

Iran's nuclear program is not designed to develop a nuclear weapon is cause for great concern. While Iran states that the intention of its nuclear program is for electricity generation which it feels is vital to its energy security, U.S. officials challenge this justification by stating that "Iran's vast gas resources make a nuclear energy program unnecessary."

Establishing a diplomatic dialogue with the Government of Iran and deepening relationships with the Iranian people will only help foster greater understanding between the people of Iran and the people of the United States and would enhance the stability the security of the Persian Gulf region. Furthering President Obama's approach toward continued engagement will reduce the increased threat of the proliferation or use of nuclear weapons in the region, while advancing other U.S. foreign policy objectives in the region. The significance of establishing and sustaining diplomatic relations with Iran cannot be over-emphasized. Avoidance and military intervention cannot be the means through which we resolve this looming crisis.

In conclusion, we must condemn Iran for the absence of fair and free Presidential elections and urge Iran to provide its people with the opportunity to engage in a Democratic election process, by demanding new elections, and ensure that all votes are fairly counted. I look forward to further meaningful discussion and a new foreign policy strategy with regard to Iran when the people of Iran are able to participate in a fair and democratic electoral process.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, this week the world heard the cry of millions of Iranians who seek the right to a free and fair election. In response, Americans from all walks of life have taken up the cause of liberty for Iranians who crave real freedom and not sham elections.

"I am proud to join the United States Congress to stand with freedom-loving people everywhere in support of the people of Iran and to call for an end to the brutal and violent suppression of peaceful protesters. We will not stand by in silence and watch the forces of radicalism attempt to squelch the public outcry in Iran against last week's election irregularities.

"The Middle East is ready for another real democracy, a nation where the voices of every citizen are heard and where the government works for the people and not against the people. Over the past few years the bellicose regime in Tehran has spewed an endless line of anti-Western vitriol and insists on threatening the existence of the state of Israel—one of the few beacons of real freedom in the Middle East. It is now obvious that the average Iranian has grown weary with their authoritarian leadership.

"The ongoing crackdown on free expression and the rights of journalists along with the censoring of communication with the outside world has simply shown the true colors of the dark Iranian regime desperately trying to hold its grip on power. The people of Iran deserve better. They deserve freedom. And today the House of Representatives has given voice to their historic plea in the hallowed halls of Congress."

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. BERMAN) that the House suspend the

rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 560.

The question was taken. The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the yeas have it.

Mr. BERMAN. Madam 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Ordering the previous question on H. Res. 559, by the yeas and nays;

Adopting H. Res. 559, if ordered;

Suspending the rules and adopting H. Res. 560, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2918, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on ordering the previous question on House Resolution 559, 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.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 230, nays 177, not voting 26, as follows:

[Roll No. 409]

YEAS—230

Abercrombie	Castor (FL)	Edwards (MD)
Ackerman	Chandler	Edwards (TX)
Altmire	Childers	Ellison
Andrews	Clarke	Ellsworth
Arcuri	Clay	Engel
Baca	Clyburn	Eshoo
Baird	Cohen	Etheridge
Baldwin	Connolly (VA)	Farr
Barrow	Cooper	Filner
Bean	Costa	Foster
Becerra	Costello	Frank (MA)
Berkley	Courtney	Fudge
Berman	Crowley	Giffords
Berry	Cuellar	Gonzalez
Boccheri	Cummings	Gordon (TN)
Boren	Dahlkemper	Grayson
Boswell	Davis (AL)	Green, Al
Boucher	Davis (CA)	Green, Gene
Boyd	Davis (IL)	Griffith
Brady (PA)	Davis (TN)	Grijalva
Bralley (IA)	DeGette	Gutierrez
Bright	Delahunt	Hall (NY)
Brown, Corrine	DeLauro	Halvorson
Butterfield	Dicks	Hare
Capper	Dingell	Hastings (FL)
Cardoza	Doggett	Heinrich
Carnahan	Donnelly (IN)	Herseth Sandlin
Carney	Doyle	Higgins
Carson (IN)	Driehaus	Himes

Hinchey	McIntyre	Sanchez, Loretta
Hinojosa	McMahon	Sarbanes
Hirono	McNerney	Schakowsky
Hodes	Meek (FL)	Schauer
Holden	Meeks (KS)	Schiff
Holt	Melancon	Schrader
Honda	Michaud	Schwartz
Hoyer	Miller (NC)	Scott (GA)
Inslee	Miller, George	Scott (VA)
Israel	Mollohan	Serrano
Jackson (IL)	Moore (KS)	Shea-Porter
Jackson-Lee	Moore (WI)	Sherman
(TX)	Moran (VA)	Sires
Johnson (GA)	Murphy (CT)	Slaughter
Johnson, E. B.	Murphy (NY)	Smith (WA)
Kagen	Murphy, Patrick	Snyder
Kanjorski	Murtha	Space
Kildee	Nadler (NY)	Speier
Kilpatrick (MI)	Napolitano	Stupak
Kilroy	Neal (MA)	Sutton
Kind	Nye	Tanner
Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Oberstar	Tauscher
Kissell	Obey	Taylor
Klein (FL)	Olver	Teague
Kosmas	Ortiz	Thompson (CA)
Kucinich	Pallone	Thompson (MS)
Langevin	Pascarell	Tierney
Larsen (WA)	Pastor (AZ)	Titus
Larson (CT)	Payne	Tonko
Lee (CA)	Perlmutter	Towns
Levin	Perriello	Tsongas
Lipinski	Peters	Van Hollen
Loeback	Peterson	Vislosky
Lofgren, Zoe	Pingree (ME)	Walz
Lowey	Polis (CO)	Wasserman
Lujan	Pomeroy	Schultz
Lynch	Price (NC)	Waters
Maffei	Quigley	Rahall
Maloney	Rahall	Rangel
Markey (CO)	Rangel	Reyes
Markey (MA)	Reyes	Richardson
Marshall	Richardson	Rodriguez
Massa	Rodriguez	Ross
Matheson	Ross	Rothman (NJ)
Matsui	Rothman (NJ)	Roybal-Allard
McCarthy (NY)	Roybal-Allard	Rush
McCollum	Rush	Ryan (OH)
McDermott	Ryan (OH)	Salazar
McGovern	Salazar	

NAYS—177

Aderholt	Dreier	Lewis (CA)
Akin	Duncan	Linder
Alexander	Ehlers	LoBiondo
Austria	Emerson	Lucas
Bachus	Fallin	Luetkemeyer
Bartlett	Flake	Lummis
Barton (TX)	Fleming	Lungren, Daniel
Biggart	Forbes	E.
Bilbray	Fortenberry	Mack
Bilirakis	Fox	Manzullo
Bishop (UT)	Franks (AZ)	Marchant
Blackburn	Frelinghuysen	McCarthy (CA)
Blunt	Gallely	McCaul
Boehner	Garrett (NJ)	McClintock
Bonner	Gerlach	McCotter
Bono Mack	Gingrey (GA)	McHenry
Boozman	Gohmert	McHugh
Boustany	Goodlatte	McKeon
Brady (TX)	Granger	McMorris
Broun (GA)	Graves	Rodgers
Brown (SC)	Guthrie	Mica
Brown-Waite,	Hall (TX)	Miller (FL)
Ginny	Harper	Miller (MI)
Buchanan	Hastings (WA)	Miller, Gary
Burgess	Hensarling	Minnick
Burton (IN)	Herger	Mitchell
Buyer	Hill	Moran (KS)
Calvert	Hoekstra	Murphy, Tim
Camp	Hunter	Myrick
Campbell	Inglis	Neugebauer
Cantor	Issa	Nunes
Cao	Jenkins	Olson
Capito	Johnson (IL)	Paul
Carter	Johnson, Sam	Paulsen
Cassidy	Jones	Pence
Castle	Jordan (OH)	Petri
Chaffetz	King (IA)	Pitts
Cleaver	King (NY)	Platts
Coble	Kingston	Poe (TX)
Coffman (CO)	Kirk	Posey
Cole	Kline (MN)	Price (GA)
Conaway	Kratovil	Putnam
Crenshaw	Lamborn	Radanovich
Culberson	Lance	Rehberg
Davis (KY)	Latham	Reichert
Dent	LaTourette	Roe (TN)
Diaz-Balart, L.	Latta	Rogers (AL)
Diaz-Balart, M.	Lee (NY)	Rogers (KY)