

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 513 is a bipartisan bill authored by the District of Columbia Subcommittee's chairman, the gentleman from Virginia [(Mr. DAVIS], and the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia [Ms. NORTON], its ranking member. It would simply exempt contracts over \$1 million entered into by the District's Water and Sewer Authority and Convention Center Authority from review and approval by the city council. These two authorities were established by the Council during the last 2 years as corporate bodies with a legal existence apart from the District government. Each authority has its own board of directors, financial system, and revenue sources. Their independence was an essential element of their design, and it is critical to the realization of their respective missions.

Two years ago, Congress approved legislation developed by the D.C. Subcommittee establishing the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, Public Law 104-8. This bill contained a provision amending the District's home rule charter to require council review of all contracts over \$1 million. This was done in order to inject greater control and accountability into the District's procurement process.

It has since been learned through consultation with various financial advisers that we could lower the risk associated with any borrowing by the two authorities and thereby reduce their borrowing costs if we insulated the larger contracts of the two authorities from the review process and the politics which sometimes affect it.

Finally, the bill would permit the city council at its option to exempt from its review any Federal aid highway program contract over \$1 million. The council has indicated that it would prefer to annually approve a schedule of projects to be undertaken under this program rather than consider project contracts on an individual basis. This approach will expedite the procurement process and ensure work can get started during the construction season.

I should point out that all of the contracts which this bill will exempt from council review will still be subject to review and approval by the District's Financial Authority, the Control Board. The authority will ensure that they have been executed appropriately and are consistent with the District's budget and financial plan.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that this bill does nothing more than streamline an administrative review process of the council. It enjoys the support of the District's local officials. Accordingly, I urge its approval by this body.

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by

the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. DAVIS] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 513.

The question was taken.

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5, rule I, the Chair will now put the question de novo on the approval of the Journal, and then on the motion to suspend the rules postponed from earlier today.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

The first vote will be on the Journal, de novo; the second vote will be on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 513, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, the pending business is the question de novo of agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 355, nays 43, not voting 34, as follows:

[Roll No. 33]

YEAS—355

Aderholt	Blagojevich	Cannon	Crapo	Jones	Price (NC)
Allen	Bliley	Capps	Cubin	Kanjorski	Pryce (OH)
Andrews	Blumenauer	Cardin	Cummings	Kaptur	Quinn
Archer	Blunt	Carson	Cunningham	Kasich	Radanovich
Armey	Boehlert	Castle	Danner	Kelly	Rahall
Bachus	Boehner	Chabot	Davis (IL)	Kennedy (MA)	Rangel
Baker	Bonilla	Chambliss	Davis (VA)	Kennedy (RI)	Regula
Ballenger	Bono	Chenoweth	Deal	Kildee	Reyes
Barr	Boswell	Christensen	DeGette	Kim	Riggs
Barrett (NE)	Boucher	Clayton	Delahunt	Kind (WI)	Riley
Barrett (WI)	Boyd	Clement	DeLauro	King (NY)	Rivers
Bartlett	Brady	Coble	DeLay	Kingston	Roemer
Barton	Brown (FL)	Coburn	Dellums	Klecza	Rogan
Bass	Brown (OH)	Collins	Deutsch	Klink	Rogers
Bateman	Bryant	Combest	Diaz-Balart	Klug	Rohrabacher
Becerra	Bunning	Condit	Dickey	Knollenberg	Ros-Lehtinen
Bentsen	Burr	Cook	Dicks	Kolbe	Rothman
Bereuter	Burton	Cooksey	Dixon	LaFalce	Roukema
Berman	Buyer	Costello	Doggett	LaHood	Roybal-Allard
Berry	Callahan	Cox	Dooley	Lampson	Royce
Bilbray	Calvert	Coyne	Doolittle	Lantos	Rush
Bilirakis	Campbell	Cramer	Doyle	Largent	Ryun
Bishop	Canady	Crane	Duncan	Latham	Salmon
			Dunn	LaTourette	Sanders
			Edwards	Lazio	Sandlin
			Ehlers	Leach	Sanford
			Ehrlich	Lewis (CA)	Sawyer
			Emerson	Lewis (KY)	Saxton
			Eshoo	Linder	Scarborough
			Etheridge	Lipinski	Schaefer, Dan
			Evans	Livingston	Schaffer, Bob
			Everett	LoBiondo	Sensenbrenner
			Farr	Lofgren	Serrano
			Fattah	Lowey	Sessions
			Fawell	Lucas	Shadegg
			Fazio	Luther	Shaw
			Foley	Maloney (CT)	Shays
			Forbes	Manton	Sherman
			Ford	Manzullo	Shimkus
			Fowler	Markey	Sisisky
			Fox	Martinez	Skeen
			Frank (MA)	Mascara	Skelton
			Franks (NJ)	Matsui	Slaughter
			Frelinghuysen	McCarthy (NY)	Smith (MI)
			Frost	McCollum	Smith (NJ)
			Ganske	McCrery	Smith (OR)
			Gejdenson	McDade	Smith (TX)
			Gekas	McHale	Smith, Adam
			Gilchrest	McHugh	Smith, Linda
			Gillmor	McInnis	Snowbarger
			Gilman	McIntyre	Snyder
			Gonzalez	McKinney	Solomon
			Goode	Meehan	Souder
			Goodlatte	Meek	Spence
			Goodling	Metcalf	Spratt
			Gordon	Mica	Stark
			Goss	Millender-McDonald	Stearns
			Graham	Miller (FL)	Stenholm
			Granger	Minge	Stokes
			Greenwood	Mink	Stump
			Gutknecht	Moakley	Sununu
			Hall (OH)	Molinari	Talent
			Hall (TX)	Mollohan	Tanner
			Hamilton	Moran (KS)	Tauscher
			Hansen	Moran (VA)	Tauzin
			Harman	Morella	Taylor (NC)
			Hastert	Murtha	Thomas
			Hastings (FL)	Neal	Thornberry
			Hastings (WA)	Nethercutt	Thune
			Hayworth	Neumann	Thurman
			Hefner	Northup	Tiahrt
			Heger	Norwood	Tierney
			Hill	Obey	Torres
			Hilleary	Olver	Traficant
			Hinojosa	Ortiz	Turner
			Hobson	Owens	Upton
			Holden	Oxley	Vento
			Hooley	Packard	Walsh
			Horn	Pallone	Wamp
			Hostettler	Pappas	Watkins
			Houghton	Parker	Watts (OK)
			Hoyer	Pastor	Waxman
			Hunter	Paul	Weldon (FL)
			Hutchinson	Paxon	Weldon (PA)
			Hyde	Payne	Wexler
			Inglis	Pease	Weygand
			Istook	Pelosi	White
			Jackson (IL)	Peterson (MN)	Whitfield
			Jackson-Lee	Peterson (PA)	Wicker
			(TX)	Petri	Wise
			Jefferson	Pickering	Wolf
			Jenkins	Pitts	Woolsey
			John	Porter	Wynn
			Johnson (CT)	Portman	Yates
			Johnson (WI)	Poshard	Young (AK)
			Johnson, Sam		Young (FL)