

across the aisle and their corporate tax lobbyist friends, God bless everyone, because when the American people find out that Social Security was raided to take care of Republican friends, the American people will not.

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

Mr. Speaker, we are going to bring out that same old thing and beat that dog on Social Security. As I said earlier, the Republicans extended it, and they are going to take care of it. I also remind my colleagues on the lock box and both the speakers who spoke before me, there were three conditions set on the lock box that we said would cause us to have to look at the lock box. One was war; two was the economy; and three was natural disaster. We have seen natural disaster, we have seen our economy, and we have seen war as conditions, as we have faced those tough decisions together on a bipartisan basis starting the day of September 11 when this Congress came together in a bipartisan fashion.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I would ask if the gentleman from New York has any other speakers.

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, after the gentleman from Texas closes, I will close.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, it is very clear what the situation is. The Republicans made a conscious decision to break off bipartisan discussions and to bring back to the floor a bill tonight that they know cannot pass and will not even be taken up in the Senate. This was an extraordinary mistake on the part of the Republican majority. They were playing chicken with the United States Senate. This is a childish game. The American Republican will be the losers.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, there are new incentives to compete and grow and expand the bipartisan, bicameral Economic Security and Worker Protection Act. The Act will help businesses rebuild and create jobs for the American people.

So far all I have heard from the other side is a lot of rhetoric about what they would like to do, but we cannot get them to sit down and negotiate out a compromise. So what do we have? We have the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means move from where his past position was over to adding more unemployment insurance money, adding more incentives to try to lure a bipartisan compromise that could be completed. The reality is he has moved as far as he can until the other body determines that they will negotiate.

Mr. Speaker, the bottom line is that the workers deserve a paycheck, not an unemployment check. Of course this stimulus package recognizes that job creation is a long-term project, and as-

sisting those out of work requires immediate short-term solutions. For those who have lost their jobs, an additional 13 weeks of unemployment benefits will be provided retroactive to March 2001. Part-time workers will be aided with \$9 billion in surplus Federal unemployment funds transferred to States in order to help with health care or employment services.

Equally important to our workforce is the availability and affordability of adequate health care. With the refundable health care tax credits provided by this legislation, no worker eligible for unemployment insurance will be left without the means to obtain quality health care protection.

Some of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle and in the other Chamber wanted only COBRA-eligible workers to get a tax credit, leaving out 45 percent of laid off workers in small and medium-sized businesses, and those who never had job-based health care at all.

And let us not forget, not for one minute, who some of these workers are. What about those who owned or worked in the delis and the dry cleaners or delivered goods and cleaned offices in lower Manhattan, should they have been excluded from being able to afford health care, as many would under the plan advanced by the Democratic leadership in the other body?

The bipartisan compromise plan, on the other hand, provides a refundable 60 percent tax credit for health insurance premium paid by displaced workers. Those workers who had prior health care insurance coverage will have the right to guaranteed coverage. Additionally, the bill provides for an extension of the Archer Medical Savings Accounts allowing families and individuals to be in charge of their own health care dollars.

Mr. Speaker, our action tonight sends a strong message that this House is working to retain jobs, create jobs, and to protect displaced workers in their time of need. Colleagues, let us finish this year as it began, in a strong bipartisan effort that will protect American workers and create American jobs. I strongly urge my colleagues to support this rule and the underlying legislation.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). The Chair would remind Members it is not appropriate under the rules to characterize either the action or inaction of the other body.

Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the resolution.

There was no objection.

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. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum

is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 219, nays 198, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 507]

YEAS—219

Aderholt	Goss	Pence
Akin	Graham	Peterson (PA)
Armey	Granger	Petri
Bachus	Graves	Pickering
Ballenger	Green (WI)	Pitts
Barr	Greenwood	Platts
Bartlett	Grucci	Pombo
Barton	Gutknecht	Portman
Bass	Hall (TX)	Pryce (OH)
Bereuter	Hansen	Putnam
Biggart	Hart	Quinn
Bilirakis	Hastert	Radanovich
Blunt	Hastings (WA)	Ramstad
Boehlert	Hayes	Regula
Boehner	Hayworth	Rehberg
Bonilla	Herger	Reynolds
Bono	Hilleary	Riley
Boozman	Hobson	Rogers (KY)
Brady (TX)	Hoekstra	Rogers (MI)
Brown (SC)	Horn	Rohrabacher
Bryant	Hostettler	Ros-Lehtinen
Burr	Houghton	Roukema
Burton	Hulshof	Royce
Buyer	Hunter	Ryan (WI)
Callahan	Hyde	Ryun (KS)
Calvert	Isakson	Saxton
Camp	Issa	Schaffer
Cannon	Istook	Schrock
Cantor	Jenkins	Sensenbrenner
Capito	Johnson (CT)	Sessions
Castle	Johnson (IL)	Shadegg
Chabot	Johnson, Sam	Shaw
Chambliss	Keller	Shays
Coble	Kelly	Sherwood
Collins	Kennedy (MN)	Shimkus
Combest	Kerns	Shuster
Cooksey	King (NY)	Simmons
Cox	Kingston	Simpson
Crane	Kirk	Skeen
Crenshaw	Knollenberg	Smith (MI)
Culberson	Kolbe	Smith (NJ)
Cunningham	LaHood	Smith (TX)
Davis, Jo Ann	Largent	Souder
Davis, Tom	Latham	Stump
Deal	LaTourette	Sununu
DeLay	Leach	Sweeney
DeMint	Lewis (CA)	Tancredo
Diaz-Balart	Lewis (KY)	Tauzin
Doolittle	Linder	Taylor (NC)
Dreier	LoBiondo	Terry
Duncan	Lucas (KY)	Thomas
Dunn	Lucas (OK)	Thornberry
Ehlers	Manzullo	Thune
Ehrlich	McCreery	Tiahrt
Emerson	McHugh	Tiberi
English	McInnis	Toomey
Everett	McKeon	Trafficant
Ferguson	Mica	Upton
Flake	Miller, Dan	Vitter
Fletcher	Miller, Gary	Walden
Foley	Miller, Jeff	Walsh
Forbes	Moran (KS)	Wamp
Fossella	Morella	Watkins (OK)
Frelinghuysen	Myrick	Watts (OK)
Gallely	Nethercutt	Weldon (FL)
Ganske	Ney	Weldon (PA)
Gekas	Northup	Weller
Gibbons	Norwood	Whitfield
Gilchrest	Nussle	Wicker
Gillmor	Osborne	Wilson (NM)
Gilman	Ose	Wilson (SC)
Goode	Otter	Wolf
Goodlatte	Paul	Young (FL)

NAYS—198

Abercrombie	Barrett	Bonior
Ackerman	Becerra	Borski
Allen	Bentsen	Boswell
Andrews	Berkley	Boucher
Baca	Berman	Boyd
Baird	Berry	Brady (PA)
Baldacci	Bishop	Brown (FL)
Baldwin	Blagojevich	Brown (OH)
Barcia	Blumenauer	Capps