

Goodlatte McCaul (TX) Roskam  
 Granger McCotter Royce  
 Graves McCrery Ryan (WI)  
 Hall (TX) McHenry Sali  
 Hastings (WA) McHugh Saxton  
 Hayes McKeon Schmidt  
 Heller McMorris Sensenbrenner  
 Hensarling Rodgers Sessions  
 Herger Mica Shadegg  
 Hobson Miller (FL) Shays  
 Hoekstra Miller (MI) Shimkus  
 Hulshof Moran (KS) Shuster  
 Inglis (SC) Murphy, Tim Simpson  
 Issa Musgrave Smith (NE)  
 Johnson, Sam Myrick Smith (NJ)  
 Jones (NC) Nunes Smith (TX)  
 Jordan Pearce Souder  
 Keller Pence Stearns  
 King (IA) Peterson (PA) Sullivan  
 King (NY) Petri Terry  
 Kingston Pickering Thornberry  
 Kirk Pitts Tiaht  
 Kline (MN) Platts Tiberi  
 Knollenberg Poe Turner  
 Kuhl (NY) Porter Upton  
 LaHood Price (GA) Walberg  
 Lamborn Pryce (OH) Walden (OR)  
 Latham Putnam Walsh (NY)  
 LaTourette Radanovich Wamp  
 Lewis (CA) Ramstad Weldon (FL)  
 Lewis (KY) Regula Rehberg  
 Linder Rehberg Westmoreland  
 LoBiondo Reichert Whitfield  
 Lucas Renzi Wicker  
 Lungren, Daniel Reynolds  
 E. Rogers (AL)  
 Mack Rogers (KY)  
 Manzullo Rogers (MI)  
 Marchant Rohrabacher Wolf  
 McCarthy (CA) Ros-Lehtinen Young (AK)  
 Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—14

Carson Johnson (IL) Paul  
 Cubin Kind Salazar  
 Hooley Matheson Scott (VA)  
 Hunter Miller, Gary Tancredo  
 Jindal Neugebauer

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised 2 minutes remain.

□ 1319

So the previous question was ordered. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 1145 and 1146, had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to. A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2 of House Resolution 860, the managers on the part of the House on H.R. 3093 are discharged and the bill is laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4351, AMT RELIEF ACT OF 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on ordering the previous question on House Resolution 861, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

This will be a 5-minute vote. The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 222, nays 193, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 1147]  
 YEAS—222  
 Abercrombie Gordon Neal (MA)  
 Ackerman Green, Al Oberstar  
 Ryan (WI) Green, Gene Obey  
 Sali Grijalva Olver  
 Saxton Gutierrez Ortiz  
 Schmidt Allen Hall (NY)  
 Sensenbrenner Altmire Hare  
 Sessions Andrews Hall (NY)  
 Shadegg Arcuri Pascrell  
 Shays Baca Pallone  
 Shimkus Baird Pastore  
 Shuster Baldwin Hastings (FL)  
 Simpson Barrow Herseth Sandlin  
 Smith (NE) Bean Higgins  
 Smith (NJ) Becerra Hill  
 Smith (TX) Berkley Hinojosa  
 Souder Berman Hodes  
 Stearns Berry Hodes  
 Sullivan Bishop (GA) Holden  
 Terry Bishop (NY) Holt  
 Thornberry Blumenauer Honda  
 Tiaht Boren Hoyer  
 Tiberi Boswell Inslee  
 Turner Boucher Israel  
 Upton Boyd (FL) Jackson (IL)  
 Walberg Boyda (KS) Jackson-Lee  
 Walden (OR) Brady (PA) (TX)  
 Walsh (NY) Braley (IA) Jefferson  
 Wamp Johnson (GA) Johnson, E. B.  
 Weldon (FL) Johnson, E. B. Jones (OH)  
 Weller Kagen  
 Westmoreland Capuano  
 Whitfield Cardoza  
 Wicker Carnahan  
 Wilson (NM) Carney  
 Wilson (SC) Castor  
 Wolf Chandler  
 Young (AK) Clarke  
 Young (FL) Clay  
 Cleaver Lantos  
 Clyburn Larsen (WA)  
 Cohen Larson (CT)  
 Conyers Lee  
 Cooper Levin  
 Costa Lewis (GA)  
 Costello Lipinski  
 Courtney Loeb sack  
 Cramer Lofgren, Zoe  
 Crowley Lowey  
 Cuellar Lynch  
 Cummings Mahoney (FL)  
 Davis (AL) Maloney (NY)  
 Davis (CA) Markey  
 Davis (IL) Marshall  
 Davis, Lincoln Matsui  
 DeFazio McCarthy (NY)  
 DeGette McCollum (MN)  
 Delahunt McDermott  
 DeLauro McGovern  
 Dicks McIntyre  
 Dingell McNeerney  
 Doggett McNulty  
 Donnelly Meek (FL)  
 Doyle Meeke (NY)  
 Edwards Melancon  
 Ellison Michaud  
 Ellsworth Miller (NC)  
 Emanuel Miller, George  
 Engel Mitchell  
 Eshoo Mollohan  
 Etheridge Moore (KS)  
 Farr Moore (WI)  
 Fattah Moran (VA)  
 Filner Murphy (CT)  
 Frank (MA) Murphy, Patrick  
 Giffords Murtha  
 Gillibrand Nadler  
 Gonzalez Napolitano

NAYS—193

Aderholt Boustany Coble  
 Akin Brady (TX) Cole (OK)  
 Alexander Broun (GA) Conaway  
 Bachmann Brown (SC) Crenshaw  
 Bachus Brown-Waite, Culberson  
 Baker Ginny Davis (KY)  
 Barrett (SC) Buchanan Davis, David  
 Bartlett (MD) Burgess Davis, Tom  
 Barton (TX) Burton (IN) Deal (GA)  
 Biggert Buyer Dent  
 Bilbray Calvert Diaz-Balart, L.  
 Bilirakis Camp (MI) Diaz-Balart, M.  
 Bishop (UT) Campbell (CA) Doolittle  
 Blackburn Cannon Drake  
 Blunt Cantor Dreier  
 Boehner Capito Duncan  
 Bonner Carter Ehlers  
 Bono Castle Emerson  
 Boozman Chabot English (PA)

Everett Latham Reynolds  
 Fallon LaTourette Rodriguez  
 Feeney Lewis (CA) Rogers (AL)  
 Ferguson Lewis (KY) Rogers (KY)  
 Flake Linder Rogers (MI)  
 Forbes LoBiondo Rohrabacher  
 Fortenberry Lucas Ros-Lehtinen  
 Fossella Lungren, Daniel Roskam  
 Fox E. Royce  
 Franks (AZ) Mack Ryan (WI)  
 Frelinghuysen Manzullo Sali  
 Gallegly Marchant Saxton  
 Garrett (NJ) McCarthy (CA) Schmidt  
 Gerlach McCaul (TX) Sensenbrenner  
 Gilchrest McCotter Sessions  
 Gingrey McCrery Shadegg  
 Gohmert McHenry Shays  
 Goode McHugh Shimkus  
 Goodlatte McKeon Simpson  
 Granger McMorris Smith (NE)  
 Graves Rodgers Smith (NJ)  
 Hall (TX) Mica Smith (TX)  
 Hastings (WA) Miller (FL) Souder  
 Hayes Miller (MI) Stearns  
 Heller Moran (KS) Sullivan  
 Hensarling Murphy, Tim Terry  
 Herger Musgrave Thornberry  
 Hobson Myrick Nunes  
 Hoekstra Hulshof Pearce Tiaht  
 Hulshof Inglis (SC) Pence Tiberi  
 Issa Peterson (PA) Turner  
 Johnson (IL) Upton  
 Johnson, Sam Petri Walberg  
 Jones (NC) Pickering Walden (OR)  
 Jordan Pitts Walsh (NY)  
 Keller Poe Wamp  
 King (IA) Porter Weldon (FL)  
 King (NY) Price (GA) Weller  
 Kingston King (NY) Pryce (OH)  
 Kirk Putnam Whitfield  
 Kline (MN) Radanovich Wicker  
 Knollenberg Ramstad Wilson (NM)  
 Kuhl (NY) Regula Wilson (SC)  
 LaHood Rehberg Wolf  
 Lamborn Reichert Young (AK)  
 Lampson Renzi Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—16

Carson Kaptur Salazar  
 Cubin Kind Scott (VA)  
 Hirono Matheson Shuster  
 Hooley Miller, Gary Tancredo  
 Hunter Neugebauer  
 Jindal Paul

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised 2 minutes remain.

□ 1326

So the previous question was ordered. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

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

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered. The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 225, nays 191, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 1148]

YEAS—225

Abercrombie Becerra Boyda (KS)  
 Ackerman Berkley Brady (PA)  
 Allen Berman Braley (IA)  
 Altmire Berry Brown, Corrine  
 Andrews Bishop (GA) Butterfield  
 Arcuri Bishop (NY) Capps  
 Baca Blumenauer Capuano  
 Baird Boren Cardoza  
 Baldwin Boswell Carnahan  
 Barrow Boucher Carney  
 Bean Boyd (FL) Castor

Chandler Jackson-Lee  
 Clarke (TX)  
 Clay Jefferson  
 Cleaver Johnson (GA)  
 Clyburn Johnson, E. B.  
 Cohen Jones (OH)  
 Conyers Kagen  
 Cooper Kanjorski  
 Costa Kaptur  
 Costello Kennedy  
 Courtney Kildee  
 Cramer Kilpatrick  
 Crowley Klein (FL)  
 Cuellar Kucinich  
 Cummings Langevin  
 Davis (AL) Lantos  
 Davis (CA) Sarbanes  
 Davis (IL) Larson (CT)  
 Davis, Lincoln Lee  
 DeFazio Levin  
 DeGette Lewis (GA)  
 Delahunt Lipinski  
 DeLauro Loeb sack  
 Dicks Lofgren, Zoe  
 Dingell Lowey  
 Doggett Lynch  
 Donnelly Mahoney (FL)  
 Doyle Maloney (NY)  
 Edwards Markey  
 Ellison Marshall  
 Ellsworth Matsui  
 Emanuel McCarthy (NY)  
 Engel McCollum (MN)  
 Eshoo McDermott  
 Etheridge McGovern  
 Farr McIntyre  
 Fattah McNerney  
 Filner McNulty  
 Frank (MA) Meek (FL)  
 Giffords Meeks (NY)  
 Gillibrand Melancon  
 Gonzalez Michaud  
 Gordon Miller (NC)  
 Green, Al Miller, George  
 Green, Gene Mitchell  
 Grijalva Mollohan  
 Gutierrez Moore (KS)  
 Hall (NY) Moore (WI)  
 Hare Moran (VA)  
 Harman Murphy (CT)  
 Hastings (FL) Murphy, Patrick  
 Herse th Sandlin Murtha  
 Higgins Nadler  
 Hill Napolitano  
 Hinchey Neal (MA)  
 Hinojosa Oberstar  
 Hirono Obey  
 Hodes Olver  
 Holden Ortiz  
 Holt Pallone  
 Honda Pascrell  
 Hoyer Pastor  
 Inslee Payne  
 Israel Perlmutter  
 Jackson (IL) Peterson (MN)

**NAYS—191**

Aderholt Cannon  
 Akin Cantor  
 Alexander Capito  
 Bachmann Carter  
 Bachus Castle  
 Baker Chabot  
 Barrett (SC) Coble  
 Bartlett (MD) Cole (OK)  
 Barton (TX) Conaway  
 Biggert Crenshaw  
 Bilbray Davis (KY)  
 Bilirakis Davis, David  
 Bishop (UT) Davis, Tom  
 Blackburn Deal (GA)  
 Blunt Dent  
 Boehner Diaz-Balart, L.  
 Bonner Diaz-Balart, M.  
 Bono Doolittle  
 Boozman Drake  
 Boustany Dreier  
 Brady (TX) Duncan  
 Broun (GA) Ehlers  
 Brown (SC) Emerson  
 Brown-Waite, English (PA)  
 Ginny Everett  
 Buchanan Fallin  
 Burgess Feeney  
 Burton (IN) Ferguson  
 Buyer Flake  
 Calvert Forbes  
 Camp (MD) Fortenberry  
 Campbell (CA) Fossella

Pomeroy Kirk  
 Price (NC) Kline (MN)  
 Rahall Knollenberg  
 Rangel Kuhl (NY)  
 Reyes LaHood  
 Richardson Lamborn  
 Rodriguez Lampson  
 Ross Latham  
 Rothman LaTourette  
 Roybal-Allard Lewis (CA)  
 Ruppersberger Lewis (KY)  
 Rush Linder  
 Ryan (OH) LoBiondo  
 Sanchez, Linda Lucas  
 T. Lungren, Daniel  
 E.  
 Sanchez, Loretta Mack  
 Sarbanes Manzullo  
 Schakowsky Marchant  
 Schiff McCarthy (CA)  
 Schwartz Renzi  
 Scott (GA) McCaul (TX)  
 Serrano McCotter  
 Sestak McCreary  
 Shea-Porter McHenry  
 Sherman McHugh  
 Shuler McKeon  
 Mahoney (FL) McMorris  
 Sires Rodgers  
 Skelton Mica  
 Slaughter Miller (FL)  
 Smith (WA) Miller (MI)  
 Snyder Moran (KS)  
 Solis Moran (KS)  
 Space Murphy, Tim

Carson Jindal  
 Cubin Kind  
 Culberson Matheson  
 Hooley Miller, Gary  
 Hunter Neugebauer

**NOT VOTING—15**

Sessions Shadegg  
 Shaughnessy Shays  
 Shimkus Shimkus  
 Shuster Shuster  
 Simpson Simpson  
 Smith (NE) Smith (NE)  
 Smith (NJ) Smith (NJ)  
 Smith (TX) Smith (TX)  
 Souder Souder  
 Stearns Stearns  
 Sullivan Sullivan  
 Terry Terry  
 Thornberry Thornberry  
 Tiahrt Tiahrt  
 Tiberi Tiberi  
 Turner Turner  
 Upton Upton  
 Walberg Walberg  
 Walden (OR) Walden (OR)  
 Walsh (NY) Walsh (NY)  
 Wamp Wamp  
 Weldon (FL) Weldon (FL)  
 Weller Weller  
 Westmoreland Westmoreland  
 Whitfield Whitfield  
 Wicker Wicker  
 Wilson (NM) Wilson (NM)  
 Wilson (SC) Wilson (SC)  
 Wolf Wolf  
 Young (AK) Young (AK)  
 Young (FL) Young (FL)

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE**  
 The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1333

So the resolution was agreed to.  
 The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE**

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
 Washington, DC, December 12, 2007.

HON. NANCY PELOSI,  
 Speaker, House of Representatives,  
 Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I hereby tender my resignation from the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence effective at the close of business today.

Sincerely,  
 ALCEE L. HASTINGS,  
 Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.  
 There was no objection.

**CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1585, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008**

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 860, I call up the conference report on the bill (H.R. 1585) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for mili-

tary construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.  
 The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to rule XXII, the conference report is considered read.

(For conference report and statement, see proceedings of the House of December 6, 2007, Book II at page H14495.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SAXTON) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Missouri.

**GENERAL LEAVE**

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on this conference report.

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

There was no objection.  
 Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise today in strong support of the conference report on H.R. 1585, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008.

I must tell you, Mr. Speaker, that I'm so extremely proud of the members of the Armed Services Committee, of all of those who worked hard in and out of the Armed Services Committee to make this happen. And a special thanks to the fantastic staff that we have supporting us, Erin Conaton, Bob Simmons, who is the leader of those on the other side of the aisle regarding the staff, and everyone just pitched in so very, very well.

Mr. Speaker, this is a good bill. As a matter of fact, I think it's the best bill in decades that this Congress has put forward. It's good for our troops, good for our families, it will help improve readiness of our Armed Forces, and it will bring new significant oversight to the Department of Defense in areas where oversight was sorely needed in the past.

Let me begin by saying that the Armed Services Committee has remained committed to a tradition of bipartisanship, and we appreciate that, and we have all throughout the year.

Special thanks to our ranking member, the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER) and today to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SAXTON) who's been such a great help through the years.

When the 110th Congress began, we laid out, from the Armed Services Committee, six strategic priorities, and we have met them in this legislation. The bill before us is the culmination of our efforts. It addresses strategic priorities in important ways. It includes a 3.5 percent across-the-board