

of Washington for the Memorial Day recess, and they will not drop this political blackmail.

For my Republican colleagues to consider going away for Memorial Day when these people are waiting for their flood relief money, which absolutely nobody opposes, is disgraceful.

Mr. Speaker, simply and plainly, the people in North Dakota need our help. They do not need anymore political gains, they need our help. I urge my colleagues to oppose this rule.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. I would again remind our colleagues that this is a rule to keep our options open.

It does nothing except change the two-thirds vote requirement, and any further measure that would have to come forward would have to be covered by another rule which, of course, the distinguished gentleman from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as the ranking member of the Committee on Rules, would have significant input in the shaping in order that we could get the best possible job done.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the distinguished gentleman from New York [Mr. SOLOMON], distinguished chairman of the Committee on Rules, who can expand further on this rule we are discussing today.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I had not even intended to speak, but I was moved by the ranking minority member of the Committee on Rules, the former chairman of that committee, whose place I took. And I must say, I learned an awful lot from him over the preceding decade when he was the chairman, but he talks about this continuing resolution and how the President has vowed to veto the continuing resolution.

Well, just briefly we ought to discuss what is a continuing resolution. Let us digress for a minute. If Members recall, a couple years ago, when the Republicans and Democrats could not get together, they could not come to an agreement. Consequently, various departments of Government were not funded when the fiscal year began on September 30. And when that happens, if the Congress has not authorized and appropriated the money for the operation of these departments, those departments shut down.

That is what happened, and it was a great inconvenience to many Americans. Many of them, if they were waiting for passports to be expedited, they could not get them. If they have reservations on airways and boats, many of them, because they did not have their passports, they lost their tickets. They could not get refunds. That was just one area.

In the IRS, many people were waiting for refunds from the Government and they did not get them on time. If they were visiting Washington, the Wash-

ington Monument or if they were going into the various State parks, one of them is like the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Park and the Vanderbilt mansion up in Hyde Park, NY, they could not operate. People were hurting; the areas were hurt in tourism. And so we decided right then and there, we ought to do something about that.

If we cannot get together, then we ought to make some provision to keep the Government operating, if we and the President cannot come to an agreement.

Well, that is exactly what this debate is all about. Sometime between now and September 30, we will have to act on the appropriation bills that fund the various 13 departments of Government across this country.

And should one or two of those not be agreed to, then this continuing resolution would continue to keep those departments operating, keep those very, very good Federal workers at their jobs getting their paychecks each month until the Congress could come to an agreement. That is what this debate is all about.

Now, if the President wants to veto this bill simply because it has this continuing resolution, then let the President be responsible to the American people and to these Federal workers for having shut down the Government. I do not think he should do that.

And, second, I really think he is bluffing. I do not think he will veto this bill for that reason. That, to me, would be a disgrace.

So, having said that, let us get on with this resolution. Let us pass it. We are prepared to yield back our time, if the gentleman is, and get on with the day's business.

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume to say that I am a little puzzled. We just went from a hard-fought battle on adjournment, at the gentleman's request over there, which we beat back.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. GOSS. I yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I told the gentleman from Florida that the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. MOAKLEY], sitting over there, looks like Santa Claus and not the Grinch that stole Christmas. I still think he is Santa Claus.

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. GOSS. I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts, who could be misidentified as Santa Claus.

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I am very happy to be compared with Santa Claus. I hope the gentleman is not referring to my girth.

I think that the gentleman from Florida and the gentleman from New York and myself have adequately described this, and, thus, I have yielded back the balance of my time.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

DRUG-FREE COMMUNITIES ACT OF 1997

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 956, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 956, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

Without objection, a vote on the Journal, if called, will be a 5-minute vote.

There was no objection.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 420, nays 1, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 153]

YEAS—420

Abercrombie	Chambliss	Everett
Ackerman	Chenoweth	Ewing
Aderholt	Christensen	Farr
Archer	Clay	Fattah
Armey	Clayton	Fawell
Bachus	Clement	Fazio
Baesler	Clyburn	Filner
Baker	Coble	Flake
Baldacci	Coburn	Foglietta
Ballenger	Collins	Foley
Barcia	Combest	Forbes
Barr	Condit	Ford
Barrett (NE)	Conyers	Fowler
Barrett (WI)	Cook	Fox
Bartlett	Cooksey	Frank (MA)
Barton	Costello	Franks (NJ)
Bass	Cox	Frelinghuysen
Bateman	Coyne	Frost
Becerra	Cramer	Furse
Bentsen	Crane	Galleghy
Bereuter	Crapo	Ganske
Berman	Cubin	Gejdenson
Berry	Cummings	Gekas
Bilbray	Cunningham	Gephardt
Bilirakis	Danner	Gibbons
Bishop	Davis (FL)	Gilchrest
Blagojevich	Davis (IL)	Gillmor
Bliley	Davis (VA)	Gilman
Blumenauer	Deal	Gonzalez
Blunt	DeFazio	Goode
Boehlert	DeGette	Goodlatte
Boehner	Delahunt	Goodling
Bonilla	DeLauro	Gordon
Bonior	DeLay	Goss
Bono	Dellums	Graham
Borski	Diaz-Balart	Granger
Boswell	Dickey	Green
Boucher	Dicks	Greenwood
Boyd	Dingell	Gutierrez
Brady	Dixon	Gutknecht
Brown (CA)	Doggett	Hall (OH)
Brown (FL)	Dooley	Hall (TX)
Brown (OH)	Doolittle	Hamilton
Bryant	Doyle	Hansen
Bunning	Dreier	Harman
Burr	Duncan	Hastert
Buyer	Dunn	Hastings (FL)
Callahan	Edwards	Hastings (WA)
Calvert	Ehlers	Hayworth
Camp	Ehrlich	Hefley
Campbell	Emerson	Hefner
Canady	Engel	Herger
Capps	English	Hill
Cardin	Ensign	Hilleary
Carson	Eshoo	Hilliard
Castle	Etheridge	Hinchee
Chabot	Evans	Hinojosa

Hobson	McNulty	Sawyer
Hoekstra	Meehan	Saxton
Holden	Meek	Scarborough
Hooley	Menendez	Schaefer, Dan
Horn	Metcalf	Schaffer, Bob
Hostettler	Mica	Schumer
Houghton	Millender-	Scott
Hoyer	McDonald	Sensenbrenner
Hulshof	Miller (CA)	Serrano
Hunter	Miller (FL)	Sessions
Hutchinson	Minge	Shadegg
Hyde	Mink	Shaw
Inglis	Moakley	Shays
Jackson (IL)	Molinari	Sherman
Jackson-Lee	Mollohan	Shimkus
(TX)	Moran (KS)	Shuster
Jefferson	Moran (VA)	Sisisky
Jenkins	Morella	Skaggs
John	Murtha	Skeen
Johnson (CT)	Myrick	Skelton
Johnson (WI)	Nadler	Slaughter
Johnson, E. B.	Neal	Smith (MI)
Johnson, Sam	Nethercutt	Smith (NJ)
Jones	Neumann	Smith (OR)
Kanjorski	Ney	Smith (TX)
Kaptur	Northup	Smith, Adam
Kasich	Nussle	Smith, Linda
Kelly	Oberstar	Snyder
Kennedy (MA)	Obey	Solomon
Kennedy (RI)	Olver	Souder
Kennelly	Ortiz	Spence
Kildee	Owens	Spratt
Kilpatrick	Packard	Stabenow
Kim	Pallone	Stark
Kind (WI)	Pappas	Stearns
King (NY)	Parker	Stenholm
Kingston	Pascrell	Stokes
Klecza	Pastor	Strickland
Klink	Paxon	Stump
Klug	Payne	Stupak
Knollenberg	Pease	Sununu
Kolbe	Pelosi	Talent
Kucinich	Peterson (MN)	Tanner
LaFalce	Peterson (PA)	Tauscher
LaHood	Petri	Tauzin
Lampson	Pickering	Taylor (MS)
Lantos	Pickett	Taylor (NC)
Latham	Pitts	Thomas
LaTourette	Pombo	Thornberry
Lazio	Pomeroy	Thune
Leach	Porter	Thurman
Levin	Portman	Tiahrt
Lewis (CA)	Poshard	Tierney
Lewis (GA)	Price (NC)	Torres
Lewis (KY)	Pryce (OH)	Towns
Linder	Quinn	Traficant
Lipinski	Radanovich	Turner
Livingston	Rahall	Upton
LoBiondo	Ramstad	Velazquez
Lofgren	Rangel	Vento
Lowey	Redmond	Visclosky
Lucas	Regula	Walsh
Luther	Reyes	Wamp
Maloney (CT)	Riggs	Waters
Maloney (NY)	Riley	Watkins
Manton	Rivers	Watt (NC)
Manzullo	Rodriguez	Watts (OK)
Markey	Roemer	Waxman
Martinez	Rogan	Weldon (FL)
Mascara	Rogers	Weldon (PA)
Matsui	Rohrabacher	Weller
McCarthy (MO)	Ros-Lehtinen	Wexler
McCarthy (NY)	Rothman	Weygand
McCollum	Roukema	White
McCrery	Roybal-Allard	Whitfield
McDade	Royce	Wicker
McDermott	Rush	Wise
McGovern	Ryun	Wolf
McHale	Sabo	Woolsey
McInnis	Salmon	Wynn
McIntosh	Sanchez	Yates
McIntyre	Sanders	Young (AK)
McKeon	Sandlin	Young (FL)
McKinney	Sanford	

NAYS—1

Paul

NOT VOTING—13

Allen	Istook	Schiff
Andrews	Largent	Snowbarger
Burton	McHugh	Thompson
Cannon	Norwood	
Deutsch	Oxley	

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

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I was inadvertently detained on rollcall No. 153. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 153, the Drug Free Community Act, I was unavoidably detained downtown. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore [Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina]. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, the pending business is the question of agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings..

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 352, noes 65, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 154]

AYES—352

Ackerman	Bryant	Davis (VA)
Aderholt	Bunning	DeGette
Allen	Burr	Delahunt
Archer	Burton	DeLay
Armey	Buyer	Dellums
Bachus	Callahan	Diaz-Balart
Baessler	Calvert	Dickey
Baker	Camp	Dicks
Baldacci	Campbell	Dingell
Ballenger	Canady	Dixon
Barcia	Capps	Doggett
Barr	Cardin	Dooley
Barrett (NE)	Carson	Doolittle
Barrett (WI)	Castle	Doyle
Bartlett	Chabot	Dreier
Barton	Chambliss	Duncan
Bass	Chenoweth	Dunn
Bateman	Christensen	Edwards
Bentsen	Clayton	Ehlers
Bereuter	Clement	Ehrlich
Berman	Coble	Emerson
Berry	Coburn	Engel
Bilbray	Collins	Eshoo
Bilirakis	Combest	Etheridge
Bishop	Condit	Evans
Blagojevich	Conyers	Everett
Bliley	Cook	Ewing
Blumenauer	Cox	Fawell
Blunt	Coyne	Flake
Boehlert	Cramer	Foley
Boehner	Crane	Fowler
Bonilla	Crapo	Fox
Bono	Cubin	Frank (MA)
Boswell	Cummings	Franks (NJ)
Boucher	Cunningham	Frelighuysen
Boyd	Danner	Frost
Brady	Davis (FL)	Gallegly
Brown (FL)	Davis (IL)	Ganske

Gekas	Maloney (NY)	Roybal-Allard
Gilchrest	Manton	Royce
Gillmor	Manzullo	Rush
Gilman	Markey	Ryun
Gonzalez	Martinez	Salmon
Goode	Mascara	Sanchez
Goodlatte	Matsui	Sanders
Goodling	McCarthy (MO)	Sandlin
Gordon	McCarthy (NY)	Sanford
Goss	McCollum	Sawyer
Graham	McCrery	Saxton
Granger	McDade	Scarborough
Greenwood	McGovern	Schaefer, Dan
Gutknecht	McHale	Schaffer, Bob
Hall (TX)	McInnis	Schumer
Hamilton	McIntosh	Scott
Hansen	McIntyre	Sensenbrenner
Harman	McKeon	Serrano
Hastert	McKinney	Shadegg
Hastings (WA)	Meehan	Shaw
Hayworth	Meek	Shays
Herger	Metcalf	Sherman
Hill	Mica	Shimkus
Hinojosa	Millender-	Shuster
Hobson	McDonald	Sisisky
Hoekstra	Miller (FL)	Skaggs
Holden	Minge	Skeen
Hooley	Mink	Skelton
Horn	Moakley	Smith (MI)
Hostettler	Molinari	Smith (NJ)
Houghton	Mollohan	Smith (OR)
Hoyer	Moran (KS)	Smith (TX)
Hunter	Moran (VA)	Smith, Adam
Hutchinson	Murtha	Smith, Linda
Hyde	Myrick	Snyder
Inglis	Nadler	Solomon
Jackson (IL)	Neal	Souder
Jackson-Lee	Nethercutt	Spence
(TX)	Neumann	Spratt
Jefferson	Ney	Stearns
Jenkins	Northup	Stenholm
John	Norwood	Stokes
Johnson (CT)	Nussle	Stump
Johnson, Sam	Obey	Sununu
Jones	Ortiz	Talent
Kanjorski	Owens	Tanner
Kaptur	Packard	Tauscher
Kasich	Pappas	Tauzin
Kelly	Parker	Taylor (NC)
Kennedy (MA)	Pastor	Thomas
Kennelly	Paul	Thornberry
Kildee	Paxon	Thune
Kilpatrick	Payne	Thurman
Kim	Pease	Tiahrt
Kind (WI)	Peterson (MN)	Tierney
King (NY)	Peterson (PA)	Torres
Kingston	Petri	Towns
Klecza	Pickering	Traficant
Klink	Pitts	Turner
Klug	Pomeroy	Upton
Knollenberg	Porter	Velazquez
Kolbe	Portman	Vento
LaFalce	Price (NC)	Visclosky
LaHood	Pryce (OH)	Walsh
Lampson	Quinn	Waters
Lantos	Radanovich	Watkins
Latham	Rahall	Waxman
LaTourette	Rangel	Weldon (FL)
Lazio	Regula	Weldon (PA)
Leach	Reyes	Wexler
Levin	Riggs	Weygand
Lewis (CA)	Riley	White
Lewis (KY)	Rivers	Whitfield
Linder	Roemer	Wise
Lipinski	Rogan	Wolf
Livingston	Rogers	Woolsey
Lofgren	Rohrabacher	Wynn
Lowey	Ros-Lehtinen	Yates
Lucas	Rothman	Young (AK)
Maloney (CT)	Roukema	Young (FL)

NOES—65

Abercrombie	Foglietta	Johnson, E. B.
Becerra	Forbes	Kennedy (RI)
Bonior	Furse	Kucinich
Borski	Gejdenson	Lewis (GA)
Brown (CA)	Gephardt	LoBiondo
Brown (OH)	Gibbons	McDermott
Clay	Green	McNulty
Clyburn	Gutierrez	Menendez
Costello	Hall (OH)	Miller (CA)
DeFazio	Hastings (FL)	Oberstar
DeLauro	Hefley	Olver
English	Hefner	Pallone
Ensign	Hilleary	Pascrell
Farr	Hilliard	Pickett
Fattah	Hinchey	Pombo
Fazio	Hulshof	Poshard
Filner	Johnson (WI)	Ramstad