

it costs them money to have days out of work.

It is my guess that there is not a single agency of the Federal Government that has workplace safety as safe, with as few days lost, as virtually any major corporation in the United States; and yet these are not going to be promulgated for this Federal Government. They are not going to be watched over.

Let us take the time to take this rule off the table, give a new Secretary of Labor an opportunity to do the right thing with common sense.

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 SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The question is on the resolution.

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

Mr. HALL of Ohio. 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 222, nays 198, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 29]  
YEAS—222

Aderholt	Doolittle	Isakson
Akin	Dreier	Issa
Armedy	Duncan	Istook
Bachus	Dunn	Jenkins
Baker	Ehlers	Johnson (CT)
Ballenger	Ehrlich	Johnson (IL)
Barr	Emerson	Johnson, Sam
Bartlett	English	Jones (NC)
Barton	Everett	Keller
Bass	Ferguson	Kelly
Bereuter	Flake	Kennedy (MN)
Biggert	Fletcher	Kerns
Bilirakis	Foley	King (NY)
Blunt	Fossella	Kingston
Boehrlert	Frelinghuysen	Kirk
Boehner	Gallely	Knollenberg
Bonilla	Ganske	Kolbe
Bono	Gekas	LaHood
Brady (TX)	Gibbons	Largent
Brown (SC)	Gilchrest	Latham
Bryant	Gillmor	LaTourette
Burr	Gilman	Leach
Burton	Goode	Lewis (KY)
Buyer	Goodlatte	Linder
Callahan	Goss	LoBiondo
Calvert	Graham	Lucas (OK)
Camp	Granger	Manzullo
Cannon	Graves	McCreery
Cantor	Green (WI)	McHugh
Capito	Greenwood	McInnis
Carson (OK)	Grucci	McKeon
Castle	Gutknecht	Mica
Chabot	Hall (TX)	Miller (FL)
Chambliss	Hansen	Miller, Gary
Coble	Hart	Moran (KS)
Collins	Hastings (WA)	Morella
Combest	Hayes	Myrick
Cooksey	Hayworth	Nethercutt
Cox	Hefley	Ney
Crane	Herger	Northup
Crenshaw	Hilleary	Norwood
Cubin	Hobson	Nussle
Culberson	Hoekstra	Osborne
Cunningham	Horn	Ose
Davis, Jo Ann	Hostettler	Otter
Davis, Tom	Houghton	Oxley
Deal	Hulshof	Paul
DeLay	Hunter	Pence
DeMint	Hutchinson	Peterson (PA)
Diaz-Balart	Hyde	Petri

Pickering	Schrock	Terry
Pitts	Sensenbrenner	Thomas
Platts	Sessions	Thornberry
Pombo	Shadegg	Thune
Portman	Shaw	Tiahrt
Pryce (OH)	Shays	Tiberi
Putnam	Sherwood	Toomey
Quinn	Shimkus	Trafficant
Radanovich	Simmons	Turner
Ramstad	Simpson	Upton
Regula	Skeen	Vitter
Rehberg	Smith (MI)	Walden
Reynolds	Smith (NJ)	Wamp
Riley	Smith (TX)	Watkins
Rogers (KY)	Souder	Watts (OK)
Rogers (MI)	Spence	Weldon (FL)
Rohrabacher	Stearns	Weldon (PA)
Ros-Lehtinen	Stump	Weller
Royce	Sununu	Whitfield
Ryan (WI)	Sweeney	Wicker
Ryun (KS)	Tancredo	Wilson
Saxton	Tauzin	Wolf
Scarborough	Taylor (MS)	Young (AK)
Schaffer	Taylor (NC)	Young (FL)

NAYS—198

Abercrombie	Hill
Allen	Hilliard
Andrews	Hinche
Baca	Hinojosa
Baird	Hoeffel
Baldacci	Holden
Baldwin	Holt
Barcia	Honda
Barrett	Hooley
Bentsen	Hoyer
Berkley	Insee
Berman	Israel
Berry	Jackson (IL)
Blagojevich	Jackson-Lee
Blumenauer	(TX)
Boniior	Jefferson
Borski	John
Boswell	Johnson, E. B.
Boucher	Jones (OH)
Boyd	Kanjorski
Brady (PA)	Kaptur
Brown (FL)	Kennedy (RI)
Brown (OH)	Kildee
Capps	Kilpatrick
Capuano	Kind (WI)
Cardin	Klecza
Carson (IN)	Kucinich
Clay	LaFalce
Clayton	Lampson
Clement	Langevin
Clyburn	Lantos
Condit	Larsen (WA)
Conyers	Larson (CT)
Costello	Lee
Coyne	Levin
Cramer	Lewis (GA)
Crowley	Lipinski
Cummings	Lipinski
Davis (CA)	Lofgren
Davis (FL)	Lowey
Davis (IL)	Lucas (KY)
DeFazio	Luther
DeGette	Maloney (CT)
DeLahunt	Maloney (NY)
DeLauro	Markey
Deutsch	Mascara
Deutscher	Matheson
Doggett	Matsui
Dooley	McCarthy (MO)
Doyle	McCarthy (NY)
Engel	McCollum
Eshoo	McDermott
Etheridge	McGovern
Evans	McIntyre
Farr	McKinney
Fattah	McNulty
Filner	Meehan
Ford	Meek (FL)
Frank	Meeks (NY)
Frost	Menendez
Gephardt	Millender
Gonzalez	McDonald
Gordon	Miller, George
Green (TX)	Mink
Gutierrez	Moakley
Hall (OH)	Mollohan
Harman	Moore
Hastings (FL)	Moran (VA)

NOT VOTING—12

Ackerman	Dingell
Becerra	Edwards
Bishop	Lewis (CA)
Dicks	Roukema

Murtha
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Owens
Pallone
Pascarell
Pastor
Payne
Pelosi
Peterson (MN)
Phelps
Pomeroy
Price (NC)
Rahall
Rangel
Reyes
Rivers
Rodriguez
Roemer
Ross
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Rush
Sabo
Sanchez
Sandlin
Sawyer
Schakowsky
Schiff
Scott
Serrano
Sherman
Sisisky
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (WA)
Snyder
Solis
Spratt
Stark
Stenholm
Strickland
Tanner
Tauscher
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Thurman
Tierney
Towns
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Velazquez
Visclosky
Waters
Watt (NC)
Waxman
Weiner
Wexler
Woolsey
Wu
Wynn

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Ms. BERKELEY and Mr. HONDA changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. BOYD, Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky and Mr. SANDLIN changed their vote from “present” to “nay.”

Mr. CARSON of Oklahoma and Mr. TURNER changed their vote from “present” to “yea.”

So the resolution was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 78 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 78

*Resolved*, That it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of Wednesday, March 7, 2001, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules relating to the following measures:

(1) The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 31) expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the importance of organ, tissue, bone marrow, and blood donation and supporting National Donor Day;

(2) The bill (H.R. 624) to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote organ donation; and

(3) The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 47) honoring the 21 members of the National Guard who were killed in the crash of a National Guard aircraft on March 3, 2001, in south-central Georgia.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FROST) pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Yesterday, the Committee on Rules met and passed this resolution, providing that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of Wednesday, March 7, for the Speaker to entertain motions to suspend the rules relating to the following measures: The concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 31, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the importance of organ, tissue, bone marrow and blood donations and supporting National Donor Day; the bill, H.R. 624, to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote organ donation; and the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 47, honoring the 21 members of the National Guard who were killed in the crash of a National Guard aircraft on March 3, 2001 in south-central Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution allows us to consider three important bills

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today under the expedited suspension procedure.

I must stress we have had several days to examine these bills, and they have been on the floor schedule for some time and they are noncontroversial. They are also important pieces of legislation.

We recently celebrated National Donor Day to encourage people to become organ donors. Today we will pass legislation to promote National Donor Day and help States organize their organ donor programs.

We will also honor, unfortunately, 21 members of the National Guard who died last week in the line of duty.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support this rule and urge my colleagues to do the same. By passing this rule, we will improve organ donation programs and hopefully save some more lives.

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

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, Democrats have no objection to this rule, which will allow the consideration of three bills under suspension today. Those bills include a concurrent resolution honoring the 21 members of the Virginia National Guard who were killed in a plane crash on March 3. I know firsthand how important the National Guard is to our national defense, and the tragic and untimely death of these fine Americans is tribute to the dedication and selfless service so many Americans make each year through their service in the National Guard.

The rule also permits the consideration of measures designed to promote organ donation, something Democrats on the Committee on Rules know about through the brave testimony of our ranking member, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MOAKLEY).

However, Mr. Speaker, I must take a moment to express our grave concerns about what may happen in the Committee on Rules some time later today. I am referring to the rule the Committee on Rules may report on the tax bill and how whether the majority will deny Democrats of all stripes the opportunity to offer alternatives to the Republican tax bill.

Mr. Speaker, we must object in the strongest possible terms to any plans the majority may have to cut off the ability of Members to offer one or more substitutes to this bill.

Mr. Speaker, not only are we going to consider a tax bill of huge proportion and consequences without the ability to offer alternatives, we are going to consider it without the benefit of having debated a budget which would place this tax cut in context with the other matters this government funds.

We are going to consider a tax cut without fully understanding what its implications are on the rest of the Federal budget. So not only have we not received a budget from the new President, we have no congressional guide-

lines in place to help the Members of this body determine which priorities are more important.

Is it cutting taxes a lot, some or not at all? Is it paying down the national debt, which, I remind my colleagues, is a debt that is collectively owed by all the people of our great Nation?

Is it funding education, improving our schools, reducing class size or funding new teachers? Is it providing a real Medicare prescription drug benefit for our seniors, shoring up Social Security and Medicare or improving our national defense forces? No one knows the answer to those questions, Mr. Speaker.

Democrats in this House are very concerned that the Republican majority seems to not be concerned in the least that we are blindly proceeding down a path we have been on once before.

Mr. Speaker, I would just remind my colleagues, most of whom were not Members when we last considered a tax cut of these proportions, of the old adage, the definition of insanity is repeating the same actions and expecting different results. There are many of us here who fear we will see the same results as we saw after the passage of the 1981 tax bill.

Mr. Speaker, I support this rule, but Democrats on the Committee on Rules and in the Caucus at large want to go on notice right now that we believe it is imperative, if we are not to proceed in regular order in this body, that our Members be given a chance to be heard. All this talk of bipartisanship is meaningless, Mr. Speaker, if there are no actions behind the words.

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

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to remind my colleagues that this rule is not about a tax cut.

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

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

Mrs. MYRICK. 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.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record votes on postponed questions will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules.

#### EXPRESSING SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING IMPORTANCE OF ORGAN, TISSUE, BONE MARROW AND BLOOD DONATION AND SUP- PORTING NATIONAL DONOR DAY

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 31) expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the importance of organ, tissue, bone marrow, and blood donation and supporting National Donor Day.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 31

Whereas more than 70,000 individuals await organ transplants at any given moment;

Whereas another man, woman, or child is added to the national organ transplant waiting list every 20 minutes;

Whereas despite the progress in the last 15 years, more than 15 people per day die because of a shortage of donor organs;

Whereas almost everyone is a potential organ, tissue, and blood donor;

Whereas transplantation has become an element of mainstream medicine that prolongs and enhances life;

Whereas for the fourth consecutive year, a coalition of health organizations is joining forces for National Donor Day;

Whereas the first three National Donor Days raised a total of nearly 25,000 units of blood, added over 4,000 potential donors to the National Marrow Donor Program Registry, and distributed tens of thousands of organ and tissue pledge cards;

Whereas National Donor Day is America's largest one-day organ, tissue, bone marrow, and blood donation event; and

Whereas a number of businesses, foundations, health organizations, and the Department of Health and Human Services have designated February 10, 2001, as National Donor Day: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress—*

(1) supports the goals and ideas of National Donor Day;

(2) encourages all Americans to learn about the importance of organ, tissue, bone marrow, and blood donation and to discuss such donation with their families and friends; and

(3) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to conduct appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate support for organ, tissue, bone marrow, and blood donation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BILIRAKIS) and the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BILIRAKIS).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous material on H. Con. Res. 31.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H. Con. Res. 31, a resolution regarding the importance of organ, tissue, bone marrow and blood donation