

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 426, nays 0, not voting 6, as follows:

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YEAS—426

Abercrombie Davis (AL)
Ackerman Davis (CA)
Aderholt Davis (IL)
Akin Davis (KY)
Alexander Davis, David
Allen Davis, Lincoln
Altmire Davis, Tom
Andrews Deal (GA)
Arcuri DeFazio
Baca DeGette
Bachmann Delahunt
Bachus DeLauro
Baird Dent
Baker Diaz-Balart, L.
Baldwin Diaz-Balart, M.
Barrett (SC) Dicks
Barrow Dingell
Bartlett (MD) Doggett
Barton (TX) Donnelly
Bean Doolittle
Becerra Doyle
Berkley Drake
Berman Dreier
Berry Duncan
Biggert Edwards
Bilbray Ehlers
Billirakis Ellison
Bishop (GA) Ellsworth
Bishop (NY) Emanuel
Bishop (UT) Emerson
Blackburn Engel
Blumenauer English (PA)
Blunt Eshoo
Boehner Etheridge
Bonner Everrett
Bono Fallin
Boozman Farr
Boren Fattah
Boswell Ferguson
Boucher Filner
Boustany Flake
Boyd (FL) Forbes
Boyd (KS) Fortenberry
Brady (PA) Fossella
Brady (TX) Foxx
Braley (IA) Frank (MA)
Broun (GA) Franks (AZ)
Brown (SC) Frelinghuysen
Brown, Corrine Gallegly
Brown-Waite, Garrett (NJ)
Ginny Gerlach
Buchanan Giffords
Burgess Gilchrest
Burton (IN) Gillibrand
Butterfield Gillmor
Buyer Gingrey
Calvert Gohmert
Camp (MI) Gonzalez
Campbell (CA) Goode
Cannon Goodlatte
Cantor Gordon
Capito Granger
Capps Graves
Capuano Green, Al
Cardoza Green, Gene
Carnahan Grijalva
Carney Gutierrez
Carson Hall (NY)
Carter Hall (TX)
Castle Hare
Castor Harman
Chabot Hastert
Chandler Hastings (FL)
Clay Hastings (WA)
Cleaver Hayes
Clyburn Heller
Coble Hensarling
Cohen Herger
Cole (OK) Herseth Sandlin
Conaway Higgins
Conyers Hill
Cooper Hinchey
Costa Hinojosa
Costello Hirono
Courtney Hobson
Cramer Hodes
Crenshaw Hoekstra
Crowley Holden
Cubin Holt
Cuellar Miller (NC)
Culberson Hoyer
Cummings Hoyer

Hulshof Hunter
Inglis (SC) Insee
Israel Issa
Jackson (IL) Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jefferson Jefferson
Jindal Jindal
Johnson (GA) Johnson (GA)
Johnson (IL) Johnson (IL)
Johnson, E. B. Johnson, E. B.
Jones (NC) Jones (NC)
Jones (OH) Jones (OH)
Jordan Jordan
Kagen Kagen
Kanjorski Kanjorski
Kaptur Kaptur
Keller Keller
Kennedy Kennedy
Kildee Kildee
Kilpatrick Kilpatrick
Kind Kind
King (IA) King (IA)
King (NY) King (NY)
Kingston Kingston
Poe Poe
Pomeroy Pomeroy
Porter Porter
Price (GA) Price (GA)
Price (NC) Price (NC)
Pryce (OH) Pryce (OH)
Putnam Putnam
Radvanovich Radvanovich
Rahall Rahall
Ramstad Ramstad
Rangel Rangel
Regula Regula
Rehberg Rehberg
Reichert Reichert
Renzi Renzi
Reyes Reyes
Reynolds Reynolds

Mitchell Mitchell
Mollohan Mollohan
Moore (KS) Moore (KS)
Moore (WI) Moore (WI)
Moran (KS) Moran (KS)
Moran (VA) Moran (VA)
Murphy (CT) Murphy (CT)
Murphy, Patrick Murphy, Patrick
Murphy, Tim Murphy, Tim
Myrthia Myrthia
Musgrave Musgrave
Royce Royce
Ruppersberger Ruppersberger
Rush Rush
Ryan (OH) Ryan (OH)
Ryan (WI) Ryan (WI)
Salazar Salazar
Sali Sali
Sánchez, Linda Sánchez, Linda
T. T.
Sanchez, Loretta Sanchez, Loretta
Sarbanes Sarbanes
Saxton Saxton
Schakowsky Schakowsky
Schiff Schiff
Schmidt Schmidt
Schwartz Schwartz
Scott (GA) Scott (GA)
Scott (VA) Scott (VA)
Sensenbrenner Sensenbrenner
Serrano Serrano
Sessions Sessions
Sestak Sestak
Shadegg Shadegg
Shays Shays
Shea-Porter Shea-Porter
Sherman Sherman
Shimkus Shimkus
Shuler Shuler
Shuster Shuster
Simpson Simpson
Sires Sires
Skelton Skelton
Slaughter Slaughter
Smith (NE) Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ) Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX) Smith (TX)
Smith (WA) Smith (WA)
Snyder Snyder
Solis Solis
Souder Souder
Space Space
Spratt Spratt

Rodriguez Rodriguez
Rogers (AL) Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY) Rogers (KY)
Rogers (MI) Rogers (MI)
Rohrabacher Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen Ros-Lehtinen
Roskam Roskam
Ross Ross
Rothman Rothman
Roybal-Allard Roybal-Allard
Royce Royce
Ruppersberger Ruppersberger
Rush Rush
Ryan (OH) Ryan (OH)
Ryan (WI) Ryan (WI)
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Shuster Shuster
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Smith (TX) Smith (TX)
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Solis Solis
Souder Souder
Space Space
Spratt Spratt

Stark Stark
Stearns Stearns
Stupak Stupak
Sullivan Sullivan
Sutton Sutton
Tanner Tanner
Tauscher Tauscher
Taylor Taylor
Terry Terry
Thompson (CA) Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS) Thompson (MS)
Thornberry Thornberry
Tiahrt Tiahrt
Tiberi Tiberi
Tierney Tierney
Towns Towns
Turner Turner
Udall (CO) Udall (CO)
Udall (NM) Udall (NM)
Upton Upton
Van Hollen Van Hollen
Velázquez Velázquez
Visclosky Visclosky
Walberg Walberg
Walden (OR) Walden (OR)
Walsh (NY) Walsh (NY)
Walz (MN) Walz (MN)
Wamp Wamp
Wasserman Wasserman
Schultz Schultz
Waters Waters
Watson Watson
Watt Watt
Waxman Waxman
Weiner Weiner
Welch (VT) Welch (VT)
Weldon (FL) Weldon (FL)
Weller Weller
Westmoreland Westmoreland
Wexler Wexler
Whitfield Whitfield
Wicker Wicker
Wilson (NM) Wilson (NM)
Wilson (OH) Wilson (OH)
Wilson (SC) Wilson (SC)
Wolf Wolf
Woolsey Woolsey
Wu Wu
Wynn Wynn
Yarmuth Yarmuth
Young (AK) Young (AK)
Young (FL) Young (FL)

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YEAS—214

Abercrombie Hall (NY)
Ackerman Hare
Allen Harman
Andrews Hastings (FL)
Arcuri Herseth Sandlin
Baca Higgins
Baird Hill
Baldwin Hinchey
Barrow Hinojosa
Bean Hirono
Becerra Hodes
Berkley Holden
Berman Holt
Berry Honda
Bishop (GA) Hooley
Bishop (NY) Hoyer
Blumenauer Hoyer
Boswell Inslee
Boucher Israel
Boyd (FL) Jackson (IL)
Boyd (KS) Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Brady (PA) Jefferson
Braley (IA) Jindal
Brown, Corrine Johnson (GA)
Butterfield Johnson (IL)
Cannon Johnson, E. B.
Capps Jones (OH)
Capuano Kanjorski
Cardoza Kaptur
Carnahan Kellar
Carson Kennedy
Castle Kildee
Castor Kilpatrick
Chandler Kind
Clay Klein (FL)
Cleaver Kucinich
Clyburn Lampson
Coble Langevin
Cohen Lantos
Conyers Larsen (WA)
Cooper Larson (CT)
Costello Lee
Courtney Levin
Cramer Lewis (GA)
Crowley Lipinski
Cummings Loeb sack
Davis (AL) Lofgren, Zoe
Davis (CA) Lowey
Davis (IL) Lynch
Davis, Lincoln Maloney (NY)
DeGette Markey
Delahunt Matheson
DeLauro Matsui
Dicks McCarthy (NY)
Dingell McCollum (MN)
Doggett McDermott
Doyle McGovern
Edwards McIntyre
Ellison McNeerney
Emanuel McNulty
Engel Meek (FL)
Eshoo Meeks (NY)
Farr Melancon
Fattah Michaud
Filner Miller (NC)
Frank (MA) Miller, George
Gillibrand Mollohan
Gonzalez Moore (KS)
Gordon Moore (WI)
Green, Al Moran (VA)
Green, Gene Murphy (CT)
Grijalva Grijalva
Gutierrez Gutierrez

NAYS—210

Aderholt Boustany
Akin Brady (TX)
Alexander Broun (GA)
Altmire Brown (SC)
Bachmann Brown-Waite,
Bachus Ginny
Baker Buchanan
Barrett (SC) Burgess
Bartlett (MD) Burton (IN)
Barton (TX) Buyer
Biggert Calvert
Bilbray Camp (MI)
Billirakis Campbell (CA)
Bishop (UT) Cantor
Blackburn Capito
Blunt Carney
Boehner Carter
Bonner Chabot
Bono Cole (OK)
Boozman Conaway
Boren Crenshaw

Nadler
Napolitano
Neal (MA)
Oberstar
Obey
Ortiz
Pallone
Pascrell
Pastor
Paul
Payne
Perlmutter
Pitts
Price (NC)
Rahall
Insee
Rangel
Reichert
Reyes
Rodriguez
Ross
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Ruppersberger
Rush
Ryan (OH)
Salazar
Sánchez, Linda
T. T.
Sarbanes
Schakowsky
Schiff
Schwartz
Scott (GA)
Scott (VA)
Serrano
Sestak
Shea-Porter
Sherman
Sires
Skelton
Levin
Slaughter
Smith (WA)
Snyder
Solis
Spratt
Lowey
Sutton
Tauscher
Taylor
Thompson (MS)
Thornberry
Tierney
Towns
Van Hollen
Velázquez
Visclosky
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watson
Watt
Waxman
Weiner
Welch (VT)
Wexler
Wilson (OH)
Woolsey
Wu
Wynn
Yarmuth

NOT VOTING—6

Clarke Feeney
Davis, Jo Ann Johnson, Sam
LaHood
Tancredo

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 1514

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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

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

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 214, nays 210, not voting 8, as follows:

Everett	Linder	Rogers (MI)
Falin	LoBiondo	Rohrabacher
Ferguson	Lucas	Ros-Lehtinen
Flake	Lungren, Daniel	Roskam
Forbes	E.	Royce
Fortenberry	Mack	Ryan (WI)
Fossella	Mahoney (FL)	Sali
Fox	Manzullo	Sanchez, Loretta
Franks (AZ)	Marchant	Saxton
Frelinghuysen	Marshall	Schmidt
Gallely	McCarthy (CA)	Sensenbrenner
Garrett (NJ)	McCaul (TX)	Sessions
Gerlach	McCotter	Shadegg
Giffords	McCreery	Shays
Gilchrest	McHenry	Shimkus
Gillmor	McHugh	Shuler
Gingrey	McKeon	Shuster
Gohmert	McMorris	Simpson
Goode	Rodgers	Smith (NE)
Goodlatte	Mica	Smith (NJ)
Granger	Miller (FL)	Smith (TX)
Graves	Miller (MI)	Souder
Hall (TX)	Miller, Gary	Space
Hastert	Mitchell	Stearns
Hastings (WA)	Moran (KS)	Stupak
Hayes	Murphy, Tim	Sullivan
Heller	Musgrave	Tanner
Hensarling	Myrick	Terry
Herger	Neugebauer	Thompson (CA)
Hobson	Nunes	Tiahrt
Hoekstra	Pearce	Tiberi
Hulshof	Pence	Turner
Hunter	Peterson (MN)	Udall (CO)
Inglis (SC)	Peterson (PA)	Udall (NM)
Issa	Petri	Upton
Jones (NC)	Pickering	Walberg
Jordan	Platts	Walden (OR)
Kagen	Poe	Walsh (NY)
King (IA)	Porter	Walz (MN)
King (NY)	Price (GA)	Wamp
Kingston	Pryce (OH)	Weldon (FL)
Kirk	Putnam	Weller
Kline (MN)	Radanovich	Westmoreland
Knollenberg	Ramstad	Whitfield
Kuhl (NY)	Regula	Wicker
Lamborn	Rehberg	Wilson (NM)
Latham	Renzi	Wilson (SC)
LaTourette	Reynolds	Wolf
Lewis (CA)	Rogers (AL)	Young (AK)
Lewis (KY)	Rogers (KY)	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—8

Clarke	Feeney	Pomeroy
Costa	Johnson, Sam	Tancredo
Davis, Jo Ann	LaHood	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 1522

Mr. DOOLITTLE changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. HOLT changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

Mr. GOHMERT changed his vote from “present” to “nay.”

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. WEINER. On rollcall 765, H.R. 2347, the Iran Sanctions Enabling Act, during the period of consideration of that bill Congressman WEXLER and I were away from the floor, organizing efforts to stop the wrong-headed arms sale to Saudi Arabia.

Had I been present, I would have voted in favor, and believe we need to keep on sanctioning Iran.

I yield to the gentleman from Florida.

Mr. WEXLER. Madam Speaker, I, too, would like to be recognized as just expressing my support for H.R. 2347.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 2272, 21ST CENTURY COMPETITIVENESS ACT OF 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees:

From the Committee on Science and Technology, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Gordon, Lipinski, Baird, Wu, Lampson, Udall of Colorado, Ms. Giffords, Messrs. McNERNEY, Hall of Texas, Sensenbrenner, Ehlers, Mrs. Biggert, Messrs. Feeney, and Gingrey.

From the Committee on Education and Labor, for consideration of Division C of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. George Miller of California, Holt, and McKeon.

There was no objection.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 3161, and that I may include tabular material on the same.

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

There was no objection.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 581 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 3161.

□ 1524

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 3161) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, with Mr. BECERRA in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

The gentleman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO) and the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. KINGSTON) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Connecticut.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I am pleased to present to the House for fiscal year 2008 the appropriations bill For Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies. I want to say “thank you” to Chairman DAVID OBEY

for his dedication and leadership. It has been a very busy 7 months, and we have been fortunate to have Chairman OBEY at the helm. A special “thank you” to my colleague, Congressman KINGSTON. It has been a pleasure to partner with him on this subcommittee, and I believe that we have accomplished a lot together. We are working to accomplish quite a lot today, with quite a wide-ranging portfolio.

This appropriation covers many subjects. Our top priority has always been to move with a clear purpose and direction towards several key goals: strengthening rural America, protecting public health, improving nutrition for more Americans, transforming our energy future, supporting conservation, investing in research, and, finally, enhancing oversight.

It begins with our fiscal year 2008 mark providing total discretionary resources of \$18.8 billion, \$1 billion, or 5.7 percent, above 2007, and \$987.4 million, or 5.5 percent, above the budget request. A full 95 percent of the increase above the budget request, or \$940 million, is used to restore funding that was either eliminated or cut in the President’s budget.

Our first goal is strengthening rural America. Community development is a key link to rebuilding rural America, preserving infrastructure, building new opportunities, and confronting a tremendous gap when it comes to educational and medical resources. To help close that gap, the bill provides \$52.8 million. That would double the broadband grant program which the President’s budget request had eliminated. It provides \$10 million more than the President requested for distance learning and telemedicine grants and includes \$728.8 million to support community facilities, water and waste disposal systems, and business grants; \$31.2 million for community facilities; \$56.8 million for business and industry; and \$70.3 million for waste and waste disposal programs.

Clean water. Rural communities face tens of billions of dollars in costs for safe drinking water and wastewater treatment systems. To begin addressing these needs, the bill provides \$500 million for rural water and waste disposal grants and \$1 billion for water and waste direct loans.

In housing, the community held a special hearing to discuss economic conditions in rural America with the USDA’s Economic Research Service. A recent ERS report found that 302 of America’s non-metro counties are “housing stressed.” That is why we are making significant investments in rural housing, including \$212.2 million to fund \$5.1 billion in affordable loans to providing housing to low-income and moderate-income families in rural areas, providing approximately 38,000 single family home ownership opportunities.

The President’s budget eliminated direct loans and shifted funding to guaranteed loans with a 1 percent increase