

think we are going to have to have this kind of freewheeling debate to really bring out the different points of view. I have no desire to prolong it, and if there is no desire to offer amendments, I have no objection to going to a vote.

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore (Mr. SUNUNU). If there are no further speakers, the question is on the amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by the gentleman from Washington (Mr. WHITE).

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

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. WHITE. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 156, noes 201, answered "present" 68, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 241]

AYES—156

Aderholt	Gibbons	Peterson (MN)
Archer	Gillmor	Peterson (PA)
Bachus	Gingrich	Petri
Baker	Goodlatte	Pickering
Ballenger	Goodling	Pitts
Bartlett	Goss	Pombo
Barton	Graham	Portman
Bateman	Gutknecht	Pryce (OH)
Bereuter	Hall (TX)	Radanovich
Bilirakis	Hansen	Redmond
Bliley	Hastert	Regula
Blunt	Hastings (WA)	Riggs
Bonilla	Hayworth	Riley
Bono	Hefley	Rogan
Boucher	Hilleary	Rohrabacher
Bryant	Hobson	Ros-Lehtinen
Burr	Hoekstra	Royce
Callahan	Horn	Ryun
Calvert	Hunter	Salmon
Camp	Hyde	Saxton
Canady	Inglis	Scarborough
Chabot	Istook	Schaefer, Dan
Chambliss	Jenkins	Sensenbrenner
Christensen	Jones	Shadegg
Coble	Kim	Shaw
Coburn	Kingston	Shimkus
Cox	Klug	Shuster
Crane	Knollenberg	Smith (MI)
Cubin	LaHood	Smith (NJ)
Cunningham	Largent	Smith (OR)
Davis (VA)	Latham	Snowbarger
Deal	LaTourette	Solomon
Diaz-Balart	Livingston	Souder
Dickey	Lucas	Spence
Doolittle	Manzullo	Stearns
Dreier	Martinez	Stump
Duncan	McCrery	Sununu
Dunn	McDade	Talent
Ehlers	McInnis	Tauzin
Ehrlich	McIntosh	Taylor (NC)
Emerson	McKeon	Thornberry
English	Metcalf	Thune
Ensign	Mica	Tiahrt
Everett	Myrick	Traficant
Ewing	Nethercutt	Watkins
Fawell	Ney	Watts (OK)
Foley	Norwood	Weldon (PA)
Fossella	Nussle	Weller
Franks (NJ)	Pappas	White
Frelinghuysen	Paul	Wicker
Galleghy	Paxon	Wolf
Gekas	Pease	Young (AK)

NOES—201

Abercrombie	Bentsen	Boswell
Ackerman	Berman	Boyd
Allen	Berry	Brady (PA)
Army	Blagojevich	Brady (TX)
Baesler	Blumenauer	Brown (CA)
Baldacci	Boehler	Brown (FL)
Barr	Boehner	Bunning
Barrett (WI)	Bonior	Burton
Bass	Borski	Buyer

Campbell	John	Owens
Cannon	Johnson (CT)	Oxley
Capps	Johnson, E. B.	Packard
Carson	Johnson, Sam	Parker
Chenoweth	Kanjorski	Pastor
Clay	Kaptur	Payne
Clayton	Kelly	Pelosi
Clyburn	Kennedy (MA)	Pickett
Collins	Kennedy (RI)	Porter
Combest	Kennelly	Poshard
Condit	King (NY)	Ramstad
Conyers	Kleczka	Rangel
Cook	Klink	Reyes
Costello	Kolbe	Rodriguez
Coyne	LaFalce	Roemer
Crapo	Lampson	Rogers
Cummings	Lazio	Rothman
Danner	Lee	Roukema
Davis (FL)	Levin	Roybal-Allard
DeLauro	Lewis (CA)	Sabo
DeLay	Lewis (GA)	Sanders
Dicks	Lewis (KY)	Sanford
Dixon	Linder	Sawyer
Doggett	Lipinski	Schaffer, Bob
Doyle	Lowe	Scott
Edwards	Luther	Serrano
Evans	Markey	Sessions
Fattah	Mascara	Skaggs
Fazio	Matsui	Skeen
Filner	McCarthy (MO)	Skelton
Forbes	McCollum	Smith (TX)
Ford	McDermott	Smith, Adam
Fowler	McGovern	Smith, Linda
Frank (MA)	McHugh	Snyder
Furse	McIntyre	Stark
Ganske	McKinney	Stenholm
Gejdenson	Meehan	Stokes
Gilchrest	Meek (FL)	Taylor (MS)
Gilman	Meeks (NY)	Thomas
Goode	Menendez	Thompson
Granger	Millender-	Tierney
Green	McDonald	Towns
Gutierrez	Miller (CA)	Upton
Hall (OH)	Miller (FL)	Velazquez
Hamilton	Mink	Vento
Hefner	Moakley	Visclosky
Herger	Mollohan	Walsh
Hill	Moran (KS)	Waters
Hinche	Moran (VA)	Watt (NC)
Hinojosa	Morella	Waxman
Holden	Murtha	Weldon (FL)
Hoolley	Nadler	Weygand
Hostettler	Neal	Whitfield
Houghton	Neumann	Wise
Horn	Northup	Wynn
Hulshof	Oberstar	Yates
Hutchinson	Obey	Young (FL)
Jackson (IL)	Olver	
Jefferson	Ortiz	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—68

Andrews	Frost	Pomeroy
Barcia	Gephardt	Price (NC)
Barrett (NE)	Gordon	Quinn
Becerra	Harman	Rahall
Bilbray	Hilliard	Rivers
Bishop	Jackson-Lee	Rush
Brown (OH)	(TX)	Sanchez
Cardin	Kildee	Sandlin
Castle	Kilpatrick	Shays
Clement	Kind (WI)	Sisisky
Cramer	Kucinich	Slaughter
Lantos (IL)	Lantos	Spratt
DeFazio	Leach	Stabenow
DeGette	LoBiondo	Strickland
Delahunt	Lofgren	Stupak
Deutsch	Maloney (CT)	Tanner
Dingell	Maloney (NY)	Tauscher
Dooley	Manton	Thurman
Engel	McCarthy (NY)	Torres
Eshoo	McHale	Turner
Etheridge	Minge	Wamp
Farr	Pallone	Wexler
Fox	Pascrell	Woolsey

NOT VOTING—9

Cooksey	Hastings (FL)	McNulty
Gonzalez	Johnson (WI)	Schumer
Greenwood	Kasich	Sherman

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Mrs. CHENOWETH changed her vote from "aye" to "no."

Messrs. SNOWBARGER, HEFLEY, SHADEGG, and NETHERCUTT changed their vote from "no" to "aye."

Messrs. CRAMER, BECERRA and RAHALL changed their vote from "no" to "present."

Mr. BLAGOJEVICH and Mr. BOEHLERT, and Mrs. CLAYTON, Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut and Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri changed their vote from "present" to "no."

So the amendment in the nature of a substitute was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

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Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD) having assumed the chair, Mr. SUNUNU, Chairman pro tempore of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2183) to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for elections for Federal office, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM DEBATE SHOULD NOT BE DELAYED AGAIN

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to speak out of order for 1 minute.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SUNUNU). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I could not hear you nor the exchange. What has occurred?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MEEHAN) has made a unanimous-consent request to speak out of order for 1 minute.

Mr. THOMAS. Reserving the right to object.

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, the ruling was already made.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has been granted permission to speak out of order for 1 minute.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I thought it was a request unanimously to speak out of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Hearing no objection, the gentleman was recognized.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I did not hear the exchange, but go ahead.

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, we have been waiting for a vote on campaign finance reform now for literally years. Years. My question to somebody on the other side is, how in the world could the debate on the rule on this bill have possibly been canceled again?

My understanding through the grapevine is that we are actually not going to do the rule again tonight. In other words, my understanding is that we are going to walk away tonight again not

having done the rule, again not having started debate on the Shays-Meehan bill that we were promised a vote on over and over and over again.

Mr. Speaker, I hope someone on the other side can give me some justification, just a little bit of justification as to why we are canceling this debate on this rule again. It is outrageous.

Mr. Speaker, this has been canceled five times, this rule. And I cannot believe we are going to walk out of here before we vote on this rule. The American people are demanding a vote. I will yield to whoever can explain this to me.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, would you check and see if the gentleman from Florida (Mr. HASTINGS) took the campaign finance bill with him on that leave of absence.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is out of order.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MCHUGH) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. MCHUGH addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. CONYERS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.)

CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR SOCIETY PATRIOT AWARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mr. SOLOMON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to call attention to something that happened in my district last weekend. The Congressional Medal of Honor Society held their annual convention in Saratoga Springs, New York.

I think those who may live west of the Mississippi may not understand, but the Saratoga battle was the turning point in the Revolution. It was when General John Burgoyne was defeated by Benedict Arnold, and that was the turning point of the Revolution. That is the reason that we actually stand here today in the greatest

democracy in the history of the world and the longest standing democracy in the history of the world.

At that convention, I was very proud to have been the chairman of the occasion and the Congressional Medal of Honor Society gave their Patriot Award to two great Americans, one by the name of Bob Dole, former Senator and our presidential candidate. And it was the first time they gave a dual award to two people, the same award, and that was to Elizabeth Dole who, as we all know, is the head of the American Red Cross.

Mr. Speaker, it was a thrilling occasion to see those two wonderful people who have devoted their entire lives to their country in one way or another. I just wanted to call the attention of this body to the fact that that convention was held.

During that same time, we were very proud to have the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force all represented with their stellar bands participating in a parade that day on Saturday. And all of the people that turned out were honoring some 100 still-living members who have received that highest award, that is the Congressional Medal of Honor Society Patriot Award. So I wanted to call that to the attention of the membership.

ADDRESSING HAWAII'S ECONOMIC RECESSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Hawaii (Mr. ABERCROMBIE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues in Congress for all of their cooperation in our fight to help Hawaii's economy and to explain why the fight is far from over and why we must redouble our efforts to find solutions to the State's economic problems.

Over the last few months, I have had success in bringing new jobs to Hawaii. For instance, the defense authorization bill contains over \$200 million for new, needed construction projects in Hawaii, a record level. This includes renovation and construction of the barracks at Schofield and Kaneohe Marine base, as well as funding for Navy family housing and the Pearl Harbor Public Works Center.

Mr. Speaker, many of my colleagues' constituents are members of the U.S. military and reside for at least part of their time in service at Schofield or Kaneohe or Pearl Harbor. The military is very important to Hawaii. Having the military in Hawaii itself is vital to our national interests. I strongly believe we need to maintain and build upon the military presence in Hawaii as we approach the 21st century in the interest of the national interests of the United States.

In addition to this, this year's transportation bill included funding for several vitally important highway

projects which will further stimulate the construction industry in Hawaii, as well as provide much-needed improvements. I extend thanks for myself and on behalf of the people of Hawaii for all of the help that has come from Washington recently as we try to work our way out of this economic recession.

Mr. Speaker, I returned recently from Hawaii and continue to hear from families and businesses that economic conditions are difficult and, therefore, the need for action by the State of Hawaii and Congress is necessary to return the islands to economic well-being.

Although much of the mainland has been experiencing strong economic growth, Hawaii, despite periodic spurts of recovery, in fact remains stagnant. The 7-year recession in Japan and more recently in Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand has resulted in declining tourism, Hawaii's lifeblood, and subsequently high unemployment, record bankruptcies, foreclosures, and declining property values. In short, Hawaii is experiencing the deepest recession since statehood.

Beyond the hardship being experienced by thousands of families in Hawaii, there have been layoffs which triggered declining confidence in the economy. There has been a cutback in spending and fearing for the future, a very real and human reaction I might say, Mr. Speaker.

The consequence, however, is additional economic contraction, more layoffs and every business thus is affected.

There is, in the face of this grim situation, knowledge that we will get back on our feet. In time, the Asian economies will restructure, currency exchange rates will stabilize, tourism will rebound, and the economy will regain its strength. We must, however, take every action available at the disposal of the Federal Government to cushion the recession and provide the short-term economic stimulation necessary to see it through the hard times.

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In addition to the successes I mentioned earlier, there are some projects still in the works. I am happy to be working with the Small Business Administration and the Department of Commerce to identify resources that can be brought to bear on our problems in Hawaii.

For example, the Commerce Department needs adequate funding for its community and economic development program. A \$50 million appropriation would provide needed grants for planning and technical assistance many communities need which are experiencing the economic problems that Hawaii has.

I am working with the Congressional leadership and administration to reestablish the spousal business travel deduction and increasing business meal and entertainment deductions which will help promote tourism, not only for Hawaii, but all over the mainland as well.