

o'clock this afternoon in the LBJ room on the other side of the Capitol. We've been told, though, that the Speaker and the majority leader have locked the conference down, and they want to have it voted on and passed by 6 o'clock Friday afternoon so that the Speaker can go on her trip to Italy and Afghanistan.

So, in this meeting in Leader BOEHNER's office, since I'm not a conferee, even though we've got about \$200 billion of jurisdiction on the Energy and Commerce Committee, things like Medicare and broadband and something called electricity decoupling, where people that actually use less electricity are going to pay more for it, I'm not sure I understand how that's stimulative to the economy.

But I asked what the agenda was and nobody seems to know. The good news is there actually is going to be a conference meeting, although the decision has already been made. So my question to the majority in this body is, how do you move an \$800 billion package, which is larger than the entire economy of the nation of Australia, with almost no transparency, no accountability, and a conference committee that's already been pre-ordained what they're going to report out some time tonight or tomorrow? Somehow that strikes me as a bad thing for democracy, a bad thing for the House and the Senate, and a bad deal for the American people.

So if I were a conferee, and there was a real conference I would ask questions, how does electricity decoupling really work? Why should we ask our consumers to use less electricity and pay for more the electricity that they use? Why is that a good thing? And why was it put in a bill that we haven't had a hearing on and most of the Members of the body on both sides of the aisle don't even know what the concept of electricity decoupling is.

So I guess, Mr. Speaker, I will end up by saying I wish that we ran the whole House like Chairman GORDON and Ranking Member HALL run the Science Committee, where there really is cooperation, there really is bipartisanship, and the result is that bills come to the floor that both sides can support.

Mr. HALL of Texas. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BARTON of Texas. I would be happy to yield.

Mr. HALL of Texas. You are ranking member on Energy and Commerce and former chairman of Energy and Commerce.

Mr. BARTON of Texas. That's correct.

Mr. HALL of Texas. And you are not on the conference committee?

Mr. BARTON of Texas. I am not.

Mr. HALL of Texas. Is that unusual?

Mr. BARTON of Texas. It's unprecedented.

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

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. I yield back the balance of my time and urge passage of this bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SERRANO). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. GORDON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 469.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR AN ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE TWO HOUSES

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I send to the desk a privileged concurrent resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the concurrent resolution, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 47

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That when the House adjourns on any legislative day from Thursday, February 12, 2009, through Monday, February 16, 2009, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 23, 2009, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the Senate recesses or adjourns on any day from Friday, February 13, 2009, through Friday, February 20, 2009, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand recessed or adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 23, 2009, or such other time on that day as may be specified in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.*

SEC. 2. The Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate, or their respective designees, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House and the Minority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the House and the Senate, respectively, to reassemble at such place and time as they may designate if, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

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

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

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. 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.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, this 15-minute vote will be followed by 5-minute votes on the following motions to suspend the rules: H. Res. 154, by the yeas and nays; H.R. 448, by the yeas and nays.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 238, nays

181, answered "present" 1, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 60]

YEAS—238

Abercrombie	Griffith	Nye
Ackerman	Grijalva	Obestar
Altmire	Gutierrez	Obey
Andrews	Hall (NY)	Olver
Arcuri	Halvorson	Ortiz
Baca	Hare	Pallone
Baird	Hastings (FL)	Pascarell
Baldwin	Heinrich	Pastor (AZ)
Barrow	Herseth Sandlin	Payne
Bean	Higgins	Perlmutter
Becerra	Hill	Petriello
Berkley	Himes	Peters
Berman	Hinchee	Peterson
Berry	Hinojosa	Pingree (ME)
Bishop (GA)	Hirono	Polis (CO)
Bishop (NY)	Hodes	Pomeroy
Blumenauer	Holt	Price (NC)
Bocchieri	Honda	Rahall
Boren	Hoyer	Rangel
Boswell	Inslee	Reyes
Boucher	Israel	Richardson
Boyd	Jackson (IL)	Rodriguez
Brady (PA)	Jackson-Lee	Ross
Braley (IA)	(TX)	Rothman (NJ)
Bright	Johnson (GA)	Roybal-Allard
Brown, Corrine	Johnson, E. B.	Ruppersberger
Butterfield	Jones	Rush
Capps	Kagen	Ryan (OH)
Capuano	Kanjorski	Salazar
Cardoza	Kaptur	Sánchez, Linda
Carnahan	Kennedy	T.
Carney	Kildee	Sanchez, Loretta
Carson (IN)	Kilpatrick (MI)	Sarbanes
Castor (FL)	Kilroy	Schakowsky
Chandler	Kind	Schauer
Childers	Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Schiff
Clarke	Kissell	Schrader
Clay	Klein (FL)	Schwartz
Cleaver	Kosmas	Scott (GA)
Clyburn	Kratovil	Scott (VA)
Cohen	Kucinich	Serrano
Connolly (VA)	Langevin	Shea-Porter
Conyers	Larsen (WA)	Sherman
Cooper	Larson (CT)	Sires
Costa	Lee (CA)	Skelton
Costello	Levin	Slaughter
Courtney	Lewis (GA)	Smith (WA)
Crowley	Lipinski	Snyder
Cuellar	Loeback	Space
Cummings	Lofgren, Zoe	Speier
Dahlkemper	Lowey	Spratt
Davis (AL)	Lujan	Stupak
Davis (CA)	Lynch	Sutton
Davis (IL)	Maffei	Tanner
Davis (TN)	Maloney	Tauscher
DeFazio	Markey (CO)	Taylor
DeGette	Markey (MA)	Teague
Delahunt	Marshall	Thompson (CA)
DeLauro	Massa	Thompson (MS)
Dicks	Matheson	Tierney
Dingell	Matsui	Titus
Doggett	McCarthy (NY)	Tonko
Doyle	McCollum	Towns
Driehaus	McDermott	Tsongas
Edwards (MD)	McGovern	Velázquez
Edwards (TX)	McIntyre	Visclosky
Ellison	McMahon	Walz
Engel	McNerney	Wasserman
Eshoo	Meek (FL)	Schultz
Etheridge	Melancon	Waters
Farr	Michaud	Watson
Filner	Miller (NC)	Watt
Foster	Miller, George	Waxman
Frank (MA)	Mollohan	Weiner
Fudge	Moore (KS)	Wexler
Giffords	Moran (VA)	Wilson (OH)
Gonzalez	Murphy (CT)	Woolsey
Gordon (TN)	Murtha	Wu
Grayson	Nadler (NY)	Yarmuth
Green, Al	Napolitano	
Green, Gene	Neal (MA)	

NAYS—181

Aderholt	Bilbray	Brady (TX)
Adler (NJ)	Bilirakis	Brown (GA)
Akin	Bishop (UT)	Brown (SC)
Austria	Blackburn	Brown-Waite,
Bachmann	Blunt	Ginny
Bachus	Boehner	Buchanan
Barrett (SC)	Bonner	Burgess
Bartlett	Bono Mack	Burton (IN)
Bartton (TX)	Boozman	Buyer
Biggert	Boustany	Calvert

Camp  
Cantor  
Cao  
Capito  
Carter  
Cassidy  
Castle  
Chaffetz  
Coble  
Coffman (CO)  
Cole  
Conaway  
Crenshaw  
Culberson  
Davis (KY)  
Deal (GA)  
Dent  
Diaz-Balart, L.  
Diaz-Balart, M.  
Donnelly (IN)  
Dreier  
Duncan  
Ehlers  
Ellsworth  
Emerson  
Fallin  
Flake  
Fleming  
Forbes  
Fortenberry  
Fox  
Franks (AZ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Gallegly  
Garrett (NJ)  
Gerlach  
Gingrey (GA)  
Gohmert  
Goodlatte  
Granger  
Graves  
Guthrie  
Hall (TX)  
Harper  
Hastings (WA)  
Heller  
Hensarling  
Herger  
Hoekstra  
Hunter  
Inglis  
Issa

Jenkins  
Johnson, Sam  
Jordan (OH)  
King (IA)  
King (NY)  
Kingston  
Kirk  
Kline (MN)  
Lamborn  
Lance  
Latham  
LaTourette  
Latta  
Lee (NY)  
Lewis (CA)  
Linder  
LoBiondo  
Lucas  
Luetkemeyer  
Lummis  
Lungren, Daniel  
E.  
Mack  
Manzullo  
Marchant  
McCarthy (CA)  
McCaul  
McClintock  
McCotter  
McHenry  
McKeon  
McMorris  
Rodgers  
Mica  
Miller (FL)  
Miller (MI)  
Miller, Gary  
Minnick  
Mittell  
Moran (KS)  
Murphy, Patrick  
Murphy, Tim  
Myrick  
Neugebauer  
Nunes  
Olson  
Paul  
Paulsen  
Pence  
Petri  
Pitts

Platts  
Poe (TX)  
Posey  
Price (GA)  
Putnam  
Radanovich  
Rehberg  
Reichert  
Roe (TN)  
Rogers (AL)  
Rogers (KY)  
Rogers (MI)  
Rohrabacher  
Rooney  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Roskam  
Royce  
Ryan (WI)  
Scalise  
Schmidt  
Schock  
Sensenbrenner  
Sessions  
Sestak  
Shadegg  
Shimkus  
Shuler  
Shuster  
Simpson  
Smith (NE)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX)  
Souder  
Stearns  
Sullivan  
Terry  
Thompson (PA)  
Thornberry  
Tiahrt  
Moran (KS)  
Turner  
Upton  
Walden  
Wamp  
Westmoreland  
Whitfield  
Wilson (SC)  
Wittman  
Wolf  
Young (AK)  
Young (FL)

## ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Moore (WI)

## NOT VOTING—12

Alexander  
Campbell  
Fattah  
Harman

Holden  
Johnson (IL)  
Meeks (NY)  
Solis (CA)

Stark  
Tiberi  
Van Hollen  
Welch

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Messrs. POSEY, SMITH of New Jersey, HOEKSTRA, Ms. FALLIN, and Mr. SESTAK changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. MICHAUD changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So 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.

**HONORING JOHN D. DINGELL FOR HOLDING THE RECORD AS THE LONGEST SERVING MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 154, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 154.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 423, nays 0, answered "present" 1, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 61]

YEAS—423

Abercrombie  
Ackerman  
Aderholt  
Roskam  
Adler (NJ)  
Akin  
Altmire  
Andrews  
Arcuri  
Austria  
Baca  
Bachmann  
Bachus  
Baird  
Baldwin  
Barrett (SC)  
Barrow  
Bartlett  
Barton (TX)  
Bean  
Becerra  
Berkley  
Berman  
Berry  
Biggett  
Bilbray  
Bilirakis  
Bishop (GA)  
Bishop (NY)  
Bishop (UT)  
Blackburn  
Blumenauer  
Blunt  
Bocchieri  
Boehner  
Bonner  
Bono Mack  
Boozman  
Boren  
Boswell  
Boucher  
Boustany  
Boyd  
Brady (PA)  
Brady (TX)  
Braley (IA)  
Bright  
Broun (GA)  
Brown (SC)  
Brown, Corrine  
Brown-Waite,  
Ginny  
Buchanan  
Burgess  
Burton (IN)  
Butterfield  
Buyer  
Calvert  
Camp  
Cantor  
Cao  
Capito  
Capps  
Capuano  
Cardoza  
Carnahan  
Carney  
Carson (IN)  
Carter  
Cassidy  
Castle  
Castor (FL)  
Chaffetz  
Chandler  
Childers  
Clarke  
Harper  
Clay  
Cleaver  
Clyburn  
Coble  
Coffman (CO)  
Cohen  
Cole  
Conaway  
Connolly (VA)  
Conyers  
Cooper

Costa  
Costello  
Courtney  
Crenshaw  
Crowley  
Cuellar  
Culberson  
Cummings  
Dahlkemper  
Davis (AL)  
Davis (CA)  
Davis (IL)  
Davis (KY)  
Davis (TN)  
Deal (GA)  
DeFazio  
DeGette  
Delahunt  
DeLauro  
Dent  
Diaz-Balart, L.  
Diaz-Balart, M.  
Dicks  
Doggett  
Donnelly (IN)  
Doyle  
Dreier  
Driehaus  
Duncan  
Edwards (MD)  
Edwards (TX)  
Ehlers  
Ellison  
Ellsworth  
Emerson  
Engel  
Eshoo  
Etheridge  
Fallin  
Farr  
Fattah  
Lamborn  
Filner  
Flake  
Fleming  
Forbes  
Fortenberry  
Foster  
Fox  
Frank (MA)  
Frank (AZ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Fudge  
Gallegly  
Garrett (NJ)  
Gerlach  
Giffords  
Gingrey (GA)  
Gohmert  
Gonzalez  
Goodlatte  
Gordon (TN)  
Granger  
Graves  
Grayson  
Green, Al  
Green, Gene  
Griffith  
Grijalva  
Guthrie  
Gutierrez  
Hall (NY)  
Hall (TX)  
Halvorson  
Hare  
Harper  
Hastings (FL)  
Hastings (WA)  
Heinrich  
Heller  
Hensarling  
Herger  
Herseth Sandlin  
Higgins  
Hill  
Himes  
Hinche

Hinojosa  
Hirono  
Hodes  
Hoekstra  
Holt  
Honda  
Hoyer  
Hunter  
Inglis  
Insee  
Israel  
Issa  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson-Lee  
(TX)  
Jenkins  
Johnson (GA)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Johnson, Sam  
Jones  
Jordan (OH)  
Kagen  
Kanjorski  
Kaptur  
Kennedy  
Kildee  
Kilpatrick (MI)  
Kilroy  
Kind  
King (IA)  
King (NY)  
Kingston  
Kirk  
Kirkpatrick (AZ)  
Kissell  
Klein (FL)  
Kline (MN)  
Kosmas  
Kratovil  
Kucinich  
Lamborn  
Lance  
Langevin  
Larsen (WA)  
Larson (CT)  
Latham  
LaTourette  
Latta  
Lee (CA)  
Lee (NY)  
Levin  
Lewis (CA)  
Lewis (GA)  
Linder  
Lipinski  
LoBiondo  
Loeb sack  
Lofgren, Zoe  
Lowey  
Lucas  
Luetkemeyer  
Luján  
Lummis  
Lungren, Daniel  
E.  
Lynch  
Mack  
Maffei  
Maloney  
Manzullo  
Marchant  
Markey (CO)  
Markey (MA)  
Marshall  
Massa  
Matheson  
Matsui  
McCarthy (CA)  
McCarthy (NY)  
McCaul  
McClintock  
McCollum  
McCotter  
McDermott  
McGovern  
McHenry

Polis (CO)  
Pomeroy  
Posey  
Price (GA)  
Price (NC)  
Putnam  
Radanovich  
Rahall  
Rangel  
Rehberg  
Reichert  
Reyes  
Richardson  
Rodriguez  
Roe (TN)  
Rogers (AL)  
Rogers (KY)  
Rogers (MI)  
Rohrabacher  
Rooney  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Roskam  
Ross  
Rothman (NJ)  
Roybal-Allard  
Royce  
Ruppersberger  
Rush  
Ryan (OH)  
Ryan (WI)  
Salazar  
Sanchez, Linda  
T.  
Sanchez, Loretta  
Sarbanes  
Scalise  
Schakowsky  
Schauer  
Schiff  
Schmidt  
Schock  
Schradler  
Schwartz  
Scott (GA)  
Scott (VA)  
Sensenbrenner  
Serrano  
Sessions  
Sestak  
Shadegg  
Shea-Porter  
Sherman  
Shimkus  
Shuler  
Shuster  
Simpson  
Sires

Skelton  
Slaughter  
Smith (NE)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX)  
Smith (WA)  
Snyder  
Souder  
Space  
Speier  
Spratt  
Stearns  
Stupak  
Sullivan  
Sutton  
Tanner  
Tauscher  
Taylor  
Teague  
Terry  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Thompson (PA)  
Thornberry  
Tiahrt  
Tierney  
Titus  
Tonko  
Towns  
Tsongas  
Turner  
Upton  
Van Hollen  
Velázquez  
Visclosky  
Walden  
Walz  
Wamp  
Wasserman  
Schultz  
Waters  
Watson  
Watt  
Waxman  
Weiner  
Welch  
Westmoreland  
Whitfield  
Wilson (OH)  
Wilson (SC)  
Wittman  
Wolf  
Woolsey  
Wu  
Yarmuth  
Young (AK)  
Young (FL)

## ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Dingell

## NOT VOTING—9

Alexander  
Campbell  
Harman

Holden  
Johnson (IL)  
Solis (CA)

Stark  
Tiberi  
Wexler

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Two minutes remain on this vote.

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THOSE WHO LOST THEIR FAMILIES AND THOSE WHO ARE WORKING TO RESCUE AND COMFORT THE BE-REAVED AFTER STORMS IN OKLAHOMA AND TEXAS**

(Mr. COLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, it's my very sad duty to inform the House, as many of you know, my part of the country in