

Markey (MA)	Perlmutter	Shuler
Marshall	Peters	Shuster
Massa	Peterson	Simpson
Matheson	Petri	Sires
Matsui	Pingree (ME)	Skelton
McCarthy (CA)	Pitts	Slaughter
McCarthy (NY)	Platts	Smith (NE)
McCaul	Poe (TX)	Smith (NJ)
McCintock	Polis (CO)	Smith (TX)
McCollum	Pomeroy	Smith (WA)
McCotter	Posey	Souder
McDermott	Price (GA)	Space
McGovern	Price (NC)	Spratt
McHugh	Radanovich	Stearns
McIntyre	Rahall	Stupak
McKeon	Rangel	Sullivan
McMahon	Rehberg	Sutton
McMorris	Reichert	Tanner
Rodgers	Reyes	Tauscher
McNerney	Richardson	Taylor
Meek (FL)	Rodriguez	Teague
Meeks (NY)	Roe (TN)	Terry
Melancon	Rogers (AL)	Thompson (CA)
Mica	Rogers (KY)	Thompson (MS)
Michaud	Rogers (MI)	Thompson (PA)
Miller (FL)	Rohrabacher	Thornberry
Miller (MI)	Rooney	Tiahrt
Miller (NC)	Roskam	Tiberi
Miller, George	Ross	Tierney
Minnick	Rothman (NJ)	Titus
Mitchell	Roybal-Allard	Tonko
Mollohan	Royce	Towns
Moore (KS)	Ruppersberger	Tsongas
Moore (WI)	Rush	Turner
Moran (KS)	Ryan (OH)	Upton
Moran (VA)	Ryan (WI)	Van Hollen
Murphy (CT)	Salazar	Velázquez
Murphy, Patrick	Sánchez, Linda	Visclosky
Murphy, Tim	T.	Walden
Murtha	Sanchez, Loretta	Walz
Myrick	Sarbanes	Wamp
Nadler (NY)	Scalise	Wasserman
Napolitano	Schakowsky	Schultz
Neal (MA)	Schauer	Waters
Neugebauer	Schiff	Watson
Nunes	Schmidt	Watt
Nye	Schock	Waxman
Oberstar	Schrader	Weiner
Obey	Schwartz	Welch
Olson	Scott (GA)	Westmoreland
Olver	Scott (VA)	Wexler
Ortiz	Sensenbrenner	Whitfield
Pallone	Serrano	Wilson (SC)
Pascrell	Sessions	Wittman
Pastor (AZ)	Sestak	Wolf
Paul	Shadegg	Woolsey
Paulsen	Shea-Porter	Wu
Payne	Sherman	Yarmuth
Pence	Shimkus	Young (AK)

NOT VOTING—17

Baca	King (IA)	Snyder
Brown, Corrine	McHenry	Speier
Buchanan	Miller, Gary	Stark
Campbell	Perriello	Wilson (OH)
Ehlers	Putnam	Young (FL)
Ellison	Ros-Lehtinen	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members have 2 minutes to record their votes.

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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.

Stated for:

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, on roll-call No. 93, I was not present because of the birth of my grandson. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. FLAKE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX, I hereby

notify the House of my intention to offer a resolution as a question of the privileges of the House.

The form of my resolution is as follows:

Whereas The Hill reported on February 10, 2009, that "a top defense-lobbying firm" that "specializes in obtaining earmarks in the defense budget for a long list of clients" was "recently raided by the FBI.":

Whereas Roll Call reported on February 11, 2009, that "the defense-appropriations-focused lobbying shop" had in recent years "spread millions of dollars of campaign contributions to lawmakers.":

Whereas Politico reported on February 13, 2009, that "federal investigators are asking about thousands of dollars in campaign contributions to lawmakers as part of an effort to determine whether they were illegal "straw man" donations.":

Whereas Roll Call reported on February 20, 2009, that they have "located tens of thousands of dollars worth of [the raided firm]-linked donations that are improperly reported in the FEC database.":

Whereas Roll Call also reported that "tracking Federal Election Commission records of campaign donations attributed to [the firm] is a comedy of errors, misinformation and mysteries, providing more questions than answers about how much money the lobbying firm actually raised for Congressional campaigns.":

Whereas CQ Today reported on February 19, 2009, that "104 House members got earmarks for projects sought by [clients of the firm] in the 2008 defense appropriations bills," and that 87 percent of this bipartisan group of Members received campaign contributions from the raided firm;

Whereas The Hill reported on February 10, 2009, that in 2008 clients of this firm had "received \$299 million worth of earmarks, according to Taxpayers for Common Sense.":

Whereas The Hill reported on February 23, 2009, that "clients of a defense lobby shop under investigation are continuing to score earmarks from their patrons in Congress, despite the firm being on the verge of shutting its doors permanently" and that several of the firm's clients "are slated to receive earmarks worth at least \$8 million in the omnibus spending bill funding the federal government through the rest of fiscal 2009 . . .":

Whereas the Washington Post reported on June 13, 2008, in a story describing increased earmark spending in the House version of the fiscal year 2009 defense authorization bill that "many of the earmarks serve as no-bid contracts for the recipients.":

Whereas the Associated Press reported on February 25, 2009, that "the Justice Department's fraud section is overseeing an investigation into whether [the firm] reimbursed some employees for campaign contributions to members of Congress who requested the projects.":

Whereas Politico reported on February 12, 2009, that "several sources said FBI agents have spent months laying the groundwork for their current investigation, including conducting research on earmarks and campaign contributions.":

Whereas the reportedly fraudulent nature of campaign contributions originating from the raided firm, as well as reports of the Justice Department conducting research on earmarks and campaign contributions, raise concern about the integrity of congressional proceedings and the dignity of the institution; and

Whereas the fact that cases are being investigated by the Justice Department does not preclude the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct from taking investigative steps: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That (a) the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, or an investigative subcommittee of the committee established jointly by the chair and ranking minority member shall immediately begin an investigation into the relationship between earmark requests on behalf of clients of the raided firm already made by Members and the source and timing of past campaign contributions related to such requests.

(b) The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct shall submit a report of its findings to the House of Representatives within 2 months after the date of adoption of this resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time designated by the Chair within 2 legislative days after the resolution is properly noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentleman from Arizona will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair will not at this point determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

NAMING MEMBERS TO BE AVAILABLE TO SERVE ON INVESTIGATIVE SUBCOMMITTEES OF COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5(a)(4)(A) of rule X, and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Chair announces the Speaker named the following Members of the House to be available to serve on investigative subcommittees of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct for the 111th Congress:

- Ms. BALDWIN, Wisconsin
- Mr. CARNAHAN, Missouri
- Mr. CLEAVER, Missouri
- Mrs. DAVIS, California
- Mr. ELLISON, Minnesota
- Mr. GONZALEZ, Texas
- Ms. HIRONO, Hawaii
- Mr. MILLER, North Carolina

COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable JOHN A. BOEHNER, Republican Leader:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 26, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, U.S. Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: Pursuant to clause 5(a)(4)(A) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, I designate the following Members to be available for service on the investigative subcommittees of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct during the 111th Congress:

- The Honorable Rob Bishop of Utah.
- The Honorable Marsha Blackburn of Tennessee.