

Mr. Speaker, I am increasingly disappointed that Members of the House are presented on an ongoing basis with false legislative choices that distort problems rather than seek to solve them. H.R. 3989 is the latest example of this approach to policy-making, where serious policy questions are demoted to merely political ones. This vote is meaningless when devoid of the larger context of a budget resolution, and everyone here knows that. I refuse to participate in this legislative charade, and I urge my colleagues to do the same. Join me in voting 'present' on H.R. 3989. The sooner we stop the pointless political gambits, the sooner we can deal with the people's business.