin
Clay	Green, Gene	Lewis (GA)
Cleaver	Grijalva	Loebsock
Clyburn	Gutierrez	Loftgren, Zoe
Cohen	Hanabusa	Lowey
Connelly (VA)	Hastings (FL)	Luján
Conyers	Heck	Lynch
Costello	Heinrich	Maloney
Courtney	Higgins	Markey

## NOT VOTING—5

Farr Manzullo Smith (WA)  
Giffords Reyes

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There is 1 minute left in the vote.

□ 1637

Mr. MCINTYRE changed his vote from “aye” to “no.”

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN EN-GROSSMENT OF H.R. 830, FHA REFINANCE PROGRAM TERMINATION ACT

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of H.R. 830, the Clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross-references, and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to accurately reflect the actions of the House.

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

There was no objection.

## UNEMPLOYMENT IN AMERICA

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

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, last month our Nation created 200,000 new jobs. That's good news. But our country needs to create 335,000 jobs per month to keep up with population growth and to reduce unemployment to what it was before the recession. In communities like mine, unemployment is at least 15 percent, and the numbers do not include those who stopped looking for a job.

In order to hear the stories of the unemployed Americans, I have asked them to send me their resumes to resumesforAmerica@mail.house.gov so I can submit them for the RECORD.

I heard from Peter Haas of Parlin, New Jersey, who said, "I am sending out resumes every day. No response from any company out there. I think no company is hiring at all. No response, not even an email."

Ms. Christine Stumpf of Chicago said she's had only one phone interview in a year of looking, and she can hardly believe it.

Why is it so hard to find work? Maybe it's because the unemployed are not even being considered for many jobs. It's been reported that some companies will not even accept applications or grant interviews to those currently without a job.

I hope unemployed Americans will send me their resumes and stories to resumesforAmerica@mail.house.gov to keep stories of the unemployed in front of our government, in front of Democrats and Republicans.

PETER HAAS

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**SIGNIFICANT EXPERIENCE:**

11/89-03/2006 THE WALDORF-ASTORIA IN NEW YORK  
HILTON HOTEL

*Director—Food & Beverage Operations (6 years)*

Assessed company staffing needs and recruited staff through various methods

Coordinated the successful and complete training for 140 or more employees within the establishment

Successfully trained team members on customer service, teamwork, and leadership in the hotel

Assisted with training, monitoring, and developing employee skills within all service departments

Implemented policies and procedures for the restaurants, bars, and banquets within the Waldorf Astoria

Monitored compliance with health and fire regulations regarding food preparation and serving, and building maintenance in lodging and dining facilities

Performed all aspects of marketing and promotions for restaurants, bars, cocktail lounge, and banquets

Reviewed operational procedures to determine ways to improve services, performance, and safety

Estimated food, liquor, wine, and other beverage consumption to anticipate amounts to be purchased and used for food & beverage operations within the hotel

Successfully maintained and updated food, wine, liqueur, and equipment inventories in a monthly time

Monitored budget and payroll records and review financial transactions to ensure that expenditures are authorized and budgeted

*Restaurant Manager—Managed restaurants, bars, fine dining, and casual dining (5 years)*

Coached assistant managers and supervisors on management and communication skills

Successfully maintained all service standards according to Hilton Restaurant services and policies

Trained, supervised and evaluated new staff for restaurant operation and services

Monitored restaurant sales activities to ensure customer satisfaction and service

Maintained quality control by evaluating satisfaction records with restaurant sales and constantly sought new ways to improve employee performance and service

*Banquet Manager—Managed all banquet functions, liquor purchase, inventory, and sales (5 years)*

Directed recruitment and retention of new employees or potential supervisors and current employees

Monitored all sales distribution throughout the hotel and customers satisfactory in banquet services

Successfully improved banquet operations and customer satisfaction within the banquet department

Monitored the budget for any banquet function within the client's arrangement and negotiated event

Quickly and effectively solved customers' questions, comments, and concerns

*Steward Department Manager—Managed restaurant, banquet, and kitchen supplies (2 years)*

Assigned employees to specific duties to maintain quality service throughout the hotel

Ensured all health regulations are maintained and updated within the establishment

Tracked inventory stock and reordered as inventory dropped to a specific level

Responsible for restaurant, kitchen, and banquet supplies within the Waldorf Astoria

Coached steward supervisors on management and communication skills within the department

Responsible for scheduling, budgeting, and training employees for safety regulations, standards within the steward department

Performed weekly department meetings to evaluate ways to improve service standards

Ensured that all requisitions and services are completed according to Hilton Hotel policies and standards

Maintained acknowledged all sanitation, dishwashing maintenance, and safety standards

(MOST RECENT EXPERIENCE: 04/06-03/09)

04/2006-01/2008 ECOLAB CORPORATION IN AUSTRIA-  
VIENNA

(Moved to Vienna to be near family when mother ill)

<http://www.ecolab.com/>

*District Manager—For Hospitality Services & Business Development*

Contacted strategic business and operational projects, managed public and investment relationships, prepared presentation, and developed business plans directly for the CEO

Managed 90-110 employees and engaged in frequent customer contact, collaboration, and feedback

Planned and directed staffing, training, and performance evaluations to develop and control sales and service programs

Appointed as lead trainer for all company products and services within the establishment

Recommended the correct use of proper chemicals and products in customers' environment

Maintained basic knowledge of operation, cleaning, and maintenance of various dishwashing machines and equipments

Reviewed operational records and reports to project sales determine profitability

Formulated plans to extend business with new established customers

Managed all customer accounts in sales and marketing for better business development

Arranged weekly department meetings to improve customer service and satisfactory

Reviewed monthly forecast and reports how to expand customer's needs and solutions

02/2008-03/2009 PC-MALL CORPORATION IN IRVINE,  
CALIFORNIA

(Took position due to downturn in hospitality employment opportunities. Although successful, too much travel involved.)

<http://resources.bnet.com/topi/pc+mall+inc.html.com>

*Senior Account Manager—For Sales & Marketing Research and Business Development*

Conducted research to identify potential markets for products and services within the United States

Consistently demonstrated excellent communication skills, customer service, teamwork, and leadership

Successfully refined and implemented new projects to improve operation and customer service

Prospected and profiled current customers' account information through any new projects

Formulated plans to extend business with new and established customers

Negotiated contracts with customers and vendors to manage product distributions

Marketed hardware and software products for customer solutions via e-mail and telephone

Directed and coordinated activities involving sales of manufactured products or other subjects of sale

Visited franchise dealers to stimulate interest in establishment or expansion of leasing programs

Represented company at trade association meetings to promote products and company services

**SCHOOL EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS**

Hotel & Resort Hospitality Administration, Graduate School—Manhattan College, New York City

New York Hotel & Motel Trades Council—Professional Labor & Delegate Training Program

Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering, Institute of Electrical Engineering College, Austria—Graz

Professional Sales & Marketing Asset Management, Graduate School, Germany—Hamburg BMG

Professional Institute of Graduate School, Masters of Electrical Building Engineering, Austria—Graz

**SPOKEN LANGUAGES:**

German & English—Some Spanish

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2010 TO PRESENT—EXAMINER.COM, CHICAGO, IL  
*Chicago Community Life Examiner*

Write online articles about events, places and people in Chicago

2007 TO 2010—INTERPARK (RETAIL PARKING COMPANY, A SUBSIDIARY OF GENERAL ELECTRIC), CHICAGO IL

*Executive Assistant*

Supported six key executives including the general counsel and the heads of asset management, acquisitions and dispositions, and engineering

Made travel, meeting and conference call arrangements; managed calendars for everyone in the department

Processed expense reports and check requisitions for each member of the team; performed billing and collection projects

Created marketing presentations, forms, directories; typed documents and correspondence for the team

Processed legal, real estate and human resources issues

Did on-going research projects related to company's many real estate holdings

Assisted with closings by coordinating and typing large volumes of legal documents

**Key Accomplishments:**

Reorganized, catalogued and maintained confidential departmental electronic and hard files (legal and corporate documents)

Created online picture gallery of properties for company-wide use

Reduced costs by finding ways to save money, including subscription consolidation and bulk ordering

Oversaw implementation of IT processes (i.e., Instant Messaging) to boost team efficiency and trained team

2005 TO 2007—FISHER AND SHAPIRO, LLC (BANKRUPTCY AND FORECLOSURE LAW), CHICAGO, IL

*Executive Legal Secretary*

Supported attorneys, helped head accountant, processed evictions and assisted with real estate closings; planned events; maintained office needs

Opened files; prepared court documents; billed clients; sent out mailings; handled calls

Served as a closing assistant: Opened and processed closing files, interacting with clients, title companies, real estate brokers, attorneys, closers; created and maintained hard files and database; ordered title and other pertinent documents; typed closing documents; billed and closed files

Served as an eviction specialist: Opened and processed eviction cases from start to finish, interacting with clients, attorneys, title companies, real estate brokers, county clerks and sheriffs; researched foreclosure cases; created and kept hard files and database current, including client websites; calculated bills and invoiced clients; closed cases

*Key Accomplishment:*

Saved thousands of dollars by identifying accounting errors while assisting head accountant with monthly balancing of the books

2003 TO 2004—MID-NORTH FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. (COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE LOANS), CHICAGO, IL

*Assistant Loan Servicing Officer*

Processed insurance portion of new mortgage loans and served as liaison between company, borrowers and insurance agencies

Paid insurance premiums and claims  
Analyzed escrow accounts and filed quarterly and annual reports

2001 TO 2002—NEAR NORTH INSURANCE/NEAR NORTH TITLE, CHICAGO, IL

*Sales Assistant/Marketing Representative*

Supported Director of Marketing and staff in promoting and generating business

Participated in sales calls, presentations, meetings and oversaw successful client events; distributed client gifts/promo items; sent out mass mailings; handled client orders

*Key Accomplishments:*

Reduced the problem of work overload in the typing pool by volunteering to type title commitments and policies during slower times

Reorganized the hard files in the Marketing Department

2000 TO 2001—U.S. BANCORP PIPER JAFFRAY (INVESTMENT BANKING), CHICAGO, IL

*Executive Assistant*

Supported two investment bankers and an analyst in the public finance sector by generating municipal transaction and sales bulletins

Tended calendars; arranged travel, meetings and conference calls

Performed check requisition and expense reporting

Typed correspondence, regulatory contracts and proposals

Prepared marketing presentations

*Key Accomplishments:*

Reorganized the bankers' filing systems  
Performed special research projects utilizing the Internet and Bloomberg terminals

1997 TO 2000—TMP WORLDWIDE (FORMERLY LAD) (EXECUTIVE SEARCH), CHICAGO, IL

*Administrative Assistant*

Coordinated travel, meetings, conference calls; scheduled candidate interviews; maintained recruiters' calendars

Handled expenses for consultants, candidates; invoiced clients; paid bills

Prepared marketing presentations; typed correspondence, resumes, contracts

Assisted partner with entrepreneurial start-up businesses including extensive Internet research and study

1995 TO 1997—RUSSELL REYNOLDS ASSOCIATES (EXECUTIVE SEARCH), CHICAGO, IL

*Administrative Assistant*

Coordinated travel, meetings, conference calls; scheduled candidate interviews; maintained recruiters' calendars

Handled expenses for consultants, candidates; invoiced clients; paid bills

Prepared marketing presentations; typed correspondence, resumes, contracts

EDUCATION

Associate's Degree in Science, Clinical Dietetic Technology, Kettering College of Medical Arts, Kettering, OH

Northern Illinois University, 2 years, DeKalb, IL

Triton College, 1 year, River Grove, IL

SKILLS

Computer programs and applications include: Windows MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook); Lotus Notes; DOS WordPerfect & Lotus 1-2-3; DeltaView, Workshare; CMS, PerfectPractice, Mortgage Computer, Vantive, AS 400, DataBase IV; Etrack; Bloomberg; RE/Xplorer, eMLS; Internet research (including Minustatements), etc.

Typing speed 80+ wpm

Transcription: shorthand, dictaphone

□ 1640

THE U.S. ECONOMY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HULTGREN). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. AKIN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. AKIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

We are going to talk for a little while here this afternoon about a subject that is on, I think, everybody's minds regardless of their political affiliations. The more we look at it, the more significant it seems to be—in fact, the more frightening it seems to be. It is the simple situation with our economy and the level of what the government is doing in the “spending money” department. This, of course, ties into the job situation in America. The many people who are looking for work, some of the businesses that are struggling as well as the families who are struggling, all of it is tied together in the economy. It is also, of course, tied to the Federal Government and its spending.

What I'm going to try to do is paint a picture in simple terms. Sometimes economists make things seem a little bit too complicated. This doesn't have to be so complicated. In fact, the less complicated it is, the less frightening it becomes. So, first of all, I'd like to talk about some words that we use in

Washington that we maybe aren't familiar with here, particularly our freshman Members. The first word is “entitlements.”

I'm an engineer by training, so “entitlements” you could think of as a machine. In fact, it's a little bit like those machines in bathrooms, and when you put your hands in front of them, they spit out those brown paper towels you see. In fact, the entitlements we're talking about here spit out dollar bills. What happened is a legislator or a legislature maybe 30 years ago created some bill which automatically gives money to certain people who come and put their hands in front of the machine. Of these entitlements, the biggest ones are Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. These are programs that have been around for quite a while, but they're a little bit like that, if you think of them as things that spend money automatically. So those of us here on the floor of the Congress talk about whether we're going to fund this or fund that or how we're going to run the government. These things were created a long time ago, and they just keep on running and spending money. Those are called “entitlements.”

There is another thing that is like the entitlements, and it is the interest on our debt. When the U.S. Government issues a Treasury bill, the Treasury bill is supposed to pay some interest. It's a little bit like that machine in that it spits out some dollar bills. It, like an entitlement, is something that's spending money.

Now, here is the thing that I think is frightening, and I think you'll think it's frightening as you give this a little bit of thought, and this isn't sometime way out in the future but, rather, just this year. If you add up the Social Security, the Medicare, the Medicaid, and the other entitlements—there are some other smaller entitlements—and if you put those together with the interest on our debt, it comes to \$2.2 trillion. I don't know what \$2.2 trillion is in terms of trying to visualize the money, but it's very easy to visualize this. \$2.2 trillion is also the total revenue that the Federal Government brings in in taxes, so that makes it easier to see. In other words, these entitlements and the interest on the debt, \$2.2 trillion, is the same thing as the revenue that we get in from taxes.

Now, why is that frightening?

It's because it doesn't include two other things: the defense budget and what's called non-defense discretionary.

So what are these two things over here?

The defense budget is pretty obvious. Obviously, it's tanks and airplanes and ships. It's men with rifles, and it's our national security. That's a piece of that, and you can see that it's almost \$700 billion. Then non-defense would be things like the building that we're in. It would be the Capitol building. It would be the Federal parks. It would be the Federal prisons. It would be the Department of Energy or Commerce or