

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I know that what we do here on the floor is often riveting drama for those who are watching on television. Let me, in some respects, not try to add to that drama and go back to facts, something we don't necessarily like around here.

We've already talked about this so-called uranium issue showing facts. The chart that we just saw from the gentleman from Massachusetts was an interesting chart. The area of the United States that was colored on that chart is the area that there are those in this administration, indeed, on this floor, want to be owned by the Federal Government here.

Let me talk to you just a moment—and I'll even grant some time to the gentlelady from New York if she could actually answer this one—and talk about what some of these issues do to those of us who live under what Nelson Rockefeller called the "deadening hand of bureaucracy" because, once again, in the East you don't have to deal with these situations; in the West we do.

Let me talk about simply the Environmental Protection Agency and some of the brilliant things they do in the name of trying to clean up our water and our air and make life more livable for us. One of the suburbs of my community—and I call it a suburb simply because my community only has, what, 18,000 people in it; so I like calling it a suburb—has no rivers, no creeks, no streams, no anything. It does have irrigation ditches. Starting at the top of the mountain, the irrigation water flows down so it covers all the fields, as normally you would want to do.

We passed legislation for the Clean Water Act allowing the Federal Government, especially the EPA, to come in and monitor water that is navigable water systems on interstate commerce. The Great Salt Lake in Utah is all confined in the State of Utah. There are no outlets. That's why it's salty. There is nothing more intra-navigable than the Great Salt Lake.

But because in the 1880s some of the pioneers used to ship sheep over there for summer grazing on the islands in the Great Salt Lake, it is now part of the interstate commerce system and part of the navigable water system of the United States, therefore controllable by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Now, let's see what they did in my particular community. In this community where there were irrigation ditches, the overflow from the irrigation ditches ran down, and the Environmental Protection Agency said the runoff from those irrigation ditches would eventually go into the Great Salt Lake; therefore, that runoff from a ditch was part of the navigable water systems of the United States and controllable as wetlands by the Environmental Protection Agency, even though that irrigation runoff to get to the Great Salt Lake would actually have to run down the mountain,

through a culvert for the city road, through one for the train tracks, through one that was the side road of the freeway, through the northbound freeway, through the barrel pit, through the southbound freeway, through another one of the adjacent roads to the southbound freeway, up a 3 percent grade to an area that had been previously determined to be not wetlands area, and eventually into the Bear River system which was stopped from going to the Great Salt Lake by the Bear River Bird Refuge.

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They claim that could happen. And because of that, the water from the irrigation system was navigable waters of the United States and the Environmental Protection Agency claimed jurisdiction over it, which meant that the citizens of that community could not expand their sewer system. Instead, they had to take money out of their pockets to ship their sewage either to Brigham City or Willard because the Environmental Protection Agency now controlled the navigable waters because we gave them the power to do that under the Clean Water Act.

One of the things I am talking about here and one of the frustrations we have illustrated by this bill is, unfortunately, time after time these agencies funded in this bill do not consider what they do to real people. Real people in my community are being harmed time after time by decisions made from bureaucrats sitting here in Washington, and then we wonder why we rail against these environmental groups, why we rail against these agencies, and why we don't want to have some kind of control over this process. And the only vehicle we seem to have is the appropriation bill.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund is used to buy more land to get more control; if it were not, we would not complain about it. The EPA is used to get more control over people's lives, and they hurt people in the process. If it were not so, we would not complain about it. The withdrawing of uranium mining on the Arizona strip was done, despite all the scientific testimony, for political reasons. Were it not done so, we would not complain about it.

This is a decent bill, which moves us a step forward to try to control our spending habit, dealing with what is really the core issue and core responsibility of our agencies and trying not to harm people.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time. May I inquire of my colleague if he has further speakers.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. May I inquire how much time actually remains.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Utah has 11 minutes remaining, and the gentlewoman from New York has 9 minutes remaining.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. To the gentlelady from New York, I have a brilliant

11-minute speech welling within my bosom; but if you are willing to close, I will be willing to close as well.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. I thank you for that, and I am willing to close.

Mr. Speaker, let me just close with this: I think we have demonstrated that this bill contains an astonishing array of devastating cuts and special interest riders that jeopardize the water we drink, the air we breathe, and our country's national heritage.

I urge a "no" vote on the rule and the underlying legislation.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I think we've also proven in this bill that we are moving in the right direction to try to control the excesses that continuously take place here and still maintain the core responsibilities that have to be there, and we have done it in a rule that is adamantly fair. It is an open rule that will allow anyone to bring anything down here to the floor until we do a UC agreement that stops it. It is a good rule, and I urge adoption of that particular rule.

In closing, I will once again reiterate the fairness of this open rule. I urge its adoption, and I urge the adoption of the underlying legislation.

I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

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

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. 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, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

#### REQUESTING RETURN OF OFFICIAL PAPERS ON H.R. 1309

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 368

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives request the Senate to return to the House the bill (H.R. 1309) entitled "An Act to extend the authorization of the national flood insurance program, to achieve reforms to improve the financial integrity and stability of the program, and to increase the role of private markets in the management of flood insurance risk, and for other purposes".

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will remind the House that on July 24, 1998, at 3:40 p.m., Officer Jacob

J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson of the United States Capitol Police were killed in the line of duty defending the Capitol against an intruder armed with a gun.

At 3:40 p.m. today, the Chair will recognize the anniversary of this tragedy by observing a moment of silence in their memory.

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed, as follows:

Adopting House Resolution 363 and agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. The second electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

**PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2584, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on adoption of the resolution (H. Res. 363) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2584) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 205, nays 131, not voting 96, as follows:

[Roll No. 630]

**YEAS—205**

Adams	Chaffetz	Gibson
Aderholt	Coble	Gingrey (GA)
Akin	Coffman (CO)	Gohmert
Alexander	Conaway	Goodlatte
Amash	Cravaack	Gowdy
Austria	Crawford	Graves (GA)
Bachus	Culberson	Griffin (AR)
Barletta	Denham	Griffith (VA)
Bartlett	Dent	Grimm
Bass (NH)	DesJarlais	Guinta
Benishek	Diaz-Balart	Guthrie
Biggert	Dreier	Hall
Bilbray	Duffy	Hanna
Bilirakis	Duncan (SC)	Harper
Bishop (GA)	Duncan (TN)	Harris
Bishop (UT)	Ellmers	Hastings (WA)
Black	Emerson	Hayworth
Blackburn	Farenthold	Heck
Bonner	Fincher	Hensarling
Bono Mack	Fitzpatrick	Heger
Boustany	Flake	Herrera Beutler
Brooks	Fleischmann	Huelskamp
Broun (GA)	Fleming	Huizenga (MI)
Bucshon	Flores	Hultgren
Buerkle	Forbes	Hunter
Burgess	Fortenberry	Hurt
Calvert	Fox	Issa
Camp	Franks (AZ)	Jenkins
Campbell	Frelinghuysen	Johnson (IL)
Canseco	Gallegly	Johnson (OH)
Cantor	Gardner	Johnson, Sam
Capito	Garrett	Jones
Carter	Gerlach	Jordan
Chabot	Gibbs	Kelly

King (NY)	Nunes	Schmidt	Labrador	Olver	Sánchez, Linda T.
Kingston	Nunnelee	Schock	Lamborn	Owens	T.
Kinzinger (IL)	Olson	Schweikert	Larson (CT)	Paul	Schakowsky
Kline	Palazzo	Scott (SC)	Lipinski	Payne	Scott, David
Lance	Paulsen	Scott, Austin	Loebach	Pelosi	Sensenbrenner
Landry	Pearce	Sessions	Lofgren, Zoe	Perlmutter	Shuler
Lankford	Pence	Shimkus	Lungren, Daniel E.	Posey	Smith (WA)
Latham	Petri	Shuster	Mack	Price (NC)	Stearns
LaTourette	Pitts	Simpson	Maloney	Quigley	Sullivan
Latta	Platts	Smith (NE)	Marchant	Richardson	Tiberi
Lewis (CA)	Poe (TX)	Smith (NJ)	McCarthy (CA)	Rohrabacher	Velázquez
LoBiondo	Pompeo	Smith (TX)	McDermott	Roskam	Walsh (IL)
Long	Price (GA)	Southerland	McNerney	Ross (AR)	Waters
Lucas	Quayle	Stivers	Miller, Gary	Rothman (NJ)	Watt
Luetkemeyer	Reed	Stutzman	Myrick	Roybal-Allard	Welch
Lummis	Rehberg	Terry	Nadler	Rush	Wilson (FL)
Manzullo	Reichert	Thompson (PA)	Napolitano	Ryan (OH)	Wolf
Marino	Renacci	Thornberry			Young (FL)
McCaul	Ribble	Tipton			
McClintock	Rigell	Turner			
McCotter	Rivera	Upton			
McHenry	Roby	Walberg			
McKeon	Roe (TN)	Walden			
McKinley	Rogers (AL)	Webster			
McMorris	Rogers (KY)	West			
Rodgers	Rogers (MI)	Westmoreland			
Meehan	Rokita	Whitfield			
Mica	Rooney	Wilson (SC)			
Miller (FL)	Ros-Lehtinen	Wittman			
Miller (MI)	Ross (FL)	Womack			
Mulvaney	Royce	Woodall			
Murphy (PA)	Runyan	Yoder			
Neugebauer	Ryan (WI)	Young (AK)			
Noem	Scalise	Young (IN)			
Nugent	Schilling				

**NAYS—131**

Ackerman	Hahn	Murphy (CT)
Altmire	Hanabusa	Neal
Andrews	Hastings (FL)	Pallone
Barrow	Heinrich	Pascrell
Bass (CA)	Higgins	Pastor (AZ)
Bishop (NY)	Himes	Peters
Blumenauer	Hinojosa	Peterson
Boswell	Hochul	Pingree (ME)
Brady (PA)	Holden	Polis
Butterfield	Holt	Rahall
Capps	Honda	Rangel
Capuano	Hoyer	Reyes
Cardoza	Inslee	Richmond
Carnahan	Israel	Ruppersberger
Carney	Jackson (IL)	Sanchez, Loretta
Carson (IN)	Jackson Lee	Sarbanes
Castor (FL)	(TX)	Schiff
Chu	Johnson (GA)	Schrader
Ciциlline	Johnson, E. B.	Schwartz
Clarke (MI)	Kaptur	Scott (VA)
Clarke (NY)	Keating	Serrano
Clay	Kildee	Sewell
Cleaver	Kind	Sherman
Clyburn	Kucinich	Sires
Connolly (VA)	Langevin	Slaughter
Conyers	Larsen (WA)	Speier
Cooper	Lee (CA)	Stark
Costa	Levin	Sutton
Courtney	Lewis (GA)	Thompson (CA)
Critz	Lowey	Thompson (MS)
Crowley	Lujan	Tierney
Cuellar	Lynch	Tonko
Cummings	Markey	Towns
Davis (CA)	Matheson	Tsongas
Davis (IL)	Matsui	Van Hollen
DeLauro	McCarthy (NY)	Visclosky
Deutch	McCollum	Walz (MN)
Dicks	McGovern	Wasserman
Doggett	McIntyre	Schultz
Donnelly (IN)	Meeks	Waxman
Edwards	Michaud	Woolsey
Edwards	Miller (NC)	Wu
Filner	Miller, George	Yarmuth
Frank (MA)	Moore	
Fudge	Moran	
Grijalva		

**NOT VOTING—96**

Baca	Chandler	Fattah
Bachmann	Cohen	Garamendi
Baldwin	Cole	Giffords
Barton (TX)	Costello	Gonzalez
Becerra	Crenshaw	Gosar
Berg	Davis (KY)	Granger
Berkley	DeFazio	Graves (MO)
Berman	DeGette	Green, Al
Boren	Dingell	Green, Gene
Brady (TX)	Dold	Gutierrez
Braley (IA)	Doyle	Hartzler
Brown (FL)	Ellison	Hinches
Buchanan	Engel	Hirono
Burton (IN)	Eshoo	King (IA)
Cassidy	Farr	Kissell

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Ms. WOOLSEY and Messrs. MORAN and CARNEY changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. WEBSTER changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 630, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to participate in the following vote. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows: Rollcall vote 630, on agreeing to the resolution—H. Res. 363, providing for consideration of H.R. 2584, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes—I would have voted "yea."

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 25, 2011, I was unavoidably detained and missed the first vote in a series of two votes. I missed rollcall vote No. 630. Had I been present and voting, I would have voted as follows: Rollcall vote No. 630: "yea" (On agreeing to H. Res. 363).

Stated against:

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 25, 2011, I was absent during rollcall vote No. 630. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on H. Res. 363—Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2584—Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012 because it waives all points of order against the bill. H.R. 2584 includes many harmful policy riders that violate the House rules by legislating on an appropriations bill.

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I was unavoidably detained and missed the following vote: H. Res. 363—Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2584—Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on this resolution.

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, earlier today I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote 630. If present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote 630.

**THE JOURNAL**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.