

retiree health benefits was roughly \$7 billion. The Postal Service has paid \$10 billion into the trust fund over the past 2 years. It suffered a combined loss of \$7.9 billion over those 2 years. Without the onerous payments into the trust fund, the Postal Service would have made a net profit of more than \$4 billion over that period.

Reducing the size of the payment into the trust fund for 2009 will bring the postal payment closer to the \$1.6 billion amount recommended by the Postal Service Inspector General, while permitting the Postal Service to survive the economic crisis. Many large companies in the private sector have also temporarily reduced pension and retiree benefit contributions in order to ride out similar, difficult financial circumstances.

I would like to thank Representatives MCHUGH of New York and DAVIS of Illinois for introducing this bill and for their hard work and patience in navigating the bill through the House. Further, I would like to thank the House Democratic leadership and the Budget Committee for working with us to help advance the bill to the floor. Also, I would also like to recognize Chairman LYNCH of Massachusetts for his leadership on the subcommittee and being a tireless advocate for the Postal Service and its employees. Additionally, I would like to thank the Gentlemen from California and Utah, Representatives ISSA and CHAFFETZ, for their help in securing bipartisan support for H.R. 22.

In the coming months, our committee will continue to provide close oversight of the Postal Service, including studying the business model of the Postal Service to help determine what longer-term changes may be necessary.

I am confident that upon enactment of H.R. 22 the Postal Service will be able to meet its financial obligations for this year.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 772, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 217, nays 190, not voting 25, as follows:

[Roll No. 739]

YEAS—217

Abercrombie	Carnahan	Davis (TN)
Adler (NJ)	Carney	DeFazio
Altmire	Carson (IN)	DeGette
Andrews	Castor (FL)	DeLauro
Arcuri	Chandler	Diaz-Balart, L.
Baldwin	Childers	Diaz-Balart, M.
Barrow	Chu	Dicks
Bean	Clay	Dingell
Berkley	Cleaver	Doggett
Berman	Clyburn	Donnelly (IN)
Bishop (GA)	Cohen	Edwards (TX)
Bishop (NY)	Connolly (VA)	Ellsworth
Blumenauer	Conyers	Engel
Boccieri	Cooper	Eshoo
Boren	Costa	Etheridge
Boswell	Costello	Farr
Boucher	Courtney	Fattah
Boyd	Crowley	Filner
Brady (PA)	Cuellar	Foster
Braley (IA)	Cummings	Frank (MA)
Brown, Corrine	Dahlkemper	Fudge
Butterfield	Davis (AL)	Gonzalez
Capps	Davis (CA)	Gordon (TN)
Cardoza	Davis (IL)	Grayson

Green, Al	McCarthy (NY)	Rush	Petri	Schakowsky	Thornberry
Green, Gene	McCollum	Ryan (OH)	Pitts	Schmidt	Tiahrt
Grijalva	McDermott	Salazar	Platts	Schock	Tiberi
Gutierrez	McGovern	Sánchez, Linda	Posey	Sensenbrenner	Towns
Hall (NY)	McIntyre	T.	Price (GA)	Sessions	Turner
Halvorson	McMahon	Sanchez, Loretta	Putnam	Shadegg	Upton
Hare	Meek (FL)	Sarbanes	Radanovich	Shimkus	Velázquez
Harman	Meeke (NY)	Schauer	Rehberg	Shuster	Walden
Hastings (FL)	Melancon	Schiff	Roe (TN)	Simpson	Wamp
Heinrich	Michaud	Schrader	Rogers (KY)	Smith (NE)	Westmoreland
Herseth Sandlin	Miller (NC)	Schwartz	Rogers (MI)	Smith (NJ)	Whitfield
Himes	Miller, George	Scott (VA)	Rohrabacher	Smith (TX)	Wittman
Hinchey	Mollohan	Serrano	Rooney	Souder	Wolf
Hirono	Moore (KS)	Sestak	Roskam	Stearns	Woolsey
Hodes	Moore (WI)	Shea-Porter	Royce	Taylor	Young (AK)
Holden	Moran (VA)	Sherman	Ryan (WI)	Terry	Young (FL)
Holt	Murphy (CT)	Shuler	Scalise	Thompson (PA)	
Honda	Murphy (NY)	Sires			
Hoyer	Murphy, Patrick	Skelton			
Inslee	Murtha	Slaughter			
Jackson (IL)	Napolitano	Smith (WA)	Ackerman	Graves	Nunes
Johnson (GA)	Neal (MA)	Snyder	Baca	Higgins	Poe (TX)
Kagen	Oberstar	Space	Berry	Hill	Scott (GA)
Kanjorski	Obey	Spratt	Blunt	Israel	Speier
Kaptur	Olver	Stark	Capuano	Issa	Sullivan
Kennedy	Ortiz	Stupak	Clarke	Johnson, E. B.	Wilson (OH)
Kildee	Pallone	Sutton	Culberson	Jones	Wilson (SC)
Kilroy	Pascrell	Tanner	Delahunt	Loeback	
Kind	Pastor (AZ)	Teague	Doyle	Mica	
Kissell	Payne	Thompson (CA)			
Klein (FL)	Perlmutter	Thompson (MS)			
Kosmas	Peterson	Tierney			
Langevin	Pingree (ME)	Titus			
Larsen (WA)	Polis (CO)	Tonko			
Larson (CT)	Pomeroy	Tsongas			
Levin	Price (NC)	Van Hollen			
Lewis (GA)	Quigley	Visclosky			
Lipinski	Rahall	Walz			
Lofgren, Zoe	Rangel	Wasserman			
Lowey	Reichert	Schultz			
Lujan	Reyes	Waters			
Lynch	Richardson	Watson			
Maffei	Rodriguez	Watt			
Maloney	Rogers (AL)	Waxman			
Markey (CO)	Ros-Lehtinen	Weiner			
Markey (MA)	Ross	Welch			
Marshall	Rothman (NJ)	Wexler			
Matheson	Roybal-Allard	Wu			
Matsui	Ruppersberger	Yarmuth			

NAYS—190

Aderholt	Dent	Kline (MN)
Akin	Dreier	Kratovil
Alexander	Driehaus	Kucinich
Austria	Duncan	Lamborn
Bachmann	Edwards (MD)	Lance
Bachus	Ehlers	Latham
Baird	Ellison	LaTourette
Barrett (SC)	Emerson	Latta
Bartlett	Fallin	Lee (CA)
Barton (TX)	Flake	Lee (NY)
Becerra	Fleming	Lewis (CA)
Biggart	Forbes	Linder
Bilbray	Fortenberry	LoBiondo
Bilirakis	Fox	Lucas
Bishop (UT)	Franks (AZ)	Luetkemeyer
Blackburn	Frelinghuysen	Lummis
Boehner	Gallely	Lungren, Daniel
Bonner	Garrett (NJ)	E.
Bono Mack	Gerlach	Mack
Boozman	Giffords	Manzullo
Boustany	Gingrey (GA)	Marchant
Brady (TX)	Gohmert	Massa
Bright	Goodlatte	McCarthy (CA)
Broun (GA)	Granger	McCaul
Brown (SC)	Griffith	McClintock
Brown-Waite,	Guthrie	McCotter
Ginny	Hall (TX)	McHenry
Buchanan	Harper	McKeon
Burgess	Hastings (WA)	McMorris
Burton (IN)	Heller	Rodgers
Buyer	Hensarling	McNerney
Calvert	Herger	Miller (FL)
Camp	Hinojosa	Miller (MI)
Campbell	Hoekstra	Miller, Gary
Cantor	Hunter	Minnick
Cao	Inglis	Mitchell
Capito	Jackson-Lee	Moran (KS)
Carter	(TX)	Murphy, Tim
Cassidy	Jenkins	Myrick
Castle	Johnson (IL)	Nadler (NY)
Chaffetz	Johnson, Sam	Neugebauer
Coble	Jordan (OH)	Nye
Coffman (CO)	Kilpatrick (MI)	Olson
Cole	King (IA)	Paul
Conaway	King (NY)	Paulsen
Crenshaw	Kingston	Pence
Davis (KY)	Kirk	Perriello
Deal (GA)	Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Peters

Petri	Schakowsky	Thornberry
Pitts	Schmidt	Tiahrt
Platts	Schock	Tiberi
Posey	Sensenbrenner	Towns
Price (GA)	Sessions	Turner
Putnam	Shadegg	Upton
Radanovich	Shimkus	Velázquez
Rehberg	Shuster	Walden
Roe (TN)	Simpson	Wamp
Rogers (KY)	Smith (NE)	Westmoreland
Rogers (MI)	Smith (NJ)	Whitfield
Rohrabacher	Smith (TX)	Wittman
Rooney	Souder	Wolf
Roskam	Stearns	Woolsey
Royce	Taylor	Young (AK)
Ryan (WI)	Terry	Young (FL)
Scalise	Thompson (PA)	

NOT VOTING—25

Ackerman	Graves	Nunes
Baca	Higgins	Poe (TX)
Berry	Hill	Scott (GA)
Blunt	Israel	Speier
Capuano	Issa	Sullivan
Clarke	Johnson, E. B.	Wilson (OH)
Culberson	Jones	Wilson (SC)
Delahunt	Loeback	
Doyle	Mica	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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Mr. TAYLOR, Mrs. EMERSON, Messrs. GRIFFITH, TOWNS, ELLISON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Ms. WOOLSEY changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the conference report 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. LOEBSACK. Madam Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 739 on Conference Report to H.R. 2918, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

Mr. HINOJOSA. Madam Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 739 on the Conference Report to H.R. 2918, I mistakenly recorded my vote as “nay” when I should have voted “yea.”

Stated against:

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 739, had I been present, I would have voted “nay.”

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 739, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “nay.”

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I submit to the RECORD the following remarks regarding my absence from a vote which occurred on September 25. I was in a meeting with constituents and unable to make the vote. Listed below is how I would have voted if I had been present.

H.R. 2918—On Agreeing to the Conference Report for Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, FY 2010 (Roll no. 739)—“nay.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, on the legislative day of Friday, September 25, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to cast a vote on a number of rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: rollcall 738—“nay”; rollcall 739—“nay.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to vote on rollcalls 738 and 739. Had I been present, I