

NAYS—176

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

NOT VOTING—12

Aderholt	Davis (AL)	Meeks (NY)
Boehner	Gerlach	Rogers (AL)
Bonner	Lance	Towns
Bright	McCarthy (NY)	Walz

□ 1309

Messrs. COFFMAN of Colorado, BRADY of Texas, MITCHELL and KRATOVIL and Mrs. BONO MACK changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. HOEKSTRA changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

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

Stated against:  
Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 654, had I been present, I would have voted “nay.”

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

The amendment was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution, as amended.

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

Mr. DREIER. 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 241, nays 185, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 655]  
YEAS—241

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

NAYS—185

Aderholt	Alexander	Bachmann
Akin	Austria	Bachus

Bartlett	Granger	Myrick
Barton (TX)	Graves	Neugebauer
Biggert	Guthrie	Nunes
Bilbray	Hall (TX)	Olson
Bilirakis	Harper	Paul
Bishop (UT)	Hastings (WA)	Paulsen
Blackburn	Heller	Petri
Blumenauer	Hensarling	Pitts
Blunt	Herger	Platts
Boehner	Hill	Poe (TX)
Bono Mack	Hoekstra	Posey
Boozman	Hunter	Price (GA)
Boustany	Inglis	Putnam
Brady (TX)	Issa	Radanovich
Brown (GA)	Jenkins	Rehberg
Brown (SC)	Johnson (IL)	Reichert
Brown-Waite,	Johnson, Sam	Roe (TN)
Ginny	Jones	Rogers (AL)
Buchanan	Jordan (OH)	Rogers (KY)
Burgess	King (IA)	Rogers (MI)
Burton (IN)	King (NY)	Rohrabacher
Buyer	Kingston	Rooney
Calvert	Kirk	Ros-Lehtinen
Camp	Clavert	Roskam
Campbell	Camp	Royce
Cantor	Campbell	Ryan (WI)
Cao	Cantor	Scalise
Capito	Cao	Schmidt
Carter	Capito	Schock
Cassidy	Carter	Sensenbrenner
Castle	Cassidy	Latta
Chaffetz	Castle	Lee (NY)
Coble	Coble	Lewis (CA)
Coffman (CO)	Coffman (CO)	Linder
Cole	Cole	LoBiondo
Conaway	Conaway	Lucas
Crenshaw	Crenshaw	Luetkemeyer
Culberson	Culberson	Lummis
Davis (KY)	Davis (KY)	Lungren, Daniel
Deal (GA)	Deal (GA)	E.
Dent	Dent	Mack
Diaz-Balart, L.	Diaz-Balart, L.	Manzullo
Diaz-Balart, M.	Diaz-Balart, M.	Marchant
Dreier	Dreier	McCarthy (CA)
Duncan	Duncan	McCauley
Ehlers	Ehlers	McClintock
Emerson	Emerson	McCotter
Fallin	Fallin	McHenry
Flake	Flake	McHugh
Fleming	Fleming	McKeon
Forbes	Forbes	McMorris
Fortenberry	Fortenberry	Rodgers
Fox	Fox	Mica
Franks (AZ)	Franks (AZ)	Miller (FL)
Frelinghuysen	Frelinghuysen	Miller (MI)
Gallely	Gallely	Miller, Gary
		Minnick
		McHenry
		Gingrey (GA)
		Garrett (NJ)
		Mitchell
		Moran (KS)
		Murphy (NY)
		Murphy, Tim
		Young (AK)
		Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—7

Barrett (SC)	McCarthy (NY)	Walz
Bonner	Pence	
Gerlach	Towns	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE  
The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining in the vote.

□ 1318

Mr. BOEHNER changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

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.

RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I have a privileged resolution at the desk.

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

The Clerk read as follows:  
H. RES. 690

Whereas page 5 of the “Regulations on the Use of the CONGRESSIONAL FRANK By

Members of the House of Representatives" states, "It is the policy of the Congress that the privilege of sending mail as franked mail shall be established under this section in order to assist and expedite the conduct of the official business, activities and duties of the Congress of the United States. It is the intent of the Congress that such official business, activities and duties cover all matters which directly or indirectly pertain to the legislative process or to any congressional representative functions generally, or to the functioning, working, or operating of the Congress and the performance of official duties in connection therewith, and shall include, but not be limited to, the conveying of information to the public, the requesting of the views of the public, or the views and information of other authority of government, as a guide or a means of assistance in the performance of those functions.";

Whereas clause 5 of rule XXIV of the Rules of the House of Representatives provides, "Before making a mass mailing, a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner shall submit a sample or description of the mail matter involved to the House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards for an advisory opinion as to whether the proposed mailing is in compliance with applicable provisions of law, rule, or regulation.";

Whereas the House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards, authorized in Public Law 91-191, is commonly referred to as the "Franking Commission";

Whereas the Democratic staff director and Republican staff director of the Franking Commission have served in their respective positions for more than a decade and report to the Democratic and Republican members of the Franking Commission, respectively;

Whereas during the 111th Congress the members of the Franking Commission are Representatives Susan Davis (D-CA), chairwoman; Rep. Dan Lungren (R-CA), ranking Republican member; Rep. Donna Edwards (D-MD), Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA), Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA) and Rep. Tom Price (R-GA);

Whereas the aforementioned Franking Commission advisory opinions required for Members seeking approval to send mass mailings, or their electronic equivalents, are routinely signed on behalf of the Commission by its Democratic and Republican staff directors or their designees;

Whereas no Member may receive Franking Commission approval without signatures from both majority and minority staff;

Whereas the Commission's Democratic staff director has been permitted by the Commission's Democratic Members to abuse her position during the current Congress by willfully and knowingly applying different standards to material submitted for Franking Commission approval by Republican Members than she applies to material submitted by Democratic Members;

Whereas on July 27, 2009 the Commission's Democratic staff director refused to approve a mailing proposed by Representative Joe Barton of Texas which included the words "Democrat majority", but indicated she would approve the mailing if Representative Barton instead substituted the words "congressional majority", yet on August 3, 2006 the same Democratic staff director signed a Franking Commission approval document for a mailing issued by then-Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi that included the following sentence, "But too many here and across our nation are paying the price for the Republican Congressional majority's special interest agenda . . ."

Whereas the Democratic staff director has refused to grant permission to Republican Members wishing to provide their constituents with copies of a chart intended to illus-

trate in graphic form many of the provisions of the Democrats' proposed health care legislation;

Whereas charts similar in form and general purpose have for many years been approved routinely by the Commission's Democratic staff director in mailings produced by Members on both sides of the aisle;

Whereas on December 12, 1993, the Franking Commission granted approval to Rep. David Levy of New York to disseminate a similar chart, intended to illustrate graphically the provisions of comprehensive health care legislation proposed by the Clinton Administration;

Whereas the Commission's Democratic staff director has refused to approve requests by Republican Members to informally characterize certain features of the Democrats' pending health care proposal as "government run health care" but has approved requests by Democratic Members to informally characterize the same aspects of the bill as "the public option";

Whereas the Commission's Democratic staff director has refused to approve more than twenty requests by Republican Members to use the phrase "cap and tax" to describe a Democratic proposal to reduce carbon emissions by imposing new fees, taxes and higher costs on American consumers and businesses;

Whereas a search for the term "cap and tax" on the Google internet search engine yielded at least 4,478,000 appearances of this commonly used phrase;

Whereas an article in the April 27, 2009 edition of "Politico" newspaper quoted the most senior Member of the House, Democratic Representative John Dingell of Michigan, the former chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, as saying, "Nobody in this country realizes that cap and trade is a tax, and it's a great big one.";

Whereas the Commission's Democratic staff director has dismissed the proposed descriptive term, "cap and tax" as an informal and inappropriate characterization of the legislation, while at the same time granting approval to Democratic Members seeking to use the phrase "cap and trade" to informally and inappropriately characterize the same bill;

Whereas the Commission's Democratic staff director has refused to approve material submitted by Republican Members seeking to convey to the public those Members' concern about substantial job losses expected to result if the Democrats' proposed national energy tax is enacted, while at the same time approving mailings submitted by Democratic Members informing the public about large numbers of new jobs the Democrats claim will be created by the same legislation;

Whereas the Democratic staff director's actions have prompted a steady stream of media reports describing a climate of partisan censorship imposed on the House by the Democratic majority;

Whereas an article in the July 23, 2009 edition of Roll Call newspaper stated, "A dispute over the right of House Republicans to use the chamber's official franking service to send a mailer critical of Democratic health care plans has escalated beyond the Franking Commission to 'high levels on the Democratic side.'" Franking Commission member Rep. Dan Lungren (R-CA) said at a Thursday press conference. Asked whether he believed the matter had been referred to Rep. Pelosis (D-CA) office, Lungren, the ranking member of the House Administration Committee, said, "All I've been told is that its above the Franking Commission and that it appears to be above our committee, so I don't know where you go after that.";

Whereas by permitting the Commission's Democratic staff director to carry out her

duties in a partisan and unfair manner, the Democratic Members of the Franking Commission have brought discredit on the House; and,

Whereas clause 1 of rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, also known as the Code of Official Conduct, provides "A Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House shall behave at all times in a manner that shall reflect creditably on the House": Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House views with disapproval the failure of the Democratic Members of the Franking Commission to ensure that the Commission's Democratic staff carries out its important responsibilities in a professional, fair, and impartial manner.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution presents a question of privilege.

MOTION TO TABLE

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the resolution be laid 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. BOEHNER. 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, this 15-minute vote on the motion to table will be followed by a 5-minute vote on the motion to suspend the rules on S. 1513.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 244, nays 173, answered "present" 11, not voting 5, as follows:

[Roll No. 656]

YEAS—244

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

Lynch  
Maffei  
Maloney  
Markey (CO)  
Markey (MA)  
Marshall  
Massa  
Matheson  
Matsui  
McCollum  
McDermott  
McGovern  
McIntyre  
McMahon  
McNerney  
Meek (FL)  
Meeke (NY)  
Melancon  
Michaud  
Miller (NC)  
Miller, George  
Minnick  
Mitchell  
Mollohan  
Moore (KS)  
Moore (WI)  
Moran (VA)  
Murphy (CT)  
Murphy (NY)  
Murphy, Patrick  
Murtha  
Nadler (NY)  
Napolitano  
Neal (MA)  
Nye  
Oberstar  
Obey  
Oliver  
Ortiz

Pallone  
Pascrell  
Pastor (AZ)  
Payne  
Perlmutter  
Perriello  
Peters  
Peterson  
Pingree (ME)  
Polis (CO)  
Pomeroy  
Price (NC)  
Quigley  
Rahall  
Rangel  
Reyes  
Richardson  
Rodriguez  
Ross  
Rothman (NJ)  
Roybal-Allard  
Ruppersberger  
Rush  
Ryan (OH)  
Salazar  
Sánchez, Linda  
T.  
Sanchez, Loretta  
Sarbanes  
Schakowsky  
Schauer  
Schiff  
Schrader  
Schwartz  
Scott (GA)  
Scott (VA)  
Serrano  
Sestak  
Shea-Porter

## NAYS—173

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

Frelinghuysen  
Gallegly  
Garrett (NJ)  
Gingrey (GA)  
Gohmert  
Goodlatte  
Granger  
Graves  
Guthrie  
Hall (TX)  
Hastings (WA)  
Heller  
Hensarling  
Herger  
Hoekstra  
Hunter  
Inglis  
Issa  
Jenkins  
Johnson (IL)  
Johnson, Sam  
Jones  
Jordan (OH)  
King (IA)  
King (NY)  
Kingston  
Kirk  
Klaine (MN)  
Kucinich  
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  
McHugh  
McKeon  
McMorris  
Rodgers  
Mica  
Miller (FL)

Miller (MI)  
Miller, Gary  
Moran (KS)  
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  
Shadegg  
Shimkus  
Shuster  
Simpson  
Smith (NE)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX)  
Souder  
Stearns  
Sullivan  
Terry  
Thompson (PA)  
Thornberry  
Tiahrt  
Tiberi  
Turner  
Upton  
Walden  
Wamp  
Westmoreland

Whitfield  
Wilson (SC)

Wittman  
Wolf

Young (AK)  
Young (FL)

## ANSWERED "PRESENT"—11

Butterfield  
Castor (FL)  
Chandler  
Conaway

Davis (CA)  
Dent  
Edwards (MD)  
Harper

Lofgren, Zoe  
Sherman  
Welch

## NOT VOTING—5

Barrett (SC)  
Bonner

Gerlach  
McCarthy (NY)

Watson

□ 1347

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

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

Mr. CHANDLER, Ms. CASTOR of Florida and Mr. WELCH changed their vote from "yea" to "present."

Mr. HARPER changed his vote from "nay" to "present."

Mr. LATHAM changed his vote from "present" to "nay."

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION EXTENSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill, S. 1513.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 1513.

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.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

## CONGRATULATING CONTINENTAL AIRLINES ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 631) congratulating Continental Airlines on its 75th Anniversary.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

## 5H. RES. 631

Whereas Continental Airlines was founded 75 years ago by Walter T. Varney and his partner Louis Mueller as Varney Speed Lines in West Texas primarily as a mail service;

Whereas, on July 15, 1934, Continental's first flight was flown by its precursor Varney

Speed Lines on a 530-mile route from Pueblo, Colorado to El Paso, Texas with stops in Las Vegas, Santa Fe and Albuquerque, New Mexico;

Whereas during World War II, Continental Airlines built the Denver Modification Center where it modified B-17 Flying Fortresses and B-29 Super Fortresses for the United States war effort;

Whereas during the Vietnam War, Continental transported United States troops across the Pacific and as a result of this experience, in 1968 Continental formed Air Micronesia—the first step towards global airlines;

Whereas in 1999, Continental named the first woman in the Nation to head a major commercial airline pilot group;

Whereas, on October 11, 2000, Continental Airlines and Northwest Airlines launched the world's largest interline eTicket network;

Whereas in 2001, Continental Airlines was again named "Airline of the Year" by the aviation industry's monthly trade publication, Air Transport World. As recipient of the same honor in 1996, Continental became the first airline to receive the coveted "Airline of the Year" distinction twice in five years;

Whereas following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, Continental offered special compassion fares to and from the New York area to assist family members of the 9/11 victims, relief organizations and volunteers;

Whereas, on April 26, 2002, Continental was recognized for offering the best Elite Level Program, OnePass, of any United States airline, according to Inside Flyer's 14th Annual Freddie Awards Competition;

Whereas, on September 29, 2003, Continental became the first airline to offer three of the most popular business applications, two-way e-mail, instant messaging and text messaging, on its fleet of 737, 757, and MD 80 aircraft;

Whereas, on February 7, 2005, Continental was named for the eighth consecutive year to HISPANIC Magazine's "Hispanic Corporate 100: One Hundred Companies Providing the Most Opportunities for Hispanics";

Whereas, on April 28, 2005, Continental received honors for companywide excellence in Aviation Maintenance Training from the Federal Aviation Administration. Continental earned the FAA Diamond Certificate of Excellence for Aviation Maintenance Training, the highest award offered as part of the organization's Aviation Maintenance Technician Award Program;

Whereas, on June 29, 2006, Continental ranked the highest in Customer Satisfaction among Traditional Network Carriers in North America in the J.D. Power and Associates 2006 Airline Satisfaction Index Study marking Continental's sixth customer satisfaction award by J.D. Power and Associates since 1996;

Whereas for the 10th consecutive year, Continental outranked all of its United States competitors in international business class and domestic first class service, according to the results of a survey of Conde Nast Traveler readers published in the magazine's October 2007 edition;

Whereas in 2007, Continental Airlines teamed with the Transportation Security Administration to be the first United States carrier to launch a paperless boarding pass pilot program that allows passengers to receive boarding passes electronically on their cell phones or PDAs;

Whereas in April 2008, Continental Airlines received an award from the United States