

the United States already possesses under state laws, there seems to be little doubt that Congress has the power to enact it.”

Prof. Michael Gearhardt (UNC)—“I believe that The End GREED Act is unquestionably constitutional. Each of the powers deployed to enact this bill is plenary, and these powers—individually and collectively provide an unusually strong, unassailable constitutional foundation for The End GREED Act.”

Prof. Ken Klee (UCLA)—“It is my view as a professor of law that the fraudulent transfer provisions of the Manager’s amendment to H.R. 1575 are constitutional on their face and as applied to avoid payments of excessive compensation made under contracts entered into before the date of enactment.”

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1575, the End GREED Act.

Mr. CONYERS. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1575, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair’s prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of the privileges of the House and offer the resolution previously noticed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 312

Whereas, The Hill reported that a prominent lobbying firm, founded by Mr. Paul Magliocchetti and the subject of a “federal investigation into potentially corrupt political contributions,” has given \$3.4 million in political donations to no less than 284 members of Congress.

Whereas, the New York Times noted that Mr. Magliocchetti “set up shop at the busy intersection between political fund-raising and taxpayer spending, directing tens of millions of dollars in contributions to lawmakers while steering hundreds of millions of dollars in earmark contracts back to his clients.”

Whereas, a guest columnist recently highlighted in Roll Call that “. . . what [the firm’s] example reveals most clearly is the potentially corrupting link between campaign contributions and earmarks. Even the most ardent earmarkers should want to avoid the appearance of such a pay-to-play system.”

Whereas, multiple press reports have noted questions related to campaign contributions made by or on behalf of the firm; including questions related to “straw man” contributions, the reimbursement of employees for political giving, pressure on clients to give, a suspicious pattern of giving, and the timing of donations relative to legislative activity.

Whereas, Roll Call has taken note of the timing of contributions from employees of

the firm and its clients when it reported that they “have provided thousands of dollars worth of campaign contributions to key Members in close proximity to legislative activity, such as the deadline for earmark request letters or passage of a spending bill.”

Whereas, the Associated Press highlighted the “huge amounts of political donations” from the firm and its clients to select members and noted that “those political donations have followed a distinct pattern: The giving is especially heavy in March, which is prime time for submitting written earmark requests.”

Whereas, clients of the firm received at least \$300 million worth of earmarks in fiscal year 2009 appropriations legislation, including several that were approved even after news of the FBI raid of the firm’s offices and Justice Department investigation into the firm was well known.

Whereas, the Associated Press reported that “the FBI says the investigation is continuing, highlighting the close ties between special-interest spending provisions known as earmarks and the raising of campaign cash.”

Whereas, the persistent media attention focused on questions about the nature and timing of campaign contributions related to the 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.

Now, therefore, be it: *Resolved*, that (a) the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, or a subcommittee of the committee designated by the committee and its members appointed by the chairman and ranking member, shall immediately begin an investigation into the relationship between the source and timing of past campaign contributions to Members of the House related to the raided firm and earmark requests made by Members of the House on behalf of clients of the raided firm.

(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 the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution qualifies.

MOTION TO TABLE

Mr. HALL of New York. Mr. Speaker, I move to lay the resolution on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to table.

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

Mr. FLAKE. 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 on tabling House Resolution 312 will be followed by 5-minute votes on adopting House Resolution 305 and House Resolution 306; and suspending the rules with regard to H.R. 1575 and House Resolution 290.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 217, nays 185, answered “present” 16, not voting 13, as follows:

Roll No. 175

YEAS—217

Abercrombie	Griffith	Olver
Ackerman	Grijalva	Ortiz
Adler (NJ)	Gutierrez	Pastor (AZ)
Altmire	Hall (NY)	Payne
Andrews	Hare	Perlmutter
Arcuri	Harman	Peters
Baca	Hastings (FL)	Peterson
Baird	Heinrich	Pingree (ME)
Baldwin	Higgins	Polis (CO)
Barrow	Hinchev	Pomeroy
Berkley	Hinojosa	Price (NC)
Berman	Hirono	Rahall
Berry	Holden	Rangel
Bishop (GA)	Holt	Reyes
Bishop (NY)	Honda	Richardson
Blumenauer	Hoyer	Rodriguez
Boren	Insee	Rohrabacher
Boswell	Israel	Ross
Boucher	Jackson (IL)	Rothman (NJ)
Boyd	Jackson-Lee	Roybal-Allard
Brady (PA)	(TX)	Ruppersberger
Braley (IA)	Johnson (GA)	Rush
Brown, Corrine	Johnson, E. B.	Ryan (OH)
Capps	Jones	Salazar
Capuano	Kagen	Sánchez, Linda T.
Cardoza	Kanjorski	Sarbanes
Carnahan	Kennedy	Schakowsky
Carney	Kildee	Schiff
Carson (IN)	Kilpatrick (MI)	Schrader
Clarke	Kilroy	Schwartz
Clay	Kissell	Scott (GA)
Cleaver	Klein (FL)	Scott (VA)
Clyburn	Kratovil	Serrano
Coble	Kucinich	Sestak
Cohen	Langevin	Shea-Porter
Connolly (VA)	Larsen (WA)	Sherman
Conyers	Lee (CA)	Shuler
Cooper	Lewis (GA)	Sires
Costa	Lipinski	Skelton
Costello	Lowey	Slynder
Courtney	Lujan	Space
Crowley	Lynch	Speier
Cuellar	Maffei	Spratt
Cummings	Maloney	Stark
Dahlkemper	Markey (CO)	Stupak
Davis (AL)	Markey (MA)	Sutton
Davis (CA)	Marshall	Tanner
Davis (IL)	Massa	Tauscher
Davis (TN)	Matsui	Taylor
DeFazio	McCarthy (NY)	Thompson (CA)
DeGette	McCollum	Tierney
Delahunt	McDermott	Titus
DeLauro	McGovern	Tonko
Dicks	McMahon	Towns
Dingell	Meek (FL)	Tsongas
Doggett	Meeks (NY)	Van Hollen
Doyle	Melancon	Velázquez
Driehaus	Michaud	Wasserman
Edwards (MD)	Miller (NC)	Schultz
Edwards (TX)	Miller, George	Waters
Ellison	Mollohan	Watson
Engel	Moore (KS)	Watt
Eshoo	Moore (WI)	Waxman
Etheridge	Moran (VA)	Weiner
Farr	Murphy (CT)	Wexler
Fattah	Murphy, Patrick	Wilson (OH)
Filner	Murphy, Tim	Woolsey
Frank (MA)	Murtha	Wu
Fudge	Nadler (NY)	Yarmuth
Gonzalez	Napolitano	Young (AK)
Gordon (TN)	Neal (MA)	
Grayson	Nye	
Green, Al	Oberstar	
Green, Gene	Obey	

NAYS—185

Aderholt	Bright	Coffman (CO)
Akin	Broun (GA)	Cole
Alexander	Brown (SC)	Crenshaw
Austria	Brown-Waite,	Culberson
Bachmann	Ginny	Davis (KY)
Bachus	Buchanan	Deal (GA)
Bartlett	Burgess	Diaz-Balart, M.
Bean	Burton (IN)	Donnelly (IN)
Biggart	Buyer	Dreier
Billbray	Calvert	Duncan
Bilirakis	Camp	Ehlers
Bishop (UT)	Campbell	Ellsworth
Blackburn	Cantor	Emerson
Blunt	Cao	Fallin
Bocchieri	Capito	Flake
Boehner	Carter	Fleming
Bono Mack	Cassidy	Forbes
Boozman	Castle	Fortenberry
Boustany	Chaffetz	Foster
Brady (TX)	Childers	Foxx

Franks (AZ)	Linder	Rehberg
Frelinghuysen	LoBiondo	Reichert
Galleghy	Loeb sack	Roe (TN)
Garrett (NJ)	Lucas	Rogers (AL)
Gerlach	Luetkemeyer	Rogers (KY)
Giffords	Lummis	Rogers (MI)
Gingrey (GA)	Lungren, Daniel	Rooney
Gohmert	E.	Ros-Lehtinen
Goodlatte	Mack	Roskam
Granger	Manzullo	Royce
Graves	Marchant	Ryan (WI)
Guthrie	Matheson	Scalise
Hall (TX)	McCarthy (CA)	Schmidt
Halvorson	McCaul	Schock
Harper	McClintock	Sensenbrenner
Heller	McCotter	Sessions
Hensarling	McHenry	Shadegg
Herger	McHugh	Shimkus
Hersth Sandlin	McIntyre	Simpson
Hill	McKeon	Smith (NE)
Himes	McMorris	Smith (NJ)
Hodes	Rodgers	Smith (TX)
Hoekstra	McNerney	Smith (WA)
Hunter	Mica	Souder
Inglis	Miller (FL)	Stearns
Issa	Miller (MI)	Sullivan
Jenkins	Minnick	Teague
Johnson (IL)	Mitchell	Terry
Johnson, Sam	Moran (KS)	Thompson (PA)
Jordan (OH)	Neugebauer	Thornberry
Kind	Nunes	Tiahrt
King (IA)	Olson	Tiberi
King (NY)	Paul	Turner
Kingston	Paulsen	Upton
Kirk	Pence	Visclosky
Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Perriello	Walz
Kosmas	Petri	Wamp
Lamborn	Pitts	Whitfield
Lance	Platts	Wilson (SC)
LaTourette	Posey	Wittman
Latta	Price (GA)	Wolf
Lee (NY)	Putnam	Young (FL)
Lewis (CA)	Radanovich	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—16

Barrett (SC)	Dent	Myrick
Bonner	Diaz-Balart, L.	Poe (TX)
Butterfield	Hastings (WA)	Walden
Castor (FL)	Kline (MN)	Welch
Chandler	Latham	
Conaway	Lofgren, Zoe	

NOT VOTING—13

Barton (TX)	Miller, Gary	Shuster
Becerra	Pallone	Thompson (MS)
Kaptur	Pascarell	Westmoreland
Larson (CT)	Sanchez, Loretta	
Levin	Schauer	

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Messrs. DEAL of Georgia and McINTYRE changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee changed his vote from "nay" to yea."

So the motion to table was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above record.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

WELCOMING FORMER SPEAKER
JIM WRIGHT

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

Mr. DOGGETT. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Texas congressional delegation—the Democrats in that delegation—this is a proud day for us to welcome a distinguished Texan who rose from Weatherford, Texas, to serve here with the legendary Sam Rayburn and then to preside over this Chamber.

To formally introduce him, I would yield to the dean of our delegation, Congressman ORTIZ.

Mr. ORTIZ. Thank you. What an honor today, Madam Speaker, to have a great American among us. I had the

privilege and honor of serving with the Speaker when I first came here back in 1982. He was always accessible, fair, and a great leader.

We are just so happy, Mr. Speaker, that you're with us today and continue to give the Texas delegation, and other Members, a lot of good input and a lot of history. We're happy to have you with us.

Mr. DOGGETT. Madam Speaker, Speaker Jim Wright, for both all those, who have had not a chance to serve with him, he's here to say hello as well as to colleagues with whom he served, like old RALPH HALL over there and others of our colleagues.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION
OF H. CON. RES. 85, CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

The SPEAKER. The unfinished business is the vote on adoption of House Resolution 305, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. TAUSCHER). The question is on the resolution.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 234, nays 179, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 176]

YEAS—234

Abercrombie	Conyers	Grijalva
Ackerman	Cooper	Gutierrez
Adler (NJ)	Hall (NY)	Hall (NY)
Altmire	Costa	Halvorson
Andrews	Costello	Halvorson
Arcuri	Courtney	Hare
Baca	Crowley	Harman
Baird	Cuellar	Hastings (FL)
Baldwin	Cummings	Heinrich
Bean	Dahlkemper	Hersth Sandlin
Becerra	Davis (AL)	Higgins
Berkley	Davis (CA)	Hill
Berman	Davis (IL)	Himes
Berry	Davis (TN)	Hinchev
Bishop (GA)	DeFazio	Hinojosa
Bishop (NY)	DeGette	Hirono
Blumenauer	DeLauro	Holden
Boccieri	Dicks	Holt
Boren	Dingell	Hoyer
Boswell	Donnelly (IN)	Inslee
Boucher	Doyle	Israel
Boyd	Driehaus	Jackson (IL)
Brady (PA)	Edwards (MD)	Jackson-Lee
Braley (IA)	Edwards (TX)	(TX)
Bright	Ellison	Johnson (GA)
Brown, Corrine	Ellsworth	Johnson, E. B.
Butterfield	Engel	Kagen
Capps	Eshoo	Kanjorski
Capuano	Etheridge	Kaptur
Cardoza	Farr	Kennedy
Carnahan	Fattah	Kildee
Carney	Filner	Kilpatrick (MI)
Carson (IN)	Foster	Kilroy
Castor (FL)	Fudge	Kind
Chandler	Giffords	Kirkpatrick (AZ)
Clarke	Gonzalez	Kissell
Clay	Gordon (TN)	Klein (FL)
Cleaver	Grayson	Kosmas
Clyburn	Green, Al	Kratovil
Cohen	Green, Gene	Langevin
Connolly (VA)	Griffith	Larsen (WA)

Lee (CA)	Napolitano	Serrano
Lewis (GA)	Neal (MA)	Sestak
Lipinski	Nye	Shea-Porter
Loeb sack	Oberstar	Shuler
Lofgren, Zoe	Obey	Sires
Lowey	Olver	Skelton
Lujan	Ortiz	Slaughter
Lynch	Pastor (AZ)	Smith (WA)
Maffei	Payne	Snyder
Maloney	Perlmutter	Space
Markey (CO)	Perriello	Speier
Markey (MA)	Peters	Spratt
Marshall	Peterson	Stark
Massa	Pingree (ME)	Stupak
Matheson	Polis (CO)	Sutton
Matsui	Pomeroy	Tanner
McCarthy (NY)	Price (NC)	Tauscher
McCollum	Rahall	Teague
McDermott	Rangel	Thompson (CA)
McGovern	Reyes	Titus
McIntyre	Richardson	Tonko
McMahon	Rodriguez	Towns
McNerney	Ross	Tsongas
Meek (FL)	Rothman (NJ)	Van Hollen
Meeks (NY)	Roybal-Allard	Velázquez
Melancon	Ruppersberger	Visclosky
Michaud	Rush	Walz
Miller (NC)	Ryan (OH)	Wasserman
Miller, George	Salazar	Schultz
Mitchell	Sánchez, Linda	Watson
Mollohan	T.	Watt
Moore (KS)	Sarbanes	Waxman
Moore (WI)	Schakowsky	Weiner
Moran (VA)	Schiff	Wexler
Murphy (CT)	Schrader	Wilson (OH)
Murphy, Patrick	Schwartz	Woolsey
Murtha	Scott (GA)	Wu
Nadler (NY)	Scott (VA)	Yarmuth

NAYS—179

Aderholt	Fortenberry	McMorris
Akin	Fox	Rodgers
Alexander	Franks (AZ)	Mica
Austria	Frelinghuysen	Miller (FL)
Bachmann	Galleghy	Miller (MI)
Bachus	Garrett (NJ)	Minnick
Barrett (SC)	Gerlach	Moran (KS)
Barrow	Gingrey (GA)	Murphy, Tim
Bartlett	Gohmert	Myrick
Biggert	Goodlatte	Neugebauer
Bilbray	Granger	Nunes
Billirakis	Graves	Olson
Bishop (UT)	Guthrie	Paul
Blackburn	Hall (TX)	Paulsen
Blunt	Harper	Pence
Boehner	Hastings (WA)	Petri
Bonner	Heller	Pitts
Bono Mack	Hensarling	Platts
Boozman	Herger	Poe (TX)
Boustany	Hoekstra	Posey
Brady (TX)	Hunter	Price (GA)
Broun (GA)	Inglis	Putnam
Brown (SC)	Issa	Radanovich
Brown-Waite,	Jenkins	Rehberg
Ginny	Johnson (IL)	Reichert
Buchanan	Johnson, Sam	Roe (TN)
Burgess	Jones	Rogers (AL)
Burton (IN)	Jordan (OH)	Rogers (KY)
Buyer	King (IA)	Rogers (MI)
Calvert	King (NY)	Rohrabacher
Camp	Kirk	Rooney
Campbell	Kline (MN)	Ros-Lehtinen
Cantor	Kucinich	Roskam
Cao	Lamborn	Royce
Capito	Lance	Ryan (WI)
Carter	Latham	Scalise
Cassidy	LaTourette	Schock
Castle	Latta	Sensenbrenner
Chaffetz	Lee (NY)	Sessions
Chillers	Lewis (CA)	Shadegg
Coble	Linder	Shimkus
Coffman (CO)	LoBiondo	Shuster
Cole	Lucas	Simpson
Conaway	Luetkemeyer	Smith (NE)
Crenshaw	Lummis	Smith (NJ)
Culberson	Lungren, Daniel	Smith (TX)
Davis (KY)	E.	Souder
Davis (GA)	Mack	Stearns
Deal (GA)	Manzullo	Sullivan
Dent	Marchant	Taylor
Diaz-Balart, L.	McCarthy (CA)	Terry
Diaz-Balart, M.	McCaul	Thompson (PA)
Dreier	McClintock	Thornberry
Duncan	McCotter	Tiahrt
Ehlers	McHenry	Tiberi
Emerson	McHugh	Turner
Fallin	McKeon	Upton
Flake		Walden
Fleming		Wamp
Forbes		