

life of a lady professional golfer, Stacy Lewis, of The Woodlands, Texas, and of late, the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Ms. Lewis won her first LPGA golf tournament yesterday in California—the Kraft Nabisco Championship, a major event on the LPGA tour.

Mr. Speaker, my purpose today is not necessarily to bring attention to a sporting achievement, but rather to acknowledge the hardship in this young lady's life that makes this accomplishment incredible.

Stacy suffered from scoliosis as a child and spent her teen years in a back brace. Only because of her drive and determination did she reach the pinnacle of women's professional sports. To add to that, she dominated the field the very week her grandfather passed away.

I am proud of Stacy Lewis. I admire her grit. Literally and figuratively, she has a spine of steel. I join her parents, Dale and Carol Lewis, and the Razorback Nation in saluting her for what we all hope is the first of many championship trophies.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY FINCH

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, today is many things in different people's lives. To many, it's the NCAA final tournament game. To many in my city of Memphis, Tennessee, it is a day that 43 years ago, Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated. It's a holiday in my city, and we reflect on his great talents and his dream and reflect on all that we've learned since then.

But yesterday, the 3rd of April, a great Memphian named Larry Finch died. He put together those two events. He was a basketball player and a basketball star like none other in Memphis and maybe like none other in the United States of America. And he was a person who brought people together in the way that Dr. King dreamed they would. The city of Memphis was split and hurt and racially divided in 1968, and because of that racial divide, it caused Dr. King to have to come to Memphis to stand up for the sanitation workers and the right of employees to have bargaining units and a dignity in life. And Memphis was even racially hurt more because of that assassination.

But Larry Finch stayed home in Memphis, a local basketball player who really was the first great basketball star of African American descent to play at Memphis State. He took our team to the national finals in 1973, and he ignited the city like never before. Whites and blacks came together to cheer for Memphis State and for Larry Finch. He spent his entire life in Memphis and was our head coach for 11 years, winning more games at Memphis State than any coach in history.

He was a beloved individual who brought people together and didn't

know race. He died Saturday. He will have his homegoing this coming Saturday.

I show you the Memphis Commercial Appeal from the day after he died: "The Greatest." The entire first section is nothing but Larry Finch and his story from Orange Mound, Tennessee, and Melrose High School to Memphis State and the Final Four, where he had 29 points—and we would have won but for Bill Walton having the game of his life.

I mourn my friend Larry Finch. The city of Memphis mourns Larry Finch. Sports can be more than winning and losing. Larry Finch did that. He was a great American. We're lucky he came this way for the people of Memphis and our Nation.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on the motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record vote on the postponed question will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

REDUCING DEFENSE DEPARTMENT PRINTING AND REPRODUCTION BUDGET

Mr. WEST. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1246) to reduce the amounts otherwise authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Defense for printing and reproduction.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1246

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. REDUCTION IN AMOUNTS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED TO BE APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR PRINTING AND REPRODUCTION.

The following amounts otherwise authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Defense are hereby reduced by 10 percent:

(1) The amount for Operation and Maintenance for the Army, for printing and reproduction.

(2) The amount for Operation and Maintenance for the Navy, for printing and reproduction.

(3) The amount for Operation and Maintenance for the Marine Corps, for printing and reproduction.

(4) The amount for Operation and Maintenance for the Air Force, for printing and reproduction.

(5) The amount for Operation and Maintenance for Defense-wise activities, for printing and reproduction.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. WEST) and the gentle-

woman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WEST. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. WEST. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to support H.R. 1246. It is a simple, commonsense bill that calls for an overall 10 percent reduction in the printing and reproduction costs of the Department of Defense.

More importantly, the American people support H.R. 1246, as more than 150,000 people voted online via the YouCut program on passing this bill. The American people are behind this, and we need to be behind the American people. H.R. 1246 will help us keep our promise to the American people that we will cut waste, fraud and abuse in government spending and spend taxpayer dollars more efficiently, and that includes every department or agency.

In fiscal year 2012, the Department of Defense proposes to spend \$357 million for printing and reproduction services. Now, I am not arguing that paper copies are no longer needed. We all still rely on paper. But I do not understand why we need examples of these expensive, high-gloss color briefing slides and slick books that the DOD sends over here for everything from briefing slides to budget rollouts and miscellaneous reports. If anyone is interested, the House Armed Services Committee has a boatload of these fancy printed reports. I think the information that DOD needs to get to us, as well as share internally amongst themselves or with the public, can just as easily be conveyed using plain black-and-white copies that are printed on both sides. Nowadays, a lot can be transmitted electronically.

During my 22 years of active duty service in the United States Army, I witnessed the growth of the excessive PowerPoint briefs and reproduction. I am well aware of areas where saving money is very possible, and this is one of those areas.

These cuts are aimed at wasteful Defense Department spending and will not affect the overall mission of our men and women in uniform in protecting our national security. Mr. Speaker, a mere 10 percent reduction to this one account would save taxpayers \$35.7 million in fiscal year 2012 and nearly \$180 million over the next 5 years. We owe it to the taxpayers to take this step.

Now, this may seem like a small amount to some, but imagine if every Member of Congress, all 435 of us, took it upon ourselves to do the exact same

and find where we could cut some wasteful spending. We would regain the trust and confidence of the American people as good stewards of their resources. Let's pass H.R. 1246.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

H.R. 1246 is an innocuous-sounding bill that proposes to help reduce Federal spending and reduce waste by cutting 10 percent of the Pentagon's printing and reproduction services budget. I believe most of us would agree that the goal of H.R. 1246, to reduce dependence on paper copies in a time of proliferating electronic media, is one that most of us would find reasonable.

In effect, however, the bill does little to address the much more serious deficit issues facing our Nation today, including issues in the defense arena that should be thoughtfully debated by Members of this Congress. The bill is estimated to save some \$35.7 million in fiscal year 2012, and then another \$180 million over the next 5 fiscal years, which hardly makes a dent in the multitrillion-dollar deficit facing our Nation.

One could also argue that the bill is ill-timed, coming on the heels of increasing requests for the Department of Defense to produce documents for oversight being conducted by congressional committees. Indeed, requests from the Congress for required reports, including, Mr. Speaker, from our own House Armed Services Committee, number in the hundreds and thousands. So it would seem somewhat hypocritical of us to be cutting funding for printing and reproduction services when we, we Members of Congress, are asking for more and more and more reports.

Mr. Speaker, while I will not encourage my colleagues to oppose this bill, I consider it a bad use of valuable floor time that could be used to address legislation to put this country on a track toward greater fiscal responsibility.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WEST. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I would say this. I do believe that we must take a first step when we talk about deficit reduction. I think that this is one of the important things. As I said in my statement, if each and every one of us in this House, all 435, made the effort to find these instances of fraud, waste and abuse, then we could have more significant cuts into our deficit and, of course, into our debt. And I think at a critical time when, the gentlewoman from Guam just stated, maybe perhaps also following along with this, we do need to look at the amount of requests for reports that we are having.

But still, as we are talking about efficiency in the Department of Defense, this is a first step toward that efficiency occurring. And I think that anyone that would not be willing to support this says that they are not willing to take that first step toward getting

the Department of Defense and all our departments and all of our agencies to be more effective and more efficient. But as well, that does start with us here in the Members of the House of Representatives.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to correct the previous speaker.

There are 435 voting Members of Congress, but there are 441 Members of the United States House of Representatives. Although I represent a territory and I am not allowed to vote, I do make requests during committee time for reports.

I just wanted to make that correction.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. WEST. Mr. Speaker, at this time I have no further requests, and also apologies to you, Madam.

I am prepared to close after my colleague has yielded back her time.

I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. WEST. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. WEST) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1246.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the yeas have it.

Mr. WEST. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DOLD) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

REDUCING DEFENSE DEPARTMENT PRINTING AND REPRODUCTION BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on the motion to suspend the rules previously postponed.

The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1246) to reduce the amounts otherwise authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Defense for printing and reproduction, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. WEST) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 393, nays 0, not voting 39, as follows:

[Roll No. 225]

YEAS—393

Ackerman	Cooper	Hall
Adams	Costa	Hanabusa
Aderholt	Costello	Hanna
Akin	Courtney	Harper
Altmire	Cravaack	Harris
Amash	Crawford	Hartzler
Austria	Crenshaw	Hastings (FL)
Bachmann	Critz	Hastings (WA)
Bachus	Crowley	Hayworth
Baldwin	Cuellar	Heck
Barletta	Culberson	Heinrich
Barrow	Cummings	Heller
Bartlett	Davis (CA)	Hensarling
Barton (TX)	Davis (IL)	Herger
Bass (CA)	Davis (KY)	Herrera Beutler
Bass (NH)	DeFazio	Higgins
Becerra	DeGette	Himes
Benishek	DeLauro	Hinojosa
Berg	Denham	Hirono
Berkley	Dent	Holt
Berman	DesJarlais	Honda
Biggart	Deuth	Hoyer
Bilbray	Diaz-Balart	Huelskamp
Bilirakis	Dicks	Huizenga (MI)
Bishop (GA)	Dingell	Hultgren
Bishop (NY)	Doggett	Hunter
Bishop (UT)	Dold	Hurt
Blumenauer	Donnelly (IN)	Inslee
Bonner	Doyle	Israel
Boren	Dreier	Issa
Boswell	Duffy	Jackson (IL)
Boustany	Duncan (SC)	Jenkins
Brady (TX)	Duncan (TN)	Johnson (GA)
Braley (IA)	Edwards	Johnson (OH)
Brooks	Ellison	Johnson, E. B.
Broun (GA)	Ellmers	Johnson, Sam
Brown (FL)	Emerson	Jones
Buchanan	Eshoo	Jordan
Bucshon	Farenthold	Kaptur
Buerkle	Farr	Keating
Burgess	Filner	Kelly
Burton (IN)	Fincher	Kildee
Butterfield	Fitzpatrick	King (IA)
Calvert	Flake	King (NY)
Camp	Fleischmann	Kingston
Campbell	Fleming	Kinzinger (IL)
Canseco	Flores	Kissell
Cantor	Forbes	Kline
Capito	Fortenberry	Kucinich
Capps	Fox	Labrador
Capuano	Frank (MA)	Lamborn
Cardoza	Franks (AZ)	Lance
Carnahan	Fudge	Langevin
Carney	Gallegly	Lankford
Carson (IN)	Garamendi	Larsen (WA)
Carter	Gardner	Larson (CT)
Cassidy	Garrett	Latham
Castor (FL)	Gerlach	LaTourette
Chabot	Gibbs	Latta
Chaffetz	Gibson	Levin
Chandler	Gingrey (GA)	Lewis (CA)
Chu	Gonzalez	Lewis (GA)
Cicilline	Goodlatte	LoBiondo
Clarke (MI)	Gosar	Loebsack
Clarke (NY)	Gowdy	Lofgren, Zoe
Clay	Granger	Long
Cleaver	Graves (GA)	Lowe
Clyburn	Graves (MO)	Lucas
Coble	Green, Al	Luetkemeyer
Coffman (CO)	Green, Gene	Lujan
Cohen	Griffin (AR)	Lummis
Cole	Griffith (VA)	Lungren, Daniel
Conaway	Grimm	E.
Connolly (VA)	Guinta	Lynch
Conyers	Guthrie	Mack