

Opinion: Making sausage, or how we wound up with this debt-reduction package

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THE RECORD

THERE'S nothing elected officials relish more than an opportunity to cast an absolutely no-risk vote, particularly on a high-profile, media-intensive issue.

The dream came true last week for Democratic Reps. Frank Pallone of Monmouth County, Rush Holt of Mercer County and Donald Payne of Essex County

their vote.

The negative votes by Pallone, Holt, Payne and Garrett, while in keeping with their philosophies, also largely reflected the makeup of their respective constituencies. Pallone and

