

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 513 is a bipartisan bill authored by the District of Columbia Subcommittee's chairman, the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. DAVIS], and the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia [Ms. NORTON], its ranking member. It would simply exempt contracts over \$1 million entered into by the District's Water and Sewer Authority and Convention Center Authority from review and approval by the city council. These two authorities were established by the Council during the last 2 years as corporate bodies with a legal existence apart from the District government. Each authority has its own board of directors, financial system, and revenue sources. Their independence was an essential element of their design, and it is critical to the realization of their respective missions.

Two years ago, Congress approved legislation developed by the D.C. Subcommittee establishing the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, Public Law 104-8. This bill contained a provision amending the District's home rule charter to require council review of all contracts over \$1 million. This was done in order to inject greater control and accountability into the District's procurement process.

It has since been learned through consultation with various financial advisers that we could lower the risk associated with any borrowing by the two authorities and thereby reduce their borrowing costs if we insulated the larger contracts of the two authorities from the review process and the politics which sometimes affect it.

Finally, the bill would permit the city council at its option to exempt from its review any Federal aid highway program contract over \$1 million. The council has indicated that it would prefer to annually approve a schedule of projects to be undertaken under this program rather than consider project contracts on an individual basis. This approach will expedite the procurement process and ensure work can get started during the construction season.

I should point out that all of the contracts which this bill will exempt from council review will still be subject to review and approval by the District's Financial Authority, the Control Board. The authority will ensure that they have been executed appropriately and are consistent with the District's budget and financial plan.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that this bill does nothing more than streamline an administrative review process of the council. It enjoys the support of the District's local officials. Accordingly, I urge its approval by this body.

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by

the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. DAVIS] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 513.

The question was taken.

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5, rule I, the Chair will now put the question de novo on the approval of the Journal, and then on the motion to suspend the rules postponed from earlier today.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

The first vote will be on the Journal, de novo; the second vote will be on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 513, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, the pending business is the question de novo of agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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

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

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. 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 355, nays 43, not voting 34, as follows:

[Roll No. 33]

YEAS—355

Aderholt
Allen
Andrews
Archer
Armey
Bachus
Baker
Ballenger
Barr
Barrett (NE)
Barrett (WI)
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
Bateman
Becerra
Bentsen
Bereuter
Bernman
Berry
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bishop

Blagojevich
Bliley
Blumenauer
Blunt
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bono
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Brady
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Bryant
Bunning
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert
Campbell
Canady

Cannon
Capps
Cardin
Carson
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Chenoweth
Christensen
Clayton
Clement
Coble
Coburn
Collins
Combest
Condit
Cook
Cooksey
Costello
Cox
Coyne
Cramer
Crane

Crapo
Cubin
Cummings
Cunningham
Danner
Davis (IL)
Davis (VA)
Deal
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
DeLay
Dellums
Deutsch
Diaz-Balart
Dickey
Dicks
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Doolittle
Doyle
Duncan
Dunn
Edwards
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
Eshoo
Etheridge
Evans
Everett
Farr
Fattah
Fawell
Fazio
Foley
Forbes
Ford
Fowler
Fox
Frank (MA)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Frost
Ganske
Gejdenson
Gekas
Gilchrest
Gillmor
Gilman
Gonzalez
Goode
Goodlatte
Goodling
Gordon
Goss
Graham
Granger
Greenwood
Gutknecht
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Hamilton
Hansen
Harman
Hastert
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Hayworth
Hefner
Herger
Hill
Hilleary
Hinojosa
Hobson
Holden
Hooley
Horn
Hostettler
Houghton
Hoyer
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inglis
Istook
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jefferson
Jenkins
John
Johnson (CT)
Johnson (WI)
Johnson, Sam

Jones
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kasich
Kelly
Kennedy (MA)
Kennedy (RI)
Kildee
Kim
Kind (WI)
King (NY)
Kingston
Kleczka
Klink
Klug
Knollenberg
Kolbe
LaFalce
LaHood
Lampson
Lantos
Largent
Latham
LaTourette
Lazio
Leach
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Lipinski
Livingston
LoBiondo
Lofgren
Lowey
Lucas
Luther
Maloney (CT)
Manton
Manzullo
Markey
Martinez
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy (NY)
McCollum
McCrery
McDade
McHale
McHugh
McInnis
McIntyre
McKinney
Meehan
Meek
Metcalf
Mica
Millender-
McDonald
Miller (FL)
Minge
Mink
Moakley
Molinari
Mollohan
Moran (KS)
Moran (VA)
Morella
Murtha
Neal
Nethercutt
Neumann
Northup
Norwood
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Owens
Oxley
Packard
Pallone
Pappas
Parker
Pastor
Paul
Paxon
Payne
Pease
Pelosi
Peterson (MN)
Peterson (PA)
Petri
Pickering
Pitts
Porter
Portman
Poshard

Price (NC)
Pryce (OH)
Quinn
Radanovich
Rahall
Rangel
Regula
Reyes
Riggs
Riley
Rivers
Roemer
Rogan
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Rothman
Roukema
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Rush
Ryun
Salmon
Sanders
Sandlin
Sanford
Sawyer
Saxton
Scarborough
Schaefer, Dan
Schaffer, Bob
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Sessions
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Sherman
Shimkus
Sisisky
Skeen
Skeltton
Slaughter
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (OR)
Smith (TX)
Smith, Adam
Smith, Linda
Snowbarger
Snyder
Solomon
Souder
Spence
Spratt
Stark
Stearns
Stenholm
Stokes
Stump
Sununu
Talent
Tanner
Tauscher
Tauzin
Taylor (NC)
Thomas
Thornberry
Thune
Thurman
Tiahrt
Tierney
Torres
Traficant
Turner
Upton
Vento
Walsh
Wamp
Watkins
Watts (OK)
Waxman
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Wexler
Weygand
White
Whitfield
Wicker
Wise
Wolf
Woolsey
Wynn
Yates
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

NAYS—43

Abercrombie	Gutierrez	Pascrell
Baldacci	Hefley	Pickett
Bonior	Hilliard	Pombo
Borski	Hulshof	Ramstad
Brown (CA)	Johnson, E. B.	Sabo
Clay	Kennelly	Scott
Clyburn	Kucinich	Taylor (MS)
DeFazio	Lewis (GA)	Thompson
English	McDermott	Velazquez
Ensign	McIntosh	Visclosky
Filner	Menendez	Waters
Foglietta	Miller (CA)	Watt (NC)
Gephardt	Ney	Weller
Gibbons	Nussle	
Green	Oberstar	

NOT VOTING—34

Ackerman	Gallegly	Pomeroy
Baessler	Hinchey	Sanchez
Barcia	Hoekstra	Schiff
Camp	Kilpatrick	Schumer
Conyers	Levin	Shuster
Davis (FL)	Maloney (NY)	Skaggs
Dingell	McCarthy (MO)	Stabenow
Dreier	McGovern	Strickland
Engel	McKeon	Stupak
Ewing	McNulty	Towns
Flake	Myrick	
Furse	Nadler	

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So the Journal was approved.
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I would like the RECORD to reflect that had I been present for rollcall vote 33, I would have voted "Aye."

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COUNCIL CONTRACT REVIEW REFORM ACT OF 1997

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 513.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. DAVIS] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 513, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 390, nays 7, answered "present" 1, not voting 34, as follows:

[Roll No. 34]

YEAS—390

Abercrombie	Blagojevich	Canady
Aderholt	Bliley	Cannon
Allen	Blumenauer	Capps
Andrews	Blunt	Cardin
Archer	Boehlert	Carson
Army	Boehner	Castle
Bachus	Bonilla	Chabot
Baker	Bonior	Chambliss
Baldacci	Bono	Chenoweth
Ballenger	Borski	Christensen
Barr	Boswell	Clay
Barrett (NE)	Boucher	Clayton
Barrett (WI)	Boyd	Clement
Bartlett	Brady	Clyburn
Barton	Brown (CA)	Coble
Bass	Brown (FL)	Coburn
Bateman	Brown (OH)	Collins
Becerra	Bryant	Combest
Bentsen	Bunning	Condit
Bereuter	Burr	Cook
Berman	Burton	Cooksey
Berry	Buyer	Costello
Bilbray	Callahan	Cox
Bilirakis	Calvert	Coyne
Bishop	Campbell	Cramer

Crane	Hyde	Oxley
Crapo	Inglis	Packard
Cubin	Istook	Pallone
Cummings	Jackson (IL)	Pappas
Cunningham	Jackson-Lee	Parker
Danner	(TX)	Pascrell
Davis (FL)	Jefferson	Pastor
Davis (IL)	Jenkins	Paxon
Davis (VA)	John	Payne
Deal	Johnson (CT)	Pease
DeFazio	Johnson (WI)	Pelosi
DeGette	Johnson, E. B.	Peterson (MN)
Delahunt	Johnson, Sam	Peterson (PA)
DeLauro	Jones	Petri
DeLay	Kanjorski	Pickering
Dellums	Kaptur	Pickett
Deutsch	Kasich	Pitts
Diaz-Balart	Kelly	Pombo
Dickey	Kennedy (MA)	Porter
Dicks	Kennedy (RI)	Portman
Dixon	Kennelly	Poshard
Doggett	Kildee	Price (NC)
Dooley	Kim	Pryce (OH)
Doolittle	Kind (WI)	Quinn
Doyle	King (NY)	Radanovich
Duncan	Kingston	Rahall
Dunn	Klecza	Ramstad
Edwards	Klink	Regula
Ehlers	Klug	Reyes
Ehrlich	Knollenberg	Riggs
Emerson	Kolbe	Riley
English	LaFalce	Rivers
Ensign	LaHood	Roemer
Eshoo	Lampson	Rogan
Etheridge	Lantos	Rogers
Evans	Largent	Rohrabacher
Everett	Latham	Ros-Lehtinen
Ewing	LaTourette	Rothman
Farr	Lazio	Roukema
Fattah	Leach	Roybal-Allard
Fawell	Lewis (CA)	Royce
Fazio	Lewis (GA)	Rush
Filner	Lewis (KY)	Ryun
Foglietta	Linder	Sabo
Foley	Lipinski	Salmon
Forbes	Livingston	Sanders
Ford	LoBiondo	Sandlin
Fowler	Lofgren	Sanford
Fox	Lowe	Sawyer
Frank (MA)	Lucas	Saxton
Franks (NJ)	Luther	Scarborough
Frelinghuysen	Maloney (CT)	Scott
Frost	Manton	Sensenbrenner
Ganske	Manzullo	Serrano
Gejdenson	Markey	Sessions
Gekas	Martinez	Shadegg
Gephardt	Mascara	Shaw
Gibbons	Matsui	Shays
Gilchrest	McCarthy (NY)	Sherman
Gillmor	McCollum	Shimkus
Gilman	McCrery	Sisisky
Gonzalez	McDade	Skeen
Goode	McDermott	Skelton
Goodlatte	McHale	Slaughter
Goodling	McHugh	Smith (MI)
Gordon	McInnis	Smith (NJ)
Goss	McIntosh	Smith (OR)
Graham	McIntyre	Smith (TX)
Granger	McKinney	Smith, Adam
Green	Meehan	Smith, Linda
Greenwood	Meek	Snowbarger
Gutierrez	Menendez	Snyder
Gutknecht	Metcalf	Solomon
Hall (OH)	Mica	Souder
Hall (TX)	Millender-McDonald	Spence
Hamilton	Miller (CA)	Spratt
Hansen	Miller (FL)	Stark
Harman	Minge	Stenholm
Hastert	Mink	Stokes
Hastings (FL)	Moakley	Sununu
Hastings (WA)	Molinari	Talent
Hayworth	Mollohan	Tanner
Hefley	Moran (KS)	Tauscher
Hefner	Moran (VA)	Tauzin
Hergert	Morella	Taylor (MS)
Hill	Murtha	Taylor (NC)
Hilleary	Myrick	Thomas
Hilliard	Neal	Thompson
Hinojosa	Nethercutt	Thornberry
Hobson	Neumann	Thune
Holden	Ney	Thurman
Hooley	Northup	Tiahrt
Horn	Norwood	Tierney
Hostettler	Nussle	Torres
Houghton	Oberstar	Trafigant
Hoyer	Olver	Turner
Hulshof	Ortiz	Upton
Hunter	Owens	Velazquez
Hutchinson		Vento

Visclosky	Weldon (PA)	Wolf
Walsh	Wexler	Woolsey
Wamp	Weygand	Wynn
Watkins	White	Yates
Watt (NC)	Whitfield	Young (AK)
Watts (OK)	Wicker	Young (FL)
Waxman	Wise	

NAYS—7

Kucinich	Schaffer, Bob	Weller
Paul	Stearns	
Schaefer, Dan	Stump	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

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NOT VOTING—34

Ackerman	Hoekstra	Schiff
Baessler	Kilpatrick	Schumer
Barcia	Levin	Shuster
Camp	Maloney (NY)	Skaggs
Conyers	McCarthy (MO)	Stabenow
Dingell	McGovern	Strickland
Dreier	McKeon	Stupak
Engel	McNulty	Towns
Flake	Nadler	Waters
Furse	Pomeroy	Weldon (FL)
Gallegly	Rangel	
Hinchey	Sanchez	

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Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 34, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

□ 1145

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING AND THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Oversight be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 85) electing members of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. (Mr. RIGGS). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

Mr. GEJDENSON. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, I will not object, but I am just curious as to the gentleman's motion, being the ranking member on the committee.

I yield to the gentleman from California [Mr. THOMAS] to get a full explanation.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I would tell the gentleman that it is the appointment of Democrats and Republicans to the Joint Committee on Printing. We had gone over the list and cleared it. It is just that it is a unanimous consent, and we wanted to make sure that we were able to get it in prior to the possibility of a motion to adjourn.