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Schaefer, Dan Schumer Young (FL)

Hamilton McDermott Salmon
Hansen McGovern Sanchez
Hastert McHale Sanders
Hastings (FL) McHugh Sandlin
Hastings (WA) McNinis Sanford
Hayworth McIntosh Sawyer
Hefley McIntyre Saxton
Hergner McKeon Scarborough
Hill McKinney Schaffer, Bob
Hilleary McNulty Scott
Hilliard Meehan Sensenbrenner
Hinchey Meek (FL) Serrano
Hinojosa Meeks (NY) Sessions
Hobson Menendez Shadegg
Hoekstra Metcalf Shaw
Holden Mica Shays
Hooley Millender-Sherman
Horn McDonald Shimkus
Hostettler Miller (CA) Shuster
Houghton Miller (FL) Sisisky
Hoyer Minge Skaggs
Hulshof Mink Skeen
Hunter Moakley Skelton
Hutchinson Mollohan Slaughter
Hyde Moran (KS) Smith (MI)
Istook Moran (VA) Smith (NJ)
Jackson (IL) Morella Smith (OR)
Jackson-Lee Murtha Smith (TX)
(TX) Myrick Smith, Adam
Jefferson Nadler Smith, Linda
Jenkins Neal Snowbarger
John Nethercutt Snyder
Johnson (CT) Neumann Solomon
Johnson (WI) Ney Souder
Johnson, E. B. Northup Spence
Jones Norwood Spratt
Kanjorski Nussle Stabenow
Kaptur Oberstar Stark
Kasich Obey Stearns
Kelly Olver Stenholm
Kennedy (RI) Ortiz Stokes
Kennelly Owens Strickland
Kildee Oxley Stump
Kilpatrick Packard Stupak
Kim Pallone Sununu
Kind (WI) Pappas Talent
King (NY) Parker Tanner
Kingston Pascrell Tauscher
Klecza Pastor Tauzin
Klink Paxon Taylor (MS)
Klug Payne Taylor (NC)
Knollenberg Pease Thomas
Kolbe Pelosi Thompson
Kucinich Peterson (MN) Thornberry
LaFalce Peterson (PA) Thune
LaHood Petri Thurman
Lampson Pickering Tiahrt
Lantos Pickett Tierney
Largent Pitts Torres
Latham Pombo Towns
LaTourrette Pomeroy Traficant
Lazio Porter Turner
Leach Portman Upton
Levin Price (NC) Velazquez
Lewis (CA) Pryce (OH) Vento
Lewis (GA) Quinn Visclosky
Lewis (KY) Radanovich Walsh
Linder Rahall Wamp
Lipinski Ramstad Waters
Livingston Rangel Watkins
LoBiondo Redmond Watt (NC)
Lofgren Regula Watts (OK)
Lowey Reyes Waxman
Lucas Riley Weldon (FL)
Luther Rivers Weldon (PA)
Maloney (CT) Roemer Wexler
Maloney (NY) Rogan Weygand
Manton Rogers White
Manzullo Rohrabacher Whitfield
Markey Ros-Lehtinen Wicker
Martinez Rothman Wise
Mascara Roukema Wolf
Matsui Roybal-Allard Woolsey
McCarthy (MO) Royce Wynn
McCollum Rush Yates
McCrery Ryun Young (AK)
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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent 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

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, On roll call votes 40 and 41 had I been present, I would have voted yes.

BIRTH DEFECTS PREVENTION ACT OF 1997

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the Senate bill, S. 419.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BILIRAKIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 419, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 405, nays 2, not voting 23, as follows:

[Roll No. 42]

YEAS—405

Abercrombie Canady Duncan
Ackerman Cannon Dunn
Aderholt Cardin Edwards
Allen Carson Ehlers
Andrews Castle Ehrlich
Archer Chabot Emerson
Armey Chambliss Engel
Bachus Chenoweth English
Baesler Christensen Ensign
Baker Clay Eshoo
Baldacci Clayton Etheridge
Ballenger Clement Evans
Barcia Clyburn Everett
Barr Coble Ewing
Barrett (NE) Coburn Farr
Barrett (WI) Collins Fawell
Bartlett Combest Fazio
Bass Condit Filner
Bateman Conyers Foley
Becerra Cook Forbes
Bentsen Cooksey Ford
Bereuter Costello Fossella
Berman Cox Fowler
Berry Coyne Fox
Billbray Cramer Frank (MA)
Billirakis Crane Franks (NJ)
Bishop Crapo Frelinghuysen
Bliley Cubin Frost
Blumenauer Cummings Gallegly
Blunt Cunningham Ganske
Boehlert Danner Gejdenson
Boehner Davis (FL) Gekas
Bonilla Davis (IL) Gephardt
Bonior Deal Gibbons
Borski DeFazio Gillmor
Boswell DeGette Gilman
Boucher Delahunt Goode
Boyd DeLauro Goodlatte
Brown (CA) DeLay Goodling
Brown (FL) Deutsch Gordon
Brown (OH) Diaz-Balart Goss
Bryant Dickey Graham
Bunning Dicks Granger
Burr Dingell Green
Burton Dixon Greenwood
Callahan Dooley Gutierrez
Calvert Doolittle Gutknecht
Camp Doyle Hall (OH)
Campbell Dreier Hall (TX)

Johnson, Sam

Barton
Blagojevich
Brady
Buyer
Davis (VA)
Doggett

NAYS—2

NOT VOTING—23

Fattah
Furse
Gilchrist
Gonzalez
Harman
Hefner
Inglis
Kennedy (MA)
McCarthy (NY)
Poshard
Riggs

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, March 10, I missed rollcall vote Nos. 40, 41 and 42, as I was unavoidably delayed at the airport en route to the Hill. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 40, "aye" on rollcall No. 41, and "aye" on rollcall No. 42.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD. Mr. Speaker, as we continue to celebrate Women's History Month, today we have gotten together, both my colleague and friend, the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. KELLY) and I, who are cochairs of the Women's Caucus on Women-Owned Businesses, to come tonight to speak on women-owned businesses. I am pleased that such a strong showing of Members will be coming forth to speak on this issue.

The gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. KELLY) and I, in cochairing the Women-Owned Businesses Caucus, had, for the first time ever, a women's caucus hearing on woman-owned businesses on September 25 of last year. In that hearing, a lot of things were revealed. We delved into the problems facing women-owned businesses and explored the obstacles that these women continue to face in trying to obtain contracts with the Federal Government.

Current procurement rates to women-owned businesses is 1.8 percent. The Federal goal is 5 percent. This was a concern of ours, and as we began to probe, we wanted to get down to the real issue as to why women, who are making up the largest growth of jobs and growth of businesses, were unable to get the Federal procurement goal of 5 percent.

The hearing further brought up the problems of the lack of access to the Federal contracting process, the bundling of contracts, the need for more outreach to women business owners, poor and incomplete feedback provided to businesses when their bids are not accepted, and frustration in the certification process.