

Schrader	Spratt	Velázquez
Scott (GA)	Stark	Walden
Scott (VA)	Stearns	Walz
Sensenbrenner	Stupak	Wamp
Serrano	Sullivan	Wasserman
Sessions	Sutton	Schultz
Sestak	Tanner	Waters
Shadegg	Taylor	Watson
Sherman	Teague	Waxman
Shimkus	Terry	Weiner
Shuler	Thompson (CA)	Welch
Shuster	Thompson (MS)	Westmoreland
Simpson	Thompson (PA)	Whitfield
Sires	Thornberry	Wilson (OH)
Skelton	Tiahrt	Wilson (SC)
Slaughter	Tiberi	Wittman
Smith (NE)	Titus	Wolf
Smith (NJ)	Tonko	Woolsey
Smith (TX)	Towns	Wu
Smith (WA)	Tsongas	Yarmuth
Snyder	Turner	Young (AK)
Space	Upton	
Speier	Van Hollen	

NOT VOTING—23

Ackerman	Fallin	Rush
Bishop (GA)	Fleming	Schwartz
Blunt	Hodes	Shea-Porter
Bralley (IA)	Marchant	Tierney
Camp	McClintock	Visclosky
Davis (AL)	Meek (FL)	Watt
Ellsworth	Mollohan	Young (FL)
Eshoo	Putnam	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 1212

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the Senate amendments were concurred in.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, September 16, 2010, I was absent from the House and missed rollcall votes 527 and 528.

Had I been present for rollcall 527, on agreeing to H. Res. 1620, providing for the consideration of H.R. 4785, the Rural Energy Savings Program Act, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 528, on a motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate Amendments to H.R. 3562, a measure to designate the Federal building under construction at 1220 Echelon Parkway in Jackson, Mississippi, as the Chaney, Goodman, Schwerner Federal Building, I would have voted "aye."

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX, I hereby notify the House of my intention to offer a resolution as a question of the privileges of the House.

The form of my resolution is as follows:

Whereas a reconvening of Congress between the regularly scheduled Federal election in November and the start of the next session of Congress is known as a lame-duck session of Congress;

Whereas Democrats have recently insinuated that significant legislative matters

would deliberately not be addressed during the 111th Congress until after the midterm 2010 elections;

Whereas this Congress began its mortgage of the Nation's future with a "stimulus" package costing \$1.1 trillion that failed to lower unemployment, spur economic growth, or actually address the needs of struggling American businesses and families;

Whereas this Congress continued its free-wheeling spending with an increase of \$72.4 billion in nonemergency discretionary spending in fiscal year 2009 to reach a total spending level of \$1.01 trillion for the first time in United States history;

Whereas this Congress approved a budget resolution in 2009 that proposed the 6 largest nominal deficits in American history and included tax increases of \$423 billion during a period of sustained high unemployment;

Whereas the House of Representatives disregarded the interests and opinions of everyday Americans by passing a national energy tax bill that would increase costs on nearly every aspect of American lives by up to \$3,000 per person per year, eliminate millions of jobs, reduce workers' income, and devastate economic growth;

Whereas this Congress disregarded the interests and opinions of everyday Americans by passing a massive government takeover of health care that will force millions of Americans from their health insurance plans, increase premiums and costs for individuals and employers, raise taxes by \$569.2 billion, and fund abortions—all at a cost of \$2.64 trillion over the first 10 years of full implementation;

Whereas this Congress nationalized the student loan industry with a potential cost of 30,000 private sector jobs and \$50.1 billion over 10 years;

Whereas the House of Representatives passed the DISCLOSE Act, which would violate the First Amendment and hinder the free speech of citizens associations and corporations while leaving all unions exempt from many of the new requirements, in order to try to influence the outcome of the midterm 2010 elections;

Whereas in spite of the House Budget Committee Chairman's 2006 statement that "if you can't budget, you can't govern", the Democrat leadership has failed to introduce a budget resolution in 2010 as mandated by law, but instead self-executed a "deeming resolution" that increases nonemergency discretionary spending in fiscal year 2011 by \$30 billion to \$1.121 trillion, setting another new record for the highest level in United States history;

Whereas this Congress has failed Main Street through passage of a financial system takeover that fails to end the moral hazard of too-big-to-fail, does not address Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and creates numerous new boards, councils, and positions with unconstitutionally broad authorities that will interfere with the creation of wealth and jobs;

Whereas this Congress has wasted taxpayer funds on an unnecessary and unconstitutional auto industry bailout, a "cash for clunkers" program, a home remediation program ("cash for caulkers"), and countless other special interest projects while allowing the public debt to reach its highest level in United States history;

Whereas the New York Times reported on June 19, 2010, that "[f]or all the focus on the historic federal rescue of the banking industry, it is the government's decision to seize Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in September 2008 that is likely to cost taxpayers the most money. . . . Republicans want to sever ties with Fannie and Freddie once the crisis abates. The Obama administration and Congressional Democrats have insisted on post-

poning the argument until after the midterm elections";

Whereas the Washington Times reported on June 22, 2010, that House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer stated, "a budget, which sets out binding one-year targets and a multiyear plan, is useless this year because Congress has shunted key questions about deficits to the independent debt commission created by President Obama, which is due to report back at the end of this year";

Whereas the Hill reported on June 24, 2010, that Senator Tom Harkin, a Democrat from Iowa, suggested that "Democrats might attempt to move 'card-check' legislation this year, perhaps during a lame-duck session. . . . 'A lot of things can happen in a lame-duck session, too,' he said";

Whereas the New York Times published an article on June 28, 2010, titled "Lame-Duck Session Emerges as Possibility for Climate Bill Conference" that declares, "many expect the final energy or climate bill to be worked out during the lame-duck session between the November election and the start of the new Congress in January";

Whereas the Hill reported on July 1, 2010, that "Democratic leaders are likely to punt the task of renewing Bush-era tax cuts until after the election. Voters in November's midterms will thus be left without a clear idea of their future tax rates when they go to the polls";

Whereas the Wall Street Journal reported on July 13, 2010, that "there have been signs in recent weeks that party leaders are planning an ambitious, lame-duck session to muscle through bills in December they don't want to defend before November. Retiring or defeated members of Congress would then be able to vote for sweeping legislation without any fear of voter retaliation";

Whereas the Hill reported on July 27, 2010, that Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said, at the recent Netroots Nation conference of liberal bloggers, in reference to Democrats' unfinished priorities, "We're going to have to have a lame duck session, so we're not giving up";

Whereas the Hill reported in the same piece on July 27, 2010, that the lame-duck session will include priorities such as "comprehensive immigration reform, climate change legislation and a whole host of other issues";

Whereas during NBC's Meet the Press on August 8, 2010, White House advisor Carol Browner stated that Congress would "potentially" deal with a national energy tax bill in a lame-duck session;

Whereas the Hill reported on August 20, 2010, that Rep. Mike Quigley (D-IL) said, "I'm more hopeful about the lame duck session. I have faith that we're going to repeal Don't Ask Don't Tell";

Whereas the members of the House Republican Conference, as an alternative to passing a massive omnibus spending bill for next year during a lame-duck session, have called on members of both parties, as a starting point, to work together this month to enact legislation that cuts nonsecurity discretionary spending to 2008 levels (the last year before the wave of bailouts, stimulus spending sprees, and takeovers that have dismayed the American people) for the next year and provides much-needed certainty to American small businesses by freezing tax rates at their current levels for the next 2 years;

Whereas recent public polling shows that the American people clearly oppose the idea of dealing with major new legislation in a lame-duck session;

Whereas the Declaration of Independence notes that governments "[derive] their just powers from the consent of the governed";