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Notice is given that on the 31st day of January, 2012, Vaughn Davis, whose address is 88926 550th Avenue, Crofton, NE 68730, was appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of Patricia L. Davis.

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# Vote

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thing instead of just playing politics," Obama said at an appearance at a Boeing factory in Everett, Wash. "This was a good example, and Congress should take pride in it."

In fact, politics has been woven into the struggle over the legislation, which, along with the divisive GOP primary campaign and improving economic news, has coincided with a lift in Obama's poll numbers.

Friday's votes also cleared away a political headache for House Republicans, still smarting from the battle in late December in which they blocked a twomonth extension of the tax cut and jobless coverage, only to retreat after being portrayed as standing in the way of

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Since then, Republicans have made it clear they didn't want a repeat of the December disaster. "We're dumb, but

we're not stupid," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., told reporters after he voted. "We did not want to repeat the debacle of last December. It's not that complicated." McCain voted no, in part because the measure gives television broadcasting companies \$1.75 billion in exchange for freeing communications spectrum for auctions to wireless companies.

Democrats took ad-

vantage of the GOP's loss of leverage in this month's House-Senate talks, forcing Republican negotiators to drop numerous House GOP provisions, including an effort to block new EPA rules on industrial boilers, a pay freeze on federal workers and an attempt to deny illegal immigrants a refundable child tax credit taken by lowincome workers.

The top GOP negotiator, Rep. Dave Camp, R-Mich., said the final deal was the best Republicans could get given the balance of power in Washington.

"Democrats still control Washington they control the Senate, and they control the White House," Camp said. "A divided government must still govern." Camp cited stricter job search requirements for people receiving unemployment benefits and other reforms to the program as wins for conservatives.

In another GOP victory, coverage for the long-term unemployed would be cut from the current maximum of 99 weeks to a ceiling of 73 weeks by this fall in states with the worst job markets, with most topping out at 63 weeks. But Democrats extracted a concession so that states with the worst jobless rates would actually fare better in the next few months than they otherwise would have.

While a solid majority of Republicans in the House backed the measure, GOP opposition was stronger in the Senate,

where Republicans voted against the bill by a 2-1 margin. Five Democrats and Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., opposed the measure, while 14 Republicans, including Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, backed it.

"I voted to extend the temporary payroll tax holiday because I didn't want taxes going up next month on millions of Americans," McConnell said. "I don't think the American people should have to suffer any more than they already have as a result of this president's failure to turn the economy around."

Many GOP lawmakers were upset that the measure would add to the federal deficit and doubted that it would do much to boost the economy. Another concern was that it cuts a payroll tax that's dedicated to paying Social Security benefits. Deficit spending would make up for the lost revenue, but some lawmakers fear it would chip away at Washington's commitment to the program.

"I cannot and I will not support legislation "I voted to extend the that extends the paytemporary payroll tax roll tax holiday without paying for it," said holiday because I didn't Rep. Phil Gingrey, R-Ga. "This will add \$100 billion to the deficit next month on millions and it will create an of Americans. I don't even greater shortfall think the American peowithin the Social Security trust fund that alple should have to sufready has over \$100 fer any more than they billion shortfall just in the last two years." already have as a result And the No. 2 Deof this president's fail-

mocrat in the House, Steny Hover of Marvland, excoriated the measure for cutting the retirement benefits MITCH MCCONNELL of new federal hires. "Nobody is targeted in this bill other than

federal employees," said Hoyer, whose Washington-area district is home to thousands of federal workers. "We ought to stop dissing them. We ought to stop demagoguing, we ought to stop using 'bureaucrat' as an epithet."

Extending the 2-point cut in the 6.2 percent Social Security payroll tax would save a maximum of \$2,200 for high-end earners.

The reduction in the Social Security payroll tax, which is deducted from workers' paychecks, would cost \$93 billion through 2022. In a sudden concession this week that made bipartisan agreement possible, House Republicans dropped their demand that the tax cut be paid for with spending reductions.

Of the \$30 billion cost of the extended unemployment benefits, half would be paid for by government sales of parts of the nation's broadcast airwaves, half by requiring federal workers hired after this year to contribute an additional 2.3 percent of their pay for their pensions, up from the current 0.8 percent.

Other costs would be made up by trimming Medicare reimbursements to health care providers to cover unpaid medical bills, cutting payments to hospitals that treat large numbers of poor patients and cutting a fund created in Obama's health care overhaul for prevention efforts like battling smoking and obesity.



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# Opt-Out

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responsible opt-out, to let the public know we support it," Moser said. "I think we have seen some real positive steps from the school board being more responsible - changes in meeting policies, getting information to the public. They are positive steps and we thought it was important to show our support.'

Michels said the group realizes there are people in the community who still have concerns with both this opt-out and the school's previous attempt, and he can relate to their reasoning.

"I understand having been in business and worked in businesses, represented businesses, why the original opt-out was rejected," Michels said, stressing he was not speaking for state leaders, but rather on a personal level. "What I think we should evaluate is the future here and how hard the school board has worked to evaluate and analyze what we need here for the next couple of years. ... When you look at the hard work that

has been done, the young families moving in, and the work the school is doing, I just think on a personal level that this is a good option."

Michels said that he has already voted in favor of the opt-out.

"It is interesting because, with all of my travels around the state and back to Yankton, I do get a sense that there has been a tremendous open dialogue and people are understanding it," he said. "There is not as much of an uprising, although I do know there are people against it. ... The interesting thing is that while it has caused angst and anger in the community, people are now taking an interest in the school board."

Earlier this week, the board of directors for Yankton Area Progressive Growth (YAPG) and the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce unanimously decided to publicly endorse the school district's opt-out proposal. Michels believes that expression of support shows how valuable quality education is to the community.

"I believe that it shows they understand that a community grows by virtue of its education and health care and its other amenities." Michels said. "These people are parents, too, they work with families, they want a

well educated community to help it thrive.'

School board president Kathy Greeneway said that the support the board has received the last two days has been overwhelming.

"Their comments and their support just symbolizes how this community needs to come together and rally behind education and support the opt-out," she said. "I am grateful and appreciative that they all took the time to make that public statement."

Bernie Hunhoff said unity is important in the days leading up to the Feb. 28 public vote.

"I think it shows that, even though we have different opinions and philosophies about the big picture, in the classroom is where the rubber hits the road," he said. "I think it is a recognition that, over the next couple of years, they need some resources.

"As I talk to my friends and neighbors, they legitimately are asking if the school is operating as fiscally responsible as they can. I think everybody is trying to reach a good decision on that. But if you do an analysis of what Yankton is spending on education, we are getting a real good bargain on our dollar."

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## U.S., Europe Cautious On Iran Offer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and European Union on Friday expressed cautious optimism that Iran is serious about returning to talks with world powers over its nuclear program.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton said they were continuing to study Iran's response to a proposal to restart the stalled negotiations. However, they said they welcomed Iran's professed willingness to hold talks as soon as possible without preconditions.

Speaking to reporters after meeting with Ashton at the State Department, Clinton said the Iranian reply was "one we have been waiting for." But, she stressed that "if we do proceed it will have to be a sustained effort that will produce results.

"We must be assured that if we make a decision to go forward, we see a sustained effort by Iran to come to the table to work until we have reached an outcome that has Iran coming back into compliance with

their international obligations," Clinton said. "We're evaluating all of these factors. But I think it's fair to say ... that we think this is an important step and we welcome the letter.'

Ashton said she was "cautious" but "optimistic" that talks could resume.

"I think it is good to see that the letter has arrived and there is a potential possibility that Iran may be willing to resume talks,' she said.

Clinton and Ashton were referring to a letter from chief Iranian nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili, which was sent to Ashton on Tuesday, in which he proposed new discussions. Ashton is the point of contact for the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council and Germany, who are demanding that Iran freeze all uranium enrichment.

'We voice our readiness for dialogue on a spectrum of various issues which can provide ground for constructive and forward looking cooperation," Jalili wrote in the letter.