

However, I am deeply disappointed the Republican majority chose to insert an unrelated and irresponsible plan to open 8 million acres to oil and gas drilling in the eastern Gulf of Mexico into this otherwise constructive bill. Our country consumes 25 percent of the world's oil supply but controls only 3 percent of known reserves. That means an energy policy focused primarily on domestic fossil fuel production will never deliver energy security for America's working families and small businesses. Instead, the Congress must commit to a comprehensive energy strategy that makes bold investments in homegrown renewable fuels, mass transit, innovative vehicle technology and increased vehicle efficiency.

In addition to these failings, the bill's offshore drilling provisions continue a pattern of giveaways for big oil at taxpayer expense. H.R. 6111 will rob tens of billions of dollars from the Federal Treasury in offshore drilling royalties. Nearly 40 percent of the royalty revenue generated from new leases will go to four States—Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama—which will cost the Federal Government an estimated \$20 billion over the next two decades. And the bill does nothing to stop the Federal Government from giving oil and gas companies \$7 billion in tax breaks for drilling on Federal lands (known as "royalty relief")—resources that should be directed to providing tax relief for American families.

I voted for the Markey-Hinchee amendment to H.R. 6111, which would have restored a modicum of fiscal sanity to the offshore drilling aspects of the bill. The amendment would push oil and gas companies to renegotiate their royalty free drilling leases by prohibiting companies holding such leases from gaining access to the eight million acres this bill opens to exploration. Unfortunately the amendment narrowly failed on the House floor.

Despite a clear message in last month's mid-term election for a return to ethical governance, Republican leaders used the popularity of tax credit extensions and the need to restore cuts in Medicare reimbursement to force a reckless offshore drilling plan upon America. Therefore, it is with both regret and resolve that I support the omnibus package included in H.R. 6111.

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to once again express my strong opposition to the way the current Majority conducts business here in the House of Representatives. True to their tenure in charge of this Chamber, on the last day of the 109th Congress they are packaging four separate provisions only barely tenuously related into one omnibus measure. This is not the way to legislate, and it is particularly frustrating because there are several excellent provisions included in this omnibus bill, unfortunately packaged with atrocious provisions that cannot and would not stand on their own merits.

Mr. Speaker, there is much to like in this legislation. There are extensions of many important tax provisions that are scheduled to soon expire that are critical to businesses, students, educators, renewable energy development, and our troops. There is a vitally important freeze, and in some cases an increase, in reimbursements under Medicare for physicians. This particular provision is extremely important to my State of New Mexico, and I have worked to address the scheduled cut in reimbursement rates by cosponsoring legislation to repeal the sustainable growth rate for-

mula, as well as joined many of my colleagues in sending letters to the House Leadership and other Members on committees with oversight responsibility for the Medicare program. In addition to the physician reimbursement, there are also several important provisions for rural health care providers under Medicare. Many of these provisions are included in rural health care legislation that I was proud to cosponsor during this Congress.

However there is more that is objectionable in this legislation. Once again, the majority's tunnel vision and unwillingness to legitimately explore alternative sources of energy has led us to their energy panacea—drilling in areas closed to exploration. There are answers to our energy problems beyond drilling, the majority simply chooses not to look at them in a serious manner. I strongly support the rebuilding of the Gulf Coast States devastated by last year's hurricanes, and recognize the obligation of the Federal Government to assist in doing so. I also believe we must urgently protect and restore coastal wetlands. But I do not believe it should be done through the royalties derived from oil and gas leases authorized by this provision. These funds should be deposited in the Federal coffers—as more than the majority of funds derived from Federal oil and gas leases are—not set up as a new entitlement for only four States. Redirecting these funds marks an unprecedented raid on the Federal Treasury of billions of dollars for the benefit of four States. This kind of fiscal irresponsibility is unacceptable.

Also Mr. Speaker, I am extremely disappointed at the inclusion of Health Savings Accounts, a measure that would have trouble passing Congress as a stand-alone. Again, this legislation marks another significant decrease in revenue, to the estimated tune of \$287 million from FY07 to FY11, and by \$1 billion from FY07 to FY16.

Regardless of the provisions included in this legislation, this is no way to legislate. It is not good government and is not good for democracy. Each of these measures are important enough on their own that they deserve up-or-down votes and the only good about today is that this is the last day the majority win be able to conduct the business of the House in such an irresponsible manner.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY).

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

RECORDED VOTE

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

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 and clause 9 of rule XX, this 15-minute vote on the motion to amend will be followed by 5-minute votes on adoption of the motion to concur, if ordered; and the motion to suspend on H. Res. 1091.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 205, noes 207, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 532]

AYES—205

Ackerman	Harman	Owens
Allen	Hastings (FL)	Pallone
Andrews	Herseth	Pascarell
Baca	Higgins	Pastor
Baird	Hinchey	Payne
Baldwin	Hinojosa	Pelosi
Barrow	Holden	Peterson (MN)
Bass	Holt	Platts
Becerra	Honda	Pomeroy
Berkley	Hooley	Price (NC)
Berman	Hoyer	Rahall
Berry	Inslee	Rangel
Biggert	Israel	Reyes
Bishop (GA)	Jackson (IL)	Reynolds
Bishop (NY)	Johnson (IL)	Ross
Boehler	Johnson, E. B.	Rothman
Boswell	Jones (OH)	Royal-Allard
Boyd	Kanjorski	Ruppersberger
Bradley (NH)	Kaptur	Rush
Brady (PA)	Kelly	Ryan (OH)
Brown (OH)	Kennedy (RI)	Sabo
Brown, Corrine	Kildee	Salazar
Brown-Waite,	Kilpatrick (MI)	Sánchez, Linda
Ginny	Kind	T.
Butterfield	King (NY)	Sanchez, Loretta
Capps	Kucinich	Sanders
Capuano	Kuhl (NY)	Saxton
Cardin	Langevin	Schakowsky
Cardoza	Lantos	Schiff
Carnahan	Larsen (WA)	Schwartz (PA)
Carson	Larson (CT)	Scott (GA)
Case	Lee	Scott (VA)
Castle	Levin	Serrano
Chandler	Lewis (GA)	Shays
Clay	Lipinski	Sherman
Cleaver	LoBiondo	Simmons
Clyburn	Lofgren, Zoe	Simpson
Conyers	Lowe	Sires
Cooper	Lynch	Skelton
Costa	Maloney	Slaughter
Costello	Markey	Smith (NJ)
Crowley	Marshall	Smith (WA)
Cummings	Matsui	Snyder
Davis (AL)	McCarthy	Solis
Davis (CA)	McCollum (MN)	Spratt
Davis (FL)	McDermott	Stark
Davis (IL)	McGovern	Stupak
DeFazio	McHugh	Tanner
DeGette	McIntyre	Tauscher
Delahunt	McKinney	Taylor (MS)
DeLauro	McNulty	Thompson (CA)
Dent	Meehan	Tierney
Dicks	Meek (FL)	Towns
Dingell	Meeks (NY)	Udall (CO)
Doggett	Michaud	Udall (NM)
Doyle	Millender-	Van Hollen
Emanuel	McDonald	Velázquez
Engel	Miller (NC)	Visclosky
Eshoo	Miller, George	Walsh
Etheridge	Mollohan	Wasserman
Farr	Moore (KS)	Schultz
Ferguson	Moore (WI)	Waters
Filner	Moran (VA)	Watt
Fitzpatrick (PA)	Murtha	Waxman
Fossella	Nadler	Weiner
Frank (MA)	Napolitano	Wexler
Gerlach	Neal (MA)	Woolsey
Gordon	Oberstar	Wu
Grijalva	Obey	Wynn
Gutierrez	Olver	

NOES—207

Abercrombie	Brown (SC)	Diaz-Balart, L.
Aderholt	Burgess	Diaz-Balart, M.
Akin	Buyer	Doolittle
Alexander	Calvert	Drake
Bachus	Camp (MI)	Dreier
Barrett (SC)	Campbell (CA)	Duncan
Bartlett (MD)	Cannon	Edwards
Barton (TX)	Cantor	Ehlers
Bean	Capito	Emerson
Beauprez	Carter	English (PA)
Bilbray	Chabot	Everett
Bilirakis	Chocola	Feeney
Bishop (UT)	Coble	Flake
Blackburn	Cole (OK)	Forbes
Blunt	Conaway	Fortenberry
Boehner	Cramer	Foxx
Bonilla	Crenshaw	Franks (AZ)
Bonner	Cubin	Frelinghuysen
Bono	Cuellar	Garrett (NJ)
Boozman	Culberson	Gilchrest
Boren	Davis (KY)	Gingrey
Boucher	Davis (TN)	Gohmert
Boustany	Davis, Tom	Gonzalez
Brady (TX)	Deal (GA)	Goode