

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the vote on H. Res. 1088 and H. Res. 1091, I would have voted "yea."

## REQUIRING SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TO SUBMIT ANNUAL REPORT ON CONGRESSIONAL INITIATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 6375.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6375, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 70, nays 330, not voting 32, as follows:

[Roll No. 535]

## YEAS—70

Barrett (SC)	Gilchrest	Pence
Barrow	Gingrey	Pitts
Bilbray	Gohmert	Platts
Blackburn	Green (WI)	Poe
Bradley (NH)	Hall	Price (GA)
Brown-Waite,	Hayworth	Ramstad
Ginny	Hensarling	Reichert
Campbell (CA)	Hoekstra	Rogers (MI)
Capito	Hunter	Rohrabacher
Castle	Inglis (SC)	Royce
Chocola	Jindal	Ryan (WI)
Coble	Johnson (IL)	Ryun (KS)
Cooper	Kennedy (MN)	Schmidt
Davis, Tom	King (IA)	Sensenbrenner
Deal (GA)	Leach	Sessions
Dent	Linder	Shadegg
Duncan	McHenry	Shaw
Feeney	McMorris	Shays
Fitzpatrick (PA)	Rodgers	Simmons
Flake	Miller (MI)	Souder
Fossella	Moran (KS)	Stearns
Fox	Musgrave	Tiberi
Franks (AZ)	Neugebauer	Westmoreland
Garrett (NJ)	Nussle	Wolf

## NAYS—330

Abercrombie	Brown, Corrine	DeFazio
Ackerman	Burgess	DeGette
Aderholt	Butterfield	Delahunt
Akin	Buyer	DeLauro
Alexander	Calvert	Diaz-Balart, L.
Allen	Camp (MI)	Diaz-Balart, M.
Andrews	Cannon	Dicks
Baca	Cantor	Dingell
Bachus	Capps	Doggett
Baird	Capuano	Doolittle
Baldwin	Cardin	Doyle
Bartlett (MD)	Cardoza	Drake
Barton (TX)	Carnahan	Dreier
Bass	Carson	Edwards
Bean	Carter	Ehlers
Beauprez	Case	Emanuel
Becerra	Chabot	Emerson
Berman	Chandler	Engel
Berry	Clay	English (PA)
Billrakis	Cleaver	Eshoo
Bishop (GA)	Clyburn	Etheridge
Bishop (NY)	Cole (OK)	Everett
Bishop (UT)	Conaway	Farr
Boehlert	Costa	Ferguson
Bonilla	Costello	Filner
Bonner	Cramer	Forbes
Bono	Crenshaw	Fortenberry
Boozman	Crowley	Frank (MA)
Boren	Cuellar	Frelinghuysen
Boswell	Culberson	Gerlach
Boucher	Cummings	Gonzalez
Boustany	Davis (AL)	Goode
Boyd	Davis (CA)	Goodlatte
Brady (PA)	Davis (FL)	Gordon
Brady (TX)	Davis (IL)	Granger
Brown (OH)	Davis (KY)	Graves
Brown (SC)	Davis (TN)	Green, Al

Green, Gene	Marchant	Rush
Grijalva	Markey	Ryan (OH)
Gutierrez	Marshall	Sabo
Gutknecht	Matheson	Salazar
Harman	Matsui	Sanchez, Linda
Harris	McCarthy	T.
Hart	McCauley (TX)	Sanchez, Loretta
Hastings (FL)	McCollum (MN)	Sanders
Hastings (WA)	McCotter	Saxton
Hayes	McDermott	Schakowsky
Hefley	McGovern	Schiff
Herger	McHugh	Schwartz (PA)
Herseth	McIntyre	Schwartz (MI)
Higgins	McKeon	Scott (GA)
Hinchee	McNulty	Scott (VA)
Hinojosa	Meehan	Sekula Gibbs
Hobson	Meek (FL)	Serrano
Holden	Meeks (NY)	Sherman
Holt	Melancon	Sherwood
Honda	Mica	Shimkus
Hooley	Michaud	Shuster
Hostettler	Millender-	Simpson
Hoyer	McDonald	Sires
Hulshof	Miller (FL)	Skelton
Hyde	Miller (NC)	Slaughter
Inslie	Miller, George	Smith (NJ)
Israel	Mollohan	Smith (TX)
Issa	Moore (KS)	Smith (WA)
Istook	Moore (WI)	Snyder
Jackson (IL)	Moran (VA)	Sodrel
Jackson-Lee	Murphy	Solis
(TX)	Murtha	Spratt
Jenkins	Myrick	Stark
Johnson (CT)	Nadler	Stupak
Johnson, E. B.	Napolitano	Sullivan
Johnson, Sam	Neal (MA)	Tanner
Jones (OH)	Northup	Tauscher
Kanjorski	Nunes	Taylor (MS)
Kaptur	Oberstar	Terry
Keller	Obey	Thomas
Kelly	Olver	Thompson (CA)
Kennedy (RI)	Ortiz	Thompson (MS)
Kildee	Osborne	Thornberry
Kilpatrick (MI)	Owens	Tiahrt
Kind	Pallone	Tierney
King (NY)	Pascarell	Towns
Kingston	Pastor	Turner
Kirk	Payne	Udall (CO)
Kline	Pearce	Udall (NM)
Knollenberg	Pelosi	Upton
Kucinich	Peterson (MN)	Van Hollen
Kuhl (NY)	Peterson (PA)	Velazquez
LaHood	Petri	Visclosky
Langevin	Pickering	Walden (OR)
Lantos	Pombo	Walsh
Larsen (WA)	Pomeroy	Wamp
Larson (CT)	Porter	Wasserman
Latham	Price (NC)	Schultz
LaTourette	Pryce (OH)	Watt
Lee	Putnam	Waxman
Levin	Radanovich	Weiner
Lewis (CA)	Rahall	Weldon (FL)
Lewis (GA)	Rangel	Weldon (PA)
Lewis (KY)	Regula	Weller
Lipinski	Rehberg	Wexler
LoBiondo	Renzi	Whitfield
Lofgren, Zoe	Reyes	Wicker
Lowe	Reynolds	Wilson (NM)
Lucas	Rogers (AL)	Wilson (SC)
Lungren, Daniel	Rogers (KY)	Woolsey
E.	Ros-Lehtinen	Wu
Lynch	Ross	Wynn
Mack	Rothman	Young (AK)
Maloney	Roybal-Allard	Young (FL)
Manzullo	Ruppersberger	

## NOT VOTING—32

Baker	Fattah	Norwood
Berkley	Ford	Otter
Biggart	Gallegly	Oxley
Blumenauer	Gibbons	Paul
Blunt	Gillmor	Strickland
Boehner	Jefferson	Sweeney
Burton (IN)	Jones (NC)	Tancredo
Conyers	Kolbe	Taylor (NC)
Cubin	McCrery	Waters
Davis, Jo Ann	McKinney	Watson
Evans	Miller, Gary	

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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Mr. MORAN of Kansas changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So (two-thirds of those voting having not responded in the affirmative) the motion was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 535, requiring the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress an annual report and to provide notice to the public on congressional initiatives in funds authorized or made available to the Department of Defense, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

## REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 6136

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a co-sponsor of the bill, H.R. 6136.

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

There was no objection.

## REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 102, FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2007

Mr. PUTNAM, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-727) on the resolution (H. Res. 1105) providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 102) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

## RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, December 4, 2006.

Hon. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: On November 7, 2006, I received the great privilege of being elected Governor of the State of Nevada. Although Dean Heller was elected and will succeed me as the representative of the Second Congressional District of Nevada, under Nevada law I must formally resign my Congressional office prior to taking office as Governor. I have advised the current Governor of the State of Nevada of such resignation and hereby inform you of my formal resignation as the representative of the Second Congressional District of Nevada to be effective at the close of business on December 31, 2006.

It has been an honor and pleasure representing the Great State of Nevada in Congress over the past 10 years, and I look forward to continuing that service as Governor.

Sincerely,

JIM GIBBONS,  
Member of Congress.

DECEMBER 4, 2006.

Hon. KENNY GUINN,  
Governor, State of Nevada,  
Carson, City, NV.

DEAR GOVERNOR GUINN: On November 7, 2006, I received the great privilege of being

elected Governor of the State of Nevada. As you may be aware, under Nevada law I must formally resign my Congressional office prior to taking office as Governor. I have advised the Speaker of the House of such resignation and hereby inform you of my formal resignation as the representative of the 2nd Congressional District of Nevada to be effective at the close of business on December 31, 2006.

It has been an honor and pleasure representing the Great State of Nevada in Congress over the past 10 years, and I look forward to continuing that service as Governor.

Sincerely,

JIM GIBBONS.

**PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 102, FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2007**

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1105 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

**H. RES. 1105**

*Resolved*, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 102) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes. The joint resolution shall be considered as read. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations; and (2) one motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). The gentleman from Florida (Mr. PUTNAM) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mrs. SLAUGHTER), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

(Mr. PUTNAM asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleagues. I realize that as we wind down this session, Congress, Members are still attempting to move last-minute suspensions and items of importance for their district.

This resolution, Madam Speaker, is a rule that provides for consideration of House Joint Resolution 102, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2007. This rule provides for 1 hour of debate in the House, equally divided and controlled by the majority and minority chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of orders against consideration of the joint resolution and provides for one motion to recommit.

I want to commend both Chairman LEWIS and Ranking Member OBEY and the entire House Appropriations Com-

mittee for sticking to the timetable that they laid out at the beginning of this legislative session. In an impressive display of bipartisanship and great labor, the House passed 10 of the 11 appropriations bills prior to the July 4 district work period this year. Since July the Senate has returned to us the defense and homeland security appropriations bills, each of which has been signed by our President. Only the military quality of life appropriations bill has been passed by the Senate and is being conferenced. The remaining seven remain floundering in the Senate.

The House of Representatives, Chairman LEWIS and Ranking Member OBEY, and this body, have done their work. We must institute the continuing resolution in order to allow the government to continue functioning through February 15, 2007. This allows the new Congress ample time to organize and consider the outstanding appropriations bills. The rule allows consideration of this imperative continuing resolution funding measure.

While disappointed that we must resort to a CR, I am pleased that the appropriators have ensured that we have a clean bill without extraneous projects or funds and we have avoided the temptation often driven by the other body to package bills together in an omnibus.

Throughout the appropriations process, the committee has shown its commitment to the budget resolution and to fiscal accountability. The committee has funded programs and activities at the lowest of the House-passed level, the Senate-passed level, or the fiscal year 2006 rate. For agencies for which the Senate has not passed the bill, the funding rate is at the lower of the House-passed level or the fiscal 2006 current rate. For agencies for which neither the House nor the Senate have passed the bill, the funding rate is at the current 2006 number.

And in order to ensure quality health care for our veterans, we have included substantial additional transfer authority for Veterans Administration medical care. As the entire Federal Government is facing a plateaued budget, the CR includes a provision that prohibits the automatic implementation of the cost of living adjustment for Members of Congress also until February 16.

Again, I want to congratulate Chairman LEWIS and Ranking Member OBEY on their hard work. I urge Members to support the rule and the underlying continuing resolution so that we can finish the appropriations process and move down the road toward meeting the needs of this country.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. SLAUGHTER. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me the customary 30 minutes, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, the bill before us represents one of the last chances that the majority has to leave its mark on

the 109th Congress, and yet again we are ending this session like we began it, rushing to pass a rule on a bill without having taken enough time to get either one right.

Along with the broken process used to pass this legislation, what is in this bill is a perfect representation of what is wrong with the way business has been done under this majority. It is a clear example of why we need a new direction in Washington, why we need a new philosophy of government to take root here in the people's House.

This continuing resolution will automatically fund government programs at their current levels through February 15 of next year. It is the third continuing resolution Congress has passed since the current fiscal year began on October 1. We are in the second week of December, and the majority has approved only two of the 11 bills that were needed this year. In fact, by the time this resolution expires in February, the Federal Government would have been on autopilot for more than one-third of the 2007 fiscal year. The nine spending bills that the 109th Congress will leave unfinished when it adjourns this week cover over \$460 billion in Federal spending, 460 billion. That is almost half a trillion that the leaders of the Congress have decided to send out the door without any policymaking or oversight.

Madam Speaker, the majority didn't do its job. As representatives, we are sent here to be good stewards of the taxpayer dollars that the Federal Government spends. It is one of our most important responsibilities. Voters do not expect us to abdicate that responsibility or any other responsibility, for that matter. What they expect is that we will take on the challenges confronting our Nation, challenges which have for years awaited a leadership with the vision and commitment needed to address them.

Madam Speaker, my fellow Democrats and I understand what the American people expect of us. Democrats believe that running this House correctly is a matter of pride. We believe it is a matter of having a fundamental respect for both the institution in which we serve and for the citizens who gave us the privilege to serve here.

And that is why when the 110th Congress opens next month, Democrats will actually face the unanswered challenges confronting us with a new promise and address them in a new way. The House will no longer avoid asking tough questions or fail to live up to its most basic duties. Democrats are going to show the American people a Congress with a new set of priorities and a new set of how best to do the people's business.

They are going to see a Congress committed to getting our deficits under control and passing critical bills like unfinished budgets before us on time. They will see a Congress focused on rewarding millions of hardworking