

Sessions	Sutton	Walz
Sestak	Tanner	Wamp
Shea-Porter	Taylor	Wasserman
Sherman	Teague	Schultz
Shimkus	Terry	Waters
Shuler	Thompson (CA)	Watson
Shuster	Thompson (MS)	Watt
Simpson	Thompson (PA)	Weiner
Sires	Thornberry	Welch
Skelton	Tiahrt	Westmoreland
Slaughter	Tiberi	Wexler
Smith (NE)	Tierney	Whitfield
Smith (NJ)	Titus	Wilson (OH)
Smith (WA)	Tonko	Wilson (SC)
Snyder	Towns	Wittman
Souder	Tsongas	Wolf
Space	Turner	Wu
Speier	Upton	Yarmuth
Spratt	Van Hollen	Young (AK)
Stark	Velázquez	Young (FL)
Stearns	Visclosky	
Stupak	Walden	

NOT VOTING—42

Barrett (SC)	Garrett (NJ)	Rangel
Barton (TX)	Gonzalez	Ros-Lehtinen
Berman	Grijalva	Roskam
Brown-Waite,	Hoekstra	Roybal-Allard
Ginny	Honda	Sánchez, Linda
Buyer	Larson (CT)	T.
Capuano	Lee (CA)	Sanchez, Loretta
Clarke	Loeb	Schakowsky
Conaway	Murphy (NY)	Scott (GA)
Crowley	Murphy, Patrick	Shadegg
Davis (IL)	Murphy, Tim	Smith (TX)
Diaz-Balart, L.	Nadler (NY)	Sullivan
Diaz-Balart, M.	Nunes	Waxman
Flake	Payne	Woolsey
Galleghy	Quigley	

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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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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 826, 827, 829, 830, and 831, I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 826; "aye" on rollcall No. 827; "aye" on rollcall No. 829; "yea" on rollcall No. 830; and "yea" on rollcall No. 831.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Maryland, the majority leader, for the purpose of announcing next week's schedule.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, on Monday the House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business with votes postponed until 6:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, the House will meet at 8 a.m. for morning-hour debate. The House will then meet at 9 a.m. for legislative business and recess immediately. The House will reconvene at approximately 10 a.m. in a joint meeting with the Senate to receive Her Ex-

cellency, Dr. Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the House will meet at 10 a.m. for legislative business.

On Friday, the House will meet at 9 a.m. for legislative business.

We will consider several bills under suspension of the rules. The complete list of suspension bills will be announced by the close of business tomorrow.

In addition, Madam Speaker, we will consider the Expedited Card Reform for Consumer Act of 2009; H.R. 2868, the Chemical Facility Antiterrorism Act of 2009; and H.R. 3962, Affordable Health Care for America Act.

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I would like to ask the gentleman if he can give us any indication about the days on which we could expect these particular bills to be debated and voted upon on the House floor.

Mr. HOYER. I would expect the credit card bill to be considered as early as Wednesday; the Chemical Facility Antiterrorism Act to be considered as early as Wednesday or Thursday; and the Affordable Health Care Act as early as Thursday.

Mr. CANTOR. I thank the gentleman for that.

Madam Speaker, I would like to say to the gentleman that I noticed that this morning we Republicans, just like the public, were not allowed to attend the Speaker's unveiling of the public option bill.

I know that the gentleman here on this House floor and I have always talked about the need for transparency, certainly at this particular occasion, and at the press conference the public nor any Republican was allowed to attend.

I would note for the record, Madam Speaker—I know the gentleman knows this—that the steps of the Capitol are and should be open to the public. I would think, Madam Speaker, that in the spirit of trying to work together, when we have such a transformative piece of domestic legislation, that if there is a press conference for the public on public grounds to discuss public option, it should be open to all.

Madam Speaker, I just felt that the gentleman would agree with me on that. But I would like to at this point turn to what the events of next week will be.

Mr. HOYER. Will the gentleman yield before we get to next week?

Mr. CANTOR. I yield.

Mr. HOYER. I am informed that Fox News is talking a lot about this, but the fact of the matter is it was open to the public. There were public there, as a matter of fact. If the gentleman's contention is somehow this was walled off or there were people who were prohibiting people from being there in attendance at the rollout of America's health care bill, I was there. I saw nobody turned away. I saw nobody precluded from attending.

If the gentleman's contention is that every time he has a press conference he calls me up or somebody else up and says, By the way, I'm having a press conference, if you want to come by, come by, I will check my phone records and my e-mail and any other messages that I have, but the gentleman and I both know that doesn't happen.

We have been considering this bill for some period of time. I will go into that a little later. But I think the gentleman's contention that somehow he or any other Republican was precluded from being on the site at the foot of the Capitol steps is incorrect, and I reject it.

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker—and I don't intend to belabor this point with the gentleman—but I do know for a fact that individuals were precluded from entering. And I'm told that invitations were issued with RSVPs, and if you were not on the list of RSVPs, you couldn't enter. And I do know for a fact that people were prohibited from doing so.

Again, Madam Speaker, I would say, this is not just some ordinary press conference. This was a press conference held on the front steps of the Capitol. This was a press conference, the subject of which was a piece of legislation that portends to transform one-sixth of this economy of this country and to deal with the most personal issues of health care universally applied to all people.

So I do thank the gentleman for his concern and his belief that it should have been open, because I believe as well.

Mr. HOYER. I believe, so we accurately express it, that it was open.

Mr. CANTOR. Again, I don't want to belabor the point any further. I just politely disagree with the gentleman, having known, and the fact is there were people stopped from entering.

With that, Madam Speaker, I would turn to some inquiries that I have about how we are going to proceed in discussing this massive 1,990 pages of legislation; how it is that if the gentleman believes that we are going to be taking it up as early as Thursday, then could he tell us if the bill itself, in general, does it resemble H.R. 3200?

Mr. HOYER. There are certainly, as I think I indicated in the press, three committees worked off that base. The three committees, as you know, reported somewhat different bills. Those bills have been put together and there are additions and subtractions from that bill.

But I would say to the gentleman that the overwhelming part of that bill, as I have indicated, has been online for over 3 months. There have been literally thousands of town meetings with reference to the substance of the bill—not the specific bill that was just put on the line at 10 a.m. this morning. And now there are 8 million hits on the Rules Committee Web site, downloads. So Americans are doing what we indicated we'd give them the opportunity to do—and we wanted them to do.