

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 43, nays 355, answered “present” 1, not voting 34, as follows:

[Roll No. 400]

YEAS—43

Allen	Filner	Mink
Andrews	Ford	Oliver
Baldacci	Frank (MA)	Owens
Becerra	Gejdenson	Pallone
Berry	Gephardt	Pelosi
Brown (OH)	Hastings (FL)	Slaughter
Coyne	Hefner	Stupak
Davis (FL)	Jefferson	Tierney
DeFazio	LaFalce	Towns
Delahunt	Lewis (GA)	Vento
DeLauro	Lowe	Waters
Deutsch	Martinez	Waxman
Dingell	McDermott	Woolsey
Doggett	McNulty	
Eshoo	Miller (CA)	

NAYS—355

Abercrombie	Cook	Gutierrez
Aderholt	Cooksey	Gutknecht
Archer	Costello	Hall (OH)
Armey	Cox	Hall (TX)
Bachus	Cramer	Hamilton
Baesler	Crane	Hansen
Baker	Cubin	Harman
Ballenger	Cummings	Hastert
Barcia	Cunningham	Hastings (WA)
Barr	Danner	Hayworth
Barrett (NE)	Davis (IL)	Hefley
Barrett (WI)	Davis (VA)	Heger
Bartlett	Deal	Hill
Bass	DeGette	Hilleary
Bateman	DeLay	Hinche
Bentsen	Diaz-Balart	Hinojosa
Bereuter	Dickey	Hobson
Berman	Dicks	Hoekstra
Bilbray	Dooley	Holden
Bilirakis	Doolittle	Hooley
Bishop	Doyle	Horn
Blagojevich	Dreier	Hoyer
Bliley	Duncan	Hulshof
Blumenauer	Dunn	Hunter
Blunt	Edwards	Hutchinson
Boehkert	Ehlers	Hyde
Boehner	Ehrlich	Jackson (IL)
Bonilla	Emerson	Jackson-Lee
Bono	Engel	(TX)
Borski	English	Jenkins
Boswell	Ensign	John
Boucher	Etheridge	Johnson (CT)
Boyd	Evans	Johnson (WI)
Brady	Everett	Johnson, E. B.
Brown (FL)	Ewing	Johnson, Sam
Bryant	Farr	Jones
Bunning	Fattah	Kanjorski
Burr	Fawell	Kasich
Burton	Fazio	Kelly
Buyer	Foley	Kennedy (MA)
Callahan	Forbes	Kennedy (RI)
Calvert	Fowler	Kennelly
Camp	Fox	Kildee
Campbell	Franks (NJ)	Kilpatrick
Canady	Frelinghuysen	Kim
Cannon	Frost	Kind (WI)
Capps	Galleghy	King (NY)
Cardin	Ganske	Kingston
Carson	Gekas	Klecza
Castle	Gibbons	Klink
Chabot	Gilchrest	Klug
Chambliss	Gillmor	Knollenberg
Christensen	Gilman	Kolbe
Clay	Goode	Kucinich
Clayton	Goodlatte	LaHood
Clement	Goodling	Lampson
Clyburn	Gordon	Lantos
Coble	Goss	Largent
Coburn	Graham	Latham
Collins	Granger	LaTourette
Combest	Green	Lazio
Condit	Greenwood	Leach

Levin	Pastor	Sisisky
Lewis (CA)	Paul	Skaggs
Lewis (KY)	Paxon	Skeen
Linder	Payne	Skelton
Lipinski	Pease	Smith (MI)
LoBiondo	Peterson (MN)	Smith (NJ)
Lofgren	Peterson (PA)	Smith (OR)
Lucas	Petri	Smith (TX)
Luther	Pickering	Smith, Adam
Maloney (CT)	Pickett	Smith, Linda
Maloney (NY)	Pitts	Snowbarger
Manton	Pombo	Snyder
Manzullo	Pomeroy	Solomon
Markey	Porter	Souder
Mascara	Portman	Spence
Matsui	Poshard	Spratt
McCarthy (MO)	Price (NC)	Stabenow
McCarthy (NY)	Quinn	Stark
McCollum	Radanovich	Stearns
McDade	Rahall	Stenholm
McGovern	Ramstad	Stokes
McHale	Rangel	Strickland
McHugh	Redmond	Stump
McIntosh	Regula	Sununu
McIntyre	Riley	Talent
McKeon	Rivers	Tanner
McKinney	Rodriguez	Tauscher
Meehan	Roemer	Tauzin
Meek	Rogan	Taylor (MS)
Menendez	Rogers	Thomas
Metcalfe	Rohrabacher	Thompson
Mica	Ros-Lehtinen	Thornberry
Mills	Rothman	Thune
McDonald	Roukema	Thurman
Miller (FL)	Royce	Tiahrt
Minge	Ryun	Torres
Moakley	Sabo	Trafigant
Mollohan	Salmon	Turner
Moran (KS)	Sanchez	Upton
Morella	Sandlin	Velazquez
Murtha	Sanford	Visclosky
Myrick	Sawyer	Walsh
Nadler	Saxton	Wamp
Neal	Scarborough	Watkins
Nethercutt	Schaefer, Dan	Watt (NC)
Neumann	Schaffer, Bob	Watts (OK)
Ney	Schumer	Weldon (FL)
Northup	Scott	Weldon (PA)
Nussle	Sensenbrenner	Weller
Oberstar	Serrano	Wexler
Obey	Sessions	Weygand
Ortiz	Shadegg	White
Oxley	Shaw	Whitfield
Packard	Shays	Wicker
Pappas	Sherman	Wolf
Parker	Shinkus	Wynn
Pascarella	Shuster	Young (FL)

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—1

Pryce (OH)

NOT VOTING—34

Ackerman	Gonzalez	Reyes
Barton	Hilliard	Riggs
Bonior	Hostettler	Roybal-Allard
Brown (CA)	Houghton	Rush
Chenoweth	Inglis	Sanders
Conyers	Istook	Schiff
Crapo	Kaptur	Taylor (NC)
Dellums	Livingston	Wise
Dixon	McCrery	Yates
Flake	McInnis	Young (AK)
Foglietta	Moran (VA)	
Furse	Norwood	

□ 1022

Mr. PARKER, Mrs. CUBIN, and Messrs. REDMOND, SHADEGG, KINGSTON, SUNUNU, GILCHREST, PETERSON of Pennsylvania, and EHLERS changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote 397 from yesterday, I inadvertently missed the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes.”

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CALVERT). 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.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, yesterday on rollcall 398, I was detained in traffic and missed the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.”

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain ten 1-minutes on each side.

APPROVE LOW-DOSE IRRADIATION FOR RED MEAT

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

Mr. GANSKE. Mr. Speaker, some people oppose vaccination for small pox, some people oppose pasteurization to kill TB in milk, some people oppose chlorination to kill bacteria in water, and some people oppose fluoridation of water for healthy teeth. Now we have the FDA sitting on approval for low-dose irradiation to kill bacteria in red meat, in hamburger. For 4 years they have done that. The FDA has already approved low-dose irradiation as safe and effective for spices, vegetables, fruits, chicken, and pork. Why not hamburger? Low-dose irradiation does not cause food to become radioactive. It does kill salmonella, tapeworms, and E. coli. In my opinion, the FDA taking 4 years to approve low-dose irradiation of red meat puts them right there with those critics of vaccination, pasteurization, chlorination, and fluoridation.

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PROBLEMS AT THE POST OFFICE

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, Martha Cherry, a letter carrier for 18 years, has been fired. The Postal Service said, “Your stride is too short.” If that is not enough to put a runner in your pantyhose, check this out.

According to the Postal Service, they wrote in the report that the heels of your leading foot did not pass the toe of your trailing foot by more than 1 inch, thus it took you 10 minutes longer to deliver the mail.

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. Is this the KGB or the Postal Service? The truth

is, these postal managers could not deliver their way out of a paper bag. I believe they do not even know their heads from their assets. I say the Congress should join with Martha Cherry and give her a hand in putting her 13-inch goose step right up their gestapo tactics.

After all, I admit the Postal Service has a problem, but it is not Martha Cherry's footwork.

I yield back the balance of all this chicanery.

NATIONAL DEBATE ON TAX CODE

(Mr. PAXON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAXON. Mr. Speaker, the way this Congress balanced the budget was in 1994 in the Contract With America, we set the date on which we would balance the budget, 2002, then we began a great national debate on how we would accomplish that.

My friends, we need to do the exact same thing in reforming our Federal Tax Code. Yesterday I filed legislation that would sunset the entire Federal Tax Code absent Social Security and Medicare effective December 31, 2000. That action by this Congress in giving the President that bill this year will begin a great national debate. We will have the opportunity to listen to the American people on whether they want a flat income tax, a national sales tax, a match tax proposed by the Cato Institute or some other approach.

But the important thing is to begin that debate. But sunseting the IRS Code, by passing that legislation this year, the debate can begin. The starting gun will go off. I think it will be a great experience to go to this country, to listen to the American people, to get their views. I hope my colleagues will join with me in this important historic national effort.

SUPPORTING THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

(Mr. MENENDEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, our first job in Congress must always be to do everything we can to defend and create American jobs. Yet the charter of one of the strongest tools in our job creating arsenal, the Export-Import Bank, runs out on September 30. Why should we care? We should care because European-based Airbus, which receives substantial export support from France, Germany, and Britain, is as we speak trying to steal international clients from American-based Boeing.

Airbus is openly telling Boeing's customers that congressional inaction is evidence they can no longer rely on the U.S. Export-Import Bank to keep providing the backing for their transactions. Boeing has thousands of sup-

pliers spread across the country, 72 of them in my home State of New Jersey. Each one of those suppliers supports families and homes and school tuition for hard working Americans.

I am here today with my distinguished colleague the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HASTERT], the chief deputy Republican whip, because this is not a partisan issue, it is an American issue, it is a jobs issue. For these reasons, it is an issue that should move to the top of the agenda and on to the House floor.

EDUCATION A PRIORITY FOR ALL

(Mr. EWING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, education is the priority for all of us. There is a lot more to education though than just putting more money in it. Sometimes this body appears to confuse that.

Let us say, for instance, school structure. I could not be prouder than I am of the city of Chicago, which only a few years ago had some of the worst schools in the country, and working with the Democratic mayor, working with the Republican legislature, they put a new structure in place which has reduced crime, put out a core curriculum, and has increased test scores several times over.

They are really moving in the right direction. I am also proud of this body. Yesterday we voted the Goodling amendment. The teachers in my district have told me very plainly, we do not need to test and test and test. I guess my question is, like a farmer, if you test too many times, it is like weighing your cow every day. It does not do any good.

The Republicans, I believe, have the right idea for education and we need to keep pursuing it.

SOLIDARITY IN ORANGE COUNTY

(Ms. SANCHEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, during the August recess I joined over 2,000 of my constituent to rally in support of human rights and democracy in Vietnam. We marched in protest of the recently reported human rights abuses and religious oppression by the Government of Vietnam.

In response to high taxes and official corruption, uprisings have begun in the provinces of Vietnam. And what was the response of the Vietnamese Government to these protests? Well, reports indicate that the Vietnamese Government has dispatched security forces and arrested hundreds of these protesters, and the farmers have also been forcibly removed from their land by the special police.

Last month I joined my constituents in sending a strong message to Hanoi,

a message that these injustices will not be tolerated, a message that the Government must obey, respect and honor human and religious rights in Vietnam.

I urge the administration to ensure that the protection of religious practice and freedom of expression remains key in any policy towards Vietnam.

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FREEDOM TRAIN

(Mr. GOODLATTE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, exactly 50 years ago today on September 17, 1947, the Freedom Train began its historic 16-month tour across the United States. This special train, commonly known as the Spirit of 1776, carried over 100 historic documents to hundreds of communities in all of the then 48 States.

More than a rolling museum, the Freedom Train was a 16-month experiment in civic awareness that provided a vivid reminder of the greatness of America's heritage to a nation still recovering from economic depression and world war.

Imagine what it must have felt like to see the Freedom Train rolling into your hometown in 1947 and open its doors to reveal original documents like the Magna Carta, the Mayflower Compact and the Declaration of Independence. The Freedom Train's tour logged more than 37,000 miles.

Today railroading enthusiasts across the country pause to pay tribute to this unique train and to its enlightened mission to renew pride in our Nation's founding principles.

I would like to give special thanks to Mary Jayne and John Z. Rowe, two Virginians who have worked tirelessly to ensure that the special story of the Freedom Train will never be forgotten.

THE HOUSE SCHEDULE

(Mr. DEFAZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I know many people wonder what takes precedence here in Washington, DC. It is kind of puzzling when you watch the House in session. Is it the 13 unfinished appropriations bills, the bills that will fund every part of the Government for the next fiscal year, which are due on the first of October? Not a one has been passed? Can we avoid another Government shutdown? Is that a crisis we should be working on day and night?

No, that is not it.

How about repeal of the special \$50 billion tax break snuck into the tax bill for the tobacco industry? Does that take precedence?

No.

There is one simple thing. The House is adjourning at 4 p.m. today, a day on which we usually work late into the