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So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I inadvertently voted "yes" on rollcall votes 226 and 227. It was my intention to vote "no" on both votes.

#### RESIGNATIONS AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY AND COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, April 5, 2011.

Speaker JOHN BOEHNER,  
The United States Capitol,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER BOEHNER: I write to inform you that effective immediately I am resigning from the House Judiciary Committee and will be taking a leave of absence from the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to join the House Committee on Rules. If you have any questions please contact me directly or your staff can contact Steve Pfrang, my Legislative Director.

Sincerely,

TOM REED,  
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignations are accepted.

There was no objection.

#### ELECTING A MEMBER TO A CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 202

Resolved, That the following named Member be and is hereby elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

(1) COMMITTEE ON RULES.—Mr. Reed.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### HUNGER-FAST COALITION: GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY IS A NATIONAL PRIORITY

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, last week USAID Administrator Raj Shah

testified before the House Subcommittee on Foreign Operations. In his testimony he stated, and I quote, "We estimate, and I believe these are very conservative estimates, that H.R. 1 would lead to 70,000 kids dying." This means, conservatively speaking, that the GOP budget cuts could result in the deaths of 70,000 children around the world from disease, from hunger, from lack of basic immunizations, mosquito nets, and food.

These callous and brutal cuts are not only a stain on the moral conscience of this House; they directly undermine our national security and our economic future. Over 23,000 people from faith groups and other organizations are fasting in protest of these draconian cuts. Join them at [www.hungerfast.org](http://www.hungerfast.org). I urge my colleagues to restore funding for these humanitarian and development programs. The lives of 70,000 children are at stake.

SHAH: GOP BUDGET WOULD KILL 70,000 CHILDREN

(Posted by Josh Rogin, March 31, 2011)

As Congress struggles to negotiate a budget deal to keep the government running, the head of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) told lawmakers Wednesday that the GOP version of the budget bill would result in the deaths of at least 70,000 children who depend on American food and health assistance around the world.

"We estimate, and I believe these are very conservative estimates, that H.R. 1 would lead to 70,000 kids dying," USAID Administrator Rajiv Shah testified before the House Appropriations State and Foreign Ops subcommittee.

"Of that 70,000, 30,000 would come from malaria control programs that would have to be scaled back specifically. The other 40,000 is broken out as 24,000 would die because of a lack of support for immunizations and other investments and 16,000 would be because of a lack of skilled attendants at birth," he said.

The Republican bill, known as H.R. 1, was passed by the House, and would fund the government for the rest of fiscal 2011. It would effectively cut 16 percent from the Obama administration's original fiscal 2011 request for the international affairs account.

Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. (D-IL) pointed out that H.R. 1 would provide \$430 million for the International Disaster Assistance (IDA) account, which is 50 percent below the president's fiscal 2011 request and 67 percent below fiscal 2010 levels.

Shah said that such a cut "would be, really, the most dramatic stepping back away from our humanitarian responsibilities around the world in decades." The IDA account supports 1.6 million people in Darfur, so halving the account would place 800,000 people at risk, he said.

"[T]his would lead to a significant amount of reduction in feeding programs, medical programs and food and water programs for people who are incredibly vulnerable," he added.

Shah was also testifying in defense of the administration's fiscal 2012 budget request, which also faces the axe on Capitol Hill. Subcommittee Chairwoman Kay Granger (R-TX) opened the hearing by announcing that the administration's fiscal 2012 request was dead on arrival.

"While I understand the value of many of these important programs, the funding request for next year is—is truly unrealistic in today's budget environment," she said. "We simply cannot fund everything that has been

funded in the past. And we certainly cannot continue to fund programs that are duplicative and wasteful."

Granger said she would support USAID programs that have national security implications or contribute to the ongoing missions in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. Her Democratic counterpart, Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY), said that national security is threatened by instability in other parts of the world as well.

"Drastic cuts to USAID would risk a great deal in stability and security around the world which could spawn the kinds of threats that cost this country the lives of men and women in uniform and billions in treasure," she said.

Shah argued that foreign assistance is crucial to the long term economic recovery because it helps develop markets for American goods.

"USAID's work also strengthens America's economic security. By establishing links to consumers at the bottom of the pyramid, we effectively position American countries to enter more markets and sell more goods in the economies of the future, promoting exports and creating American jobs," he said.

#### FAREWELL TO MARK GAGE

(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 today to express my appreciation to Mark Gage of our Foreign Affairs Committee staff for his guidance, his insight, and his counsel throughout the years.

After a distinguished career in the House, which started with Congressman Solomon's office in 1981 as an intern and 5 years as a political appointee at the Department of State, Mark has decided to retire from government service.

Our committee will be losing an immense talent and a dedicated public servant, someone driven by an unwavering commitment to doing what is right for our Nation and by the Members that he has served throughout the last three decades. Mark's expertise and sharp wit will be sorely missed.

I wish Mark a wonderful retirement with his lovely wife, Linda, and their three terrific dogs.

#### UCONN HUSKIES: 2011 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

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

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Coach Jim Calhoun and the UConn men's basketball team for their win last night. That is the third national championship under Coach Calhoun, who hails from the Second Congressional District of eastern Connecticut.

This was a remarkable year. When the season started, they weren't even on the top 68 by Sports Illustrated. But under the leadership of Kemba Walker, three freshmen and a sophomore, they defied the odds, won 11 consecutive single-elimination games over the last 20-some-odd days, and prevailed last night

against a great Butler Bulldog team led by a great young coach, Coach Stevens.

Again, congratulations to Coach Calhoun, who is a great leader in the State of Connecticut and a great leader for student athletes.

Go Huskies.

#### OUR FISCAL PROBLEMS

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

Mr. LANKFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to discuss the debt we are dealing with as a Nation. It is time to stop ignoring the debt problem that we have in America.

The budget we released this morning is focused on solving our fiscal problems, not scoring political points. Key elements: fiscal responsibility; understanding this is not our money; it's owned by the American people; finding common ground with the President's debt commission and bipartisan CBO proposals. We have some areas where we've agreed, and those areas are included.

Shocking as it may seem, conservatives have also included some practical solutions to solve our long-term systemic issues with entitlements and welfare. Our focus was to protect programs that are working, encourage work for every person who's able to work, and set a course for future economic stability.

It's also focused on cutting spending. Raising taxes on Americans to fund more government would be like a family running up a huge credit card bill and then going to their boss at work to tell them they need a raise to pay off their credit card. Their boss would most likely respond, You don't need a raise. You'll just spend more. You need to get your family on a budget and you need to cut your spending to what's absolutely necessary. That's what we must do.

Some in Congress have already called this proposal extreme. Well, I'd have to tell you, I agree. I think this budget is extreme—extremely responsible, extremely forward-thinking, and extremely overdue.

#### WE CAN'T SPEND MONEY WE DON'T HAVE

(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, despite the heated rhetoric over the fiscal year 2011 budget and the failure to responsibly address our Nation's \$14 trillion debt, there is one simple truth that we should all take away from this current budget standoff: Washington can no longer fail to deal with America's looming debt crisis as Americans continue to tighten their belts and make ends meet.

Constitutionally, all spending bills must originate in the House. In Feb-

ruary, the House performed its duty and passed a long-term spending bill that represents tough but necessary choices we must take. Even if we all agree a program is efficient and needed, we can't spend money we don't have. At a time when the Federal Government is borrowing 40 cents of every dollar, we must be responsible stewards of the taxpayers' dollars in a manner that ensures the long-term promises and commitments the government has made to the American people are met and fulfilled.

It's time the Senate leadership do what's right. We still have a government to run and cannot adequately deal with a 2012 budget if last year's business is left hanging in the wind.

#### DRILLING FOR BRAZIL BUT NOT FOR US

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the President says that he wants to cut the country's oil imports by one-third over the next 10 years. Well, that's fantastic and well-timed for the announcement of his reelection campaign yesterday. But let's face reality. Gasoline is up to \$4 a gallon. Americans don't want to hear about what's going to happen 10 years from now.

The President's answer to the energy crisis and \$4 gasoline is to give money to Brazil while at the same time stonewalling drilling in our gulf. Why are we doing that?

Instead of propping up energy companies in Brazil and letting them drill off their coast, let's keep jobs and money in America and drill off of our coasts and on our land. Let's develop our own domestic energy instead of developing Brazil's.

Are you in for that, Mr. President? And that's just the way it is.

#### REMEMBERING JOHN ADLER

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

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of our departed colleague, John Adler of New Jersey.

John Adler came into the Congress as part of our freshman class in 2009. He was an honorable public servant who served 17 years in the New Jersey State Senate and, before that, on the town council of Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

John brought a wealth of knowledge, legislative expertise, but good humor, compassion, and a respect for his colleagues on both sides of the aisle. His bipartisanship, his compassion, his commitment to his community and especially to his family will be sorely missed.

Our hearts go out to Shelley, his wife, and his four children at this difficult time.

#### COME TOGETHER FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, America is at a huge crossroads right now. We're in a situation that whenever we spend \$1, 40 cents of it is borrowed. Our national debt is about 95 percent of our GDP. We are losing our edge as a global leader. It hurts our job creation, it smothers the private sector, and it denies you and me of some of our basic freedoms; because the bigger the government gets, the smaller your personal freedom gets.

That's why the budget that has been introduced today is so worthy of a strong debate by both of us—both parties, that is. This is about the next generation, not about the next election. I urge my Democrat friends and my Republican friends to come together and do the best thing for the United States of America, not just for partisan politics of the day.

We are Americans. We can do better. We can get this job done, and we must get this job done.

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#### REVERSE ROBIN HOOD

(Ms. BROWN of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today in the VA we had a hearing on how would the shutdown affect the veterans. You know, you can tell something about a country or an organization as to how they spend their money.

In December, when we gave \$700 billion tax breaks to the richest people in the world, then we are worrying about in 2 or 3 months whether or not we are going to have money to pay for the veterans' pensions or their health care, it is unacceptable. It is unacceptable that we continue to practice what I call reverse Robin Hood, robbing from the poor and working people to give tax breaks to the rich. Unacceptable, Mr. Speaker.

#### CATCH 'EM IF YOU CAN

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I want to address the third front that the United States is engaged in, and I am not talking about the war in Libya. I am talking about the border war on our southern front between the United States and Mexico, the war with the narcoterrorist gangs that are coming into the United States daily, bringing their wares into this country.

Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano recently said that