

## ANSWERED "PRESENT"—7

Bishop (UT)	Culberson	Poe (TX)
Bright	Johnson (IL)	
Chaffetz	Matheson	

## NOT VOTING—22

Ackerman	Marchant	Solis (CA)
Boucher	Michaud	Speier
Carney	Mollohan	Tanner
Gallegly	Neugebauer	Tiberi
Garrett (NJ)	Pingree (ME)	Wamp
Johnson, E. B.	Rogers (AL)	Young (AK)
Larsen (WA)	Skelton	
Manzullo	Snyder	

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

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Mr. MELANCON changed his vote from "no" to "aye."

Mr. MATHESON changed his vote from "no" to "present."

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.

Mr. Speaker, on the afternoon of January 22, 2009, I was unable to vote due to illness and missed three rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 27, H.J. Res. 3, a resolution to disapprove the use of the second \$350 billion of the funds that were made available to the Secretary of the Treasury under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008; "yea" on rollcall No. 28, on agreeing to H. Res. 56, expressing support for designation of the week of February 2 through February 6, 2009, as "National School Counseling Week"; and "yea" on rollcall No. 29, on passage of H. Res. 58, commending the University of Florida Gators for winning the Bowl Championship Series National Championship Game.

## ELECTING MEMBERS TO A CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 80

*Resolved*, That the following named Members be and are hereby elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

(1) COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT.—Ms. Zoe Lofgren of California, Chairman; Mr. Chandler, Mr. Butterfield, Ms. Pastor of Florida, Mr. Welch.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

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

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I object and would like the resolution to be read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard. The Clerk will continue to read.

The Clerk continued to read.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to sections 5580 and 5581 of the revised statutes (20 U.S.C. 42-43), and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:

Mr. BECERRA, California  
Ms. MATSUI, California  
Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Texas

## LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. CANTOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Maryland, the majority leader, for the purpose of announcing next week's schedule.

Mr. HOYER. I thank my friend for yielding. I'm glad I am here for him to yield to.

On Monday, the House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

On Tuesday, the House will meet at 10:30 a.m. for morning hour business and 12 p.m. for legislative business.

On Wednesday, the House will meet at 10 a.m. for legislative business.

On Thursday and Friday, no votes are expected due to the House Republican Issues Conference.

We will consider several bills under suspension of the rules. The complete list of suspension bills will be announced by close of business tomorrow.

We also expect to consider the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. We anticipate as well the Senate taking action on the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. And if they do, our hope is to consider the legislation as early as next week.

Mr. CANTOR. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, as the gentleman knows, the Democrat congressional stimulus bill will add nearly \$1 trillion to the Nation's debt. That is roughly \$2,700 in additional debt for every man, woman and child in the United States. Republicans are hopeful, Mr. Speaker, that this stimulus bill will be considered openly so as to ensure there is no waste of taxpayer dollars.

Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, the public has not been given an extra day to review the congressional Democratic proposal prior to committee consideration. Further, committees are rushing as we speak to consider their respec-

tive portions of the bill, completing markups in a single day.

Mr. Speaker, as has been announced, we are going to be hastily considering the bill next week. I would ask the gentleman from Maryland, will all Members and the American people be given 48 hours to review the committee report prior to a vote next week as the House rules dictate?

Mr. HOYER. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. CANTOR. I yield.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

First let me say I appreciate the gentleman's comments. Clearly we have come into this Congress with an economy in crisis. That economy, very frankly, was not affected by anything the Democrats did over the last 2 years because, on economic policy, of course, we couldn't pass anything either through the Senate or over the President's veto. So the economic crisis that confronts us we believe is the result of 8 years of, in some respects fiscal irresponsibility and economic irresponsibility, and taking the referees off the field and with no regulation I tell my friend.

Having said that, I continue to believe the gentleman's point is a good point, a point with which I agree. It is my hope that the committee markups will be completed tonight, maybe early this morning. As you know, the Appropriations Committee yesterday had a full markup, adopted six Republican amendments and a number of Democratic amendments. I don't know what the amendment status is in Energy and Commerce or Ways and Means, but I expect all those markups to be completed late tonight. It is my hope that once those markups are complete, that by tomorrow night we will post the results on the Web and that they will be available not 48 hours, but either Friday night or Saturday so that we will have 4 days to review those items.

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But I want to reiterate my hope and my expectation, to state it even more strongly, that you and the minority Members, the country, and the majority Members will have 48 hours to review the product that is reported out of the committee after their markups.

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his response. I appreciate the spirit in which he responds to the inquiry and will set aside the supposition that perhaps we have to rush because of some policies that were in place over the last 8 years and would point out to the gentleman that, again, it is his party that has served in the majority over the last 2 years building up to the current situation that we are in.

But I would ask the gentleman, specifically does he know what day the actual stimulus bill will be considered on the floor of this House?

Mr. HOYER. Will the gentleman yield?