

the physician work geographic practice cost index (GPCI).

Rural Ambulance: In providing critical emergency health care to patients, it costs rural ambulance service providers more per transport than their urban counterparts because of the greater distances rural providers travel and their lower transport volume. In fact, many of our rural ambulance service providers are staffed primarily by volunteers to stay afloat. That is why it is necessary to ensure that rural ambulance providers continue to receive an additional 3 percent in Medicare reimbursement, and for super rural ambulance service providers to continue to receive 22.6 percent to their base rate which helps cover the costs of serving patients located in these extremely rural areas.

These rural equity policy provisions are critical to the ability of our rural health care providers to continue to provide quality care to rural Americans. A lapse in these provisions, even temporarily, has created a great level of instability for our affected providers and the patients that they serve. We urge your continued leadership in championing these important rural issues.

Sincerely,

Earl Pomeroy, *Co-Chair, Rural Health Care Coalition*, Greg Walden, Chet Edwards, Rick Boucher, Dennis Moore, Michael H. Michaud, Timothy Walz, Leonard L. Boswell, Cathy McMorris Rodgers, David Loebsack, Bruce Braley, Jim Marshall, Kathleen A. Dahlkemper, Brett Guthrie, Don Young, Scott Murphy, Carolyn Kilpatrick, Carol Shea-Porter, John Boozman, Ben Chandler, Michael Arcuri, Ron Paul, Frank Kratovil, Kevin Brady, Heath Shuler, Phil Hare, Charlie Melancon, Marion Berry, Jim Matheson, Mike Ross, Jo Ann Emerson, Shelley Moore Capito, Rubén Hinojosa, Michael K. Simpson, Gene Taylor.

Jerry Moran, *Co-chair, Rural Health Care Coalition*, James L. Oberstar, Chaka Fattah, Peter Welch, Raúl M. Grijalva, Ron Kind, Bill Foster, Eric Massa, Dennis Cardoza, Blaine Luetkemeyer, Bob Etheridge, Adrian Smith, Brad Ellsworth, Larry Kissell, Donald A. Manzullo, John W. Olver, Sam Graves, Gabrielle Giffords, Deborah L. Halvorson, Rick Larsen, Charles A. Wilson, John Barrow, Rodney Alexander, Stephanie Herseth Sandlin, John Salazar, Christopher P. Carney, Lincoln Davis, Harold Rogers, Sanford D. Bishop, Jr., Mike McIntyre, Todd Tiahrt, Bill Delahunt, Nick J. Rahall II, Ike Skelton, Bart Stupak.

Mr. McDERMOTT. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Washington (Mr. McDERMOTT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4691.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

## RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 41 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

□ 1838

## AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HIMES) at 6 o'clock and 38 minutes p.m.

## MEDICARE PHYSICIAN PAYMENT REFORM ACT OF 2009

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, proceedings will now resume on the motion offered by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS) to concur in the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 3961) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reform the Medicare SGR payment system for physicians.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion by the gentleman from Michigan.

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

Mr. POSEY. 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 315, nays 97, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 67]

YEAS—315

Ackerman  
Aderholt  
Adler (NJ)  
Akin  
Alexander  
Altmire  
Andrews  
Arcuri  
Austria  
Baca  
Bachmann  
Bachus  
Baird  
Barrow  
Barton (TX)  
Bean  
Berkley  
Berry  
Biggert  
Bilbray  
Bilirakis  
Bishop (GA)  
Blackburn  
Blunt  
Boehner  
Bonner  
Bono Mack  
Boozman  
Boren  
Boswell  
Boustany  
Boyd  
Brady (PA)  
Brady (TX)  
Bright  
Broun (GA)

Brown (SC)  
Brown, Corrine  
Brown-Waite,  
Ginny  
Buchanan  
Burgess  
Burton (IN)  
Butterfield  
Buyer  
Calvert  
Camp  
Campbell  
Cantor  
Cao  
Capito  
Cardoza  
Carnahan  
Carney  
Carson (IN)  
Carter  
Cassidy  
Castle  
Castor (FL)  
Chandler  
Childers  
Clay  
Clyburn  
Coble  
Coffman (CO)  
Cole  
Conaway  
Connolly (VA)  
Conyers  
Cooper  
Costa  
Courtney

Crenshaw  
Cuellar  
Culberson  
Dahlkemper  
Davis (AL)  
Davis (CA)  
Davis (IL)  
Davis (KY)  
Davis (TN)  
DeGette  
DeLauro  
Diaz-Balart, L.  
Diaz-Balart, M.  
Dicks  
Donnelly (IN)  
Doyle  
Dreier  
Driehaus  
Edwards (TX)  
Ellsworth  
Emerson  
Eshoo  
Etheridge  
Fattah  
Flake  
Fleming  
Forbes  
Fortenberry  
Foster  
Foxy  
Franks (AZ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Gallegly  
Garamendi  
Garrett (NJ)

Gerlach  
Giffords  
Gohmert  
Gonzalez  
Goodlatte  
Gordon (TN)  
Granger  
Graves  
Grayson  
Green, Gene  
Griffith  
Guthrie  
Gutierrez  
Hall (NY)  
Halvorson  
Harper  
Hastings (WA)  
Heinrich  
Hensarling  
Herger  
Herseth Sandlin  
Higgins  
Hill  
Himes  
Hinojosa  
Hodes  
Hoekstra  
Holden  
Hoyer  
Hunter  
Inglis  
Inslee  
Israel  
Issa  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson Lee  
(TX)  
Jenkins  
Johnson, E. B.  
Johnson, Sam  
Jordan (OH)  
Kanjorski  
Kaptur  
Kennedy  
Kildee  
Kilpatrick (MI)  
Kilroy  
Kind  
King (IA)  
King (NY)  
Kingston  
Kirk  
Kirkpatrick (AZ)  
Kissell  
Klein (FL)  
Kline (MN)  
Kosmas  
Kratovil  
Lamborn  
Lance  
Langevin  
Larsen (WA)  
Latham  
LaTourette  
Latta  
Lee (NY)  
Levin  
Lewis (CA)  
Linder  
Lipinski  
LoBiondo

Lofgren, Zoe  
Lowey  
Lucas  
Luetkemeyer  
Lummis  
Lungren, Daniel  
E.  
Lynch  
Manzullo  
Marchant  
Markey (CO)  
Marshall  
Massa  
Matheson  
McCarthy (CA)  
McCarthy (NY)  
McCaul  
McClintock  
McCotter  
McHenry  
McIntyre  
McKeon  
McMahon  
McMorris  
Rodgers  
McNerney  
Meek (FL)  
Melancon  
Mica  
Miller (FL)  
Miller (MI)  
Miller (NC)  
Miller, Gary  
Mitchell  
Mollohan  
Moore (KS)  
Moran (KS)  
Moran (VA)  
Murphy (CT)  
Murphy (NY)  
Murphy, Patrick  
Murphy, Tim  
Napolitano  
Neugebauer  
Nunes  
Nye  
Obey  
Olson  
Ortiz  
Owens  
Pascarell  
Paulsen  
Pence  
Perlmutter  
Peters  
Peterson  
Petri  
Platts  
Poe (TX)  
Pomeroy  
Posey  
Putnam  
Quigley  
Rahall  
Rangel  
Rehberg  
Reyes  
Rodriguez  
Roe (TN)  
Rogers (AL)  
Rogers (KY)

Rogers (MI)  
Rohrabacher  
Rooney  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Roskam  
Ross  
Rothman (NJ)  
Roybal-Allard  
Royce  
Ruppersberger  
Rush  
Ryan (WI)  
Salazar  
Scalise  
Schauer  
Schiff  
Schmidt  
Schock  
Schrader  
Schwartz  
Scott (GA)  
Sensenbrenner  
Sessions  
Sestak  
Shadegg  
Shimkus  
Shuler  
Shuster  
Simpson  
Sires  
Skelton  
Slaughter  
Smith (NE)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX)  
Smith (WA)  
Snyder  
Souder  
Space  
Spratt  
Stearns  
Sutton  
Tanner  
Taylor  
Teague  
Terry  
Thompson (MS)  
Thompson (PA)  
Thornberry  
Tiahrt  
Pascarell  
Paulsen  
Pence  
Perlmutter  
Peters  
Peterson  
Petri  
Platts  
Poe (TX)  
Pomeroy  
Posey  
Putnam  
Quigley  
Rahall  
Rangel  
Rehberg  
Reyes  
Rodriguez  
Roe (TN)  
Rogers (AL)  
Rogers (KY)

NAYS—97

Abercrombie  
Baldwin  
Bartlett  
Becerra  
Berman  
Bishop (UT)  
Blumenauer  
Bocieri  
Braley (IA)  
Capuano  
Chaffetz  
Chu  
Clarke  
Cleaver  
Cohen  
Costello  
Crowley  
Cummings  
DeFazio  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Duncan  
Edwards (MD)

Ehlers  
Ellison  
Engel  
Farr  
Filner  
Frank (MA)  
Fudge  
Green, Al  
Grijalva  
Hare  
Harman  
Hastings (FL)  
Heller  
Hinchey  
Hirono  
Holt  
Honda  
Johnson (GA)  
Johnson (IL)  
Jones  
Kagen  
Kucinich  
Larson (CT)

Lee (CA)  
Lewis (GA)  
Loebach  
Lujan  
Maffei  
Maloney  
Markey (MA)  
Matsui  
McCollum  
McDermott  
McGovern  
Meeks (NY)  
Michaud  
Miller, George  
Minnick  
Moore (WI)  
Nadler (NY)  
Neal (MA)  
Oberstar  
Oliver  
Pallone  
Pastor (AZ)  
Paul

Payne	Sarbanes	Velázquez
Perriello	Schakowsky	Visclosky
Pingree (ME)	Scott (VA)	Waters
Polis (CO)	Serrano	Watt
Price (NC)	Shea-Porter	Waxman
Richardson	Sherman	Welch
Ryan (OH)	Speier	Woolsey
Sánchez, Linda	Thompson (CA)	Wu
T.	Tierney	Young (AK)
Sanchez, Loretta	Towns	

## NOT VOTING—20

Barrett (SC)	Gingrey (GA)	Reichert
Bishop (NY)	Hall (TX)	Stark
Boucher	Mack	Stupak
Capps	Myrick	Sullivan
Deal (GA)	Pitts	Westmoreland
Dent	Price (GA)	Wilson (SC)
Fallin	Radanovich	

□ 1926

Messrs. THOMPSON of California, MAFFEI, DEFAZIO, FRANK of Massachusetts, COSTELLO, PAYNE, HONDA, NEAL of Massachusetts, LARSON of Connecticut, HASTINGS of Florida, TIERNEY, BARTLETT, HELLER, BERMAN, GEORGE MILLER of California, SARBANES, CLEAVER, HARE, ENGEL, EHLERS, RYAN of Ohio and PRICE of North Carolina and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. RICHARDSON, Ms. CLARKE and Ms. FUDGE changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the motion was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NATIONAL URBAN CRIMES  
AWARENESS WEEK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 227, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 227, as amended.

The question was taken.

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 15-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 411, nays 0, not voting 21, as follows:

[Roll No. 68]

YEAS—411

Abercrombie	Bachus	Bilbray
Ackerman	Baird	Bilirakis
Aderholt	Baldwin	Bishop (GA)
Adler (NJ)	Barrow	Bishop (UT)
Akin	Bartlett	Blackburn
Alexander	Barton (TX)	Blumenauer
Altmire	Bean	Blunt
Andrews	Becerra	Bocieri
Arcuri	Berkley	Boehner
Austria	Berman	Bonner
Baca	Berry	Bono Mack
Bachmann	Biggert	Boozman

Boren	Gallegly	Lungren, Daniel
Boswell	Garamendi	E.
Boustany	Garrett (NJ)	Lynch
Boyd	Gerlach	Maffei
Brady (PA)	Giffords	Maloney
Brady (TX)	Gohmert	Manzullo
Braley (IA)	Gonzalez	Marchant
Bright	Goodlatte	Markey (CO)
Broun (GA)	Gordon (TN)	Markey (MA)
Brown (SC)	Granger	Marshall
Brown, Corrine	Graves	Massa
Brown-Waite,	Grayson	Matheson
Ginny	Green, Al	Matsui
Buchanan	Green, Gene	McCarthy (CA)
Burgess	Griffith	McCarthy (NY)
Burton (IN)	Grijalva	McCaul
Butterfield	Guthrie	McClintock
Buyer	Gutierrez	McCollum
Calvert	Hall (NY)	McCotter
Camp	Halvorson	McDermott
Campbell	Hare	McGovern
Cantor	Harman	McHenry
Cao	Harper	McIntyre
Capito	Hastings (FL)	McKeon
Capuano	Hastings (WA)	McMahon
Cardoza	Heinrich	McMorris
Carnahan	Heller	Rodgers
Carney	Hensarling	McNerney
Carson (IN)	Herger	Meek (FL)
Carter	Herseth Sandlin	Meeks (NY)
Cassidy	Higgins	Melancon
Castle	Hill	Mica
Castor (FL)	Himes	Michaud
Chaffetz	Hinchee	Miller (FL)
Chandler	Hinojosa	Miller (MI)
Childers	Hirono	Miller (NC)
Chu	Hodes	Miller, Gary
Clarke	Hoekstra	Miller, George
Clay	Holden	Minnick
Cleaver	Holt	Mitchell
Clyburn	Honda	Mollohan
Coble	Hoyer	Moore (KS)
Coffman (CO)	Hunter	Moore (WI)
Cohen	Inglis	Moran (KS)
Cole	Inslee	Moran (VA)
Conaway	Israel	Murphy (CT)
Connolly (VA)	Issa	Murphy (NY)
Conyers	Jackson (IL)	Murphy, Patrick
Cooper	Jackson Lee	Murphy, Tim
Costa	(TX)	Nadler (NY)
Costello	Jenkins	Napolitano
Courtney	Johnson (GA)	Neal (MA)
Crenshaw	Johnson (IL)	Neugebauer
Crowley	Johnson, E. B.	Nunes
Cuellar	Johnson, Sam	Nye
Culberson	Jones	Oberstar
Cummings	Jordan (OH)	Obey
Dahlkemper	Kagen	Olson
Davis (AL)	Kanjorski	Oliver
Davis (CA)	Kaptur	Ortiz
Davis (IL)	Kennedy	Owens
Davis (KY)	Kildee	Pallone
Davis (TN)	Kilpatrick (MI)	Pascarell
DeFazio	Kilroy	Pastor (AZ)
DeGette	Kind	Paul
Delahunt	King (IA)	Paulsen
DeLauro	King (NY)	Payne
Diaz-Balart, L.	Kingston	Pence
Diaz-Balart, M.	Kirk	Perlmutter
Dicks	Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Perriello
Dingell	Kissell	Peters
Doggett	Klein (FL)	Peterson
Donnelly (IN)	Kline (MN)	Petri
Doyle	Kosmas	Pingree (ME)
Dreier	Kratovil	Platts
Driehaus	Kucinich	Poe (TX)
Duncan	Lamborn	Polis (CO)
Edwards (MD)	Lance	Pomeroy
Edwards (TX)	Langevin	Posey
Ehlers	Larsen (WA)	Price (NC)
Ellison	Larson (CT)	Putnam
Ellsworth	Latham	Quigley
Emerson	LaTourette	Rahall
Engel	Latta	Rangel
Eshoo	Lee (CA)	Rehberg
Etheridge	Lee (NY)	Reyes
Farr	Levin	Richardson
Fattah	Lewis (CA)	Rodriguez
Filner	Lewis (GA)	Roe (TN)
Flake	Linder	Rogers (AL)
Fleming	Lipinski	Rogers (KY)
Forbes	LoBiondo	Rogers (MI)
Fortenberry	Loeb sack	Rohrabacher
Foster	Lofgren, Zoe	Rooney
Fox	Lowe	Ros-Lehtinen
Frank (MA)	Lucas	Roskam
Frank (AZ)	Luetkemeyer	Ross
Frelinghuysen	Luján	Rothman (NJ)
Fudge	Lummis	Roybal-Allard

Royce	Shuler	Titus
Ruppersberger	Shuster	Tonko
Rush	Simpson	Towns
Ryan (OH)	Sires	Turner
Ryan (WI)	Skelton	Upton
Salazar	Slaughter	Van Hollen
Sánchez, Linda	Smith (NE)	Velázquez
T.	Smith (NJ)	Visclosky
Sanchez, Loretta	Smith (TX)	Walden
Sarbanes	Smith (WA)	Walz
Scalise	Snyder	Wamp
Schakowsky	Souder	Wasserman
Schauer	Space	Schultz
Schiff	Speier	Waters
Schmidt	Spratt	Watson
Schock	Stearns	Watt
Schrader	Sutton	Waxman
Schwartz	Tanner	Weiner
Scott (GA)	Taylor	Welch
Scott (VA)	Teague	Whitfield
Sensenbrenner	Terry	Wilson (OH)
Serrano	Thompson (CA)	Wittman
Sessions	Thompson (MS)	Wolf
Sestak	Thompson (PA)	Woolsey
Shadegg	Thornberry	Wu
Shea-Porter	Tiahrt	Yarmuth
Sherman	Tiberi	Young (AK)
Shimkus	Tierney	Young (FL)

## NOT VOTING—21

Barrett (SC)	Gingrey (GA)	Reichert
Bishop (NY)	Hall (TX)	Stark
Boucher	Mack	Stupak
Capps	Myrick	Sullivan
Deal (GA)	Pitts	Tsongas
Dent	Price (GA)	Westmoreland
Fallin	Radanovich	Wilson (SC)

□ 1948

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE  
CONSIDERED AS FIRST SPONSOR  
OF H.R. 1103

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered to be the first sponsor of H.R. 1103, a bill originally introduced by Representative WEXLER of Florida, for the purposes of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII.

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

There was no objection.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2847) “An Act making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.”, with an amendment.

The message also announced that pursuant to Executive Order No. 13531, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, announces the appointment of the following Members to the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform: