

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, approximately 3,000 cases of meningococcal disease occur each year in the United States. Of those infected, 10–13 percent die despite receiving early treatments of antibiotics for the illness. Those who survive the illness, about 10 percent, have severe aftereffects of the disease, such as mental retardation, hearing loss or loss of limbs.

Meningitis is one of the least understood infectious diseases existing in the United States today. Two forms of meningitis, bacterial and viral meningitis, quietly threaten children, and increasingly, adolescents. Bacterial meningitis, the deadlier of the two varieties, causes an inflammation of the lining that surrounds the brain. Approximately 20 percent of the population carries the bacteria in the back of the nose or throat without contracting the disease. If, however, the bacteria move into the bloodstream, the carrier quickly become endangered. Data suggests certain social behaviors such as, exposure to passive and active smoking, bar patronage and excessive alcohol consumption may increase students' risk for contracting the disease. In addition, data also shows that students living in dormitories, particularly freshman, are at increased risk.

Early diagnosis is the key to successful treatment and public awareness is crucial in order to expedite an accurate and timely diagnosis. The vaccines that are available are effective, but are rarely administered before there is an outbreak. The recent outbreaks in Northern California, and nation-wide, have increasingly occurred on high school, college, and university campuses as opposed to occurring in infants, which once had the highest occurrence rate.

As we go on to promote Meningitis Awareness month, we must keep in mind that many of the people who suffer from meningitis are seniors. The most deadly form of meningitis is caused by bacteria, which must be treated immediately with prescription antibiotics. Unfortunately, we still have no prescription drug benefit for our medicare population. It is ironic, and must be addressed.

Therefore, I urge my colleagues to support H. Con. Res. 340 and let us become more aware of meningitis.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 340.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within

which to revise and extend their remarks on House Concurrent Resolution 340.

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

There was no objection.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on the Speaker's approval of the Journal and motions to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today, in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

The Speaker's approval of the Journal, *de novo*:

House Concurrent Resolution 415, by the yeas and nays; and

House Concurrent Resolution 340, 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 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of 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.

Mr. NORWOOD. Madam 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 307, nays 45, not voting 82, as follows:

[Roll No. 230]

YEAS—307

Abercrombie	Frost	Miller, Gary
Ackerman	Ganske	Miller, Jeff
Akin	Gekas	Mink
Allen	Gibbons	Mollohan
Andrews	Gilchrest	Moore
Armey	Gonzalez	Moran (VA)
Baca	Goode	Morella
Baird	Goodlatte	Murtha
Baldacci	Gordon	Myrick
Ballenger	Goss	Napolitano
Barcia	Graham	Nethercutt
Barr	Granger	Ney
Barrett	Graves	Northup
Bartlett	Green (TX)	Norwood
Bass	Green (WI)	Nussle
Bentsen	Greenwood	Obey
Bereuter	Grucci	Ortiz
Berkley	Hall (OH)	Osborne
Berry	Hall (TX)	Ose
Biggert	Hansen	Otter
Bilirakis	Harman	Owens
Bishop	Hart	Oxley
Blumenauer	Hastings (WA)	Pallone
Blunt	Hayes	Pascarella
Boehner	Hayworth	Pastor
Bonilla	Hill	Paul
Bono	Hinojosa	Pence
Boozman	Hobson	Peterson (PA)
Boswell	Hoefel	Petri
Boyd	Hoekstra	Pickering
Brady (TX)	Holden	Pitts
Brown (OH)	Holt	Platts
Brown (SC)	Hooley	Pomeroy
Bryant	Horn	Price (NC)
Burr	Hostettler	Radanovich
Burton	Houghton	Rahall
Buyer	Hoyer	Regula
Calvert	Hunter	Rehberg
Camp	Hyde	Reyes
Cantor	Inslee	Reynolds
Capito	Isakson	Rivers
Capps	Issa	Rodriguez
Cardin	Istook	Roemer
Carson (IN)	Jackson (IL)	Rogers (KY)
Castle	Jackson-Lee	Rogers (MI)
Chabot	(TX)	Rohrabacher
Chambliss	Jefferson	Ros-Lehtinen
Clay	John	Ross
Clayton	Johnson (IL)	Royal-Allard
Clyburn	Johnson, Sam	Royce
Coble	Jones (NC)	Ryan (WI)
Combest	Kanjorski	Sawyer
Cox	Keller	Saxton
Coyne	Kelly	Schakowsky
Cramer	Kennedy (RI)	Schiff
Crenshaw	Kerns	Schrock
Cubin	Kildee	Scott
Culberson	Kind (WI)	Sensenbrenner
Cummings	Kirk	Shaw
Cunningham	Kleckza	Sherman
Davis (CA)	Knollenberg	Sherwood
Davis (FL)	Kolbe	Shimkus
Davis (IL)	LaHood	Shows
Davis, Jo Ann	Lampson	Shuster
Davis, Tom	Langevin	Simmons
Deal	LaTourette	Simpson
DeGette	Leach	Skeen
Delahunt	Lee	Skelton
DeLay	Levin	Slaughter
DeMint	Lewis (CA)	Smith (MI)
Deutsch	Lewis (KY)	Smith (NJ)
Diaz-Balart	Linder	Smith (TX)
Dicks	Lofgren	Smith (WA)
Dingell	Lowey	Snyder
Doggett	Lucas (KY)	Solis
Doolittle	Lucas (OK)	Souder
Doyle	Luther	Spratt
Dreier	Maloney (CT)	Stark
Duncan	Maloney (NY)	Stearns
Dunn	Manzullo	Stump
Edwards	Markey	Sullivan
Ehlers	Mascara	Sununu
Ehrlich	Matheson	Sweeney
Emerson	McCarthy (MO)	Tancredo
Engel	McCarthy (NY)	Tanner
Eshoo	McCullom	Tauscher
Etheridge	McCrery	Tauzin
Evans	McGovern	Terry
Everett	McHugh	Thomas
Farr	McIntyre	Thornberry
Flake	McKinney	Thune
Foley	Meehan	Thurman
Forbes	Meek (FL)	Tiahrt
Fossella	Meeks (NY)	Tiberi
Frank	Mica	Tierney
Frelinghuysen	Miller, Dan	Toomey

Turner	Watts (OK)	Wilson (SC)
Upton	Waxman	Wolf
Walden	Weiner	Woolsey
Walsh	Weldon (FL)	Wynn
Wamp	Weldon (PA)	Young (AK)
Watson (CA)	Whitfield	Young (FL)
Watt (NC)	Wicker	

NAYS—45

Aderholt	Johnson, E. B.	Ramstad
Baldwin	Kennedy (MN)	Sabo
Capuano	Kucinich	Sanchez
Condit	Larsen (WA)	Schaffer
Costello	Latham	Allen
Crane	LoBiondo	Etheridge
DeFazio	McDermott	Andrews
English	McNulty	Armey
Filner	Menendez	Baca
Fletcher	Miller, George	Baldacci
Gillmor	Moran (KS)	Baldwin
Gutknecht	Oberstar	Ballenger
Hastings (FL)	Olver	Barcia
Hefley	Peterson (MN)	Barr
Hulshof	Pombo	Barrett

NOT VOTING—82

Bachus	Gutierrez	Pelosi
Baker	Herger	Phelps
Barton	Hilleary	Portman
Becerra	Hilliard	Pryce (OH)
Berman	Hinchey	Putnam
Blagojevich	Honda	Quinn
Boehlert	Israel	Rangel
Bonior	Jenkins	Jenkins
Borski	Johnson (CT)	Rothman
Boucher	Jones (OH)	Roukema
Brady (PA)	Kaptur	Rush
Brown (FL)	Kilpatrick	Ryun (KS)
Callahan	King (NY)	Sanders
Cannon	Kingston	Sandlin
Carson (OK)	LaFalce	Serrano
Clement	Lantos	Sessions
Collins	Larson (CT)	Shadegg
Conyers	Lewis (GA)	Shays
Cooksey	Lipinski	Stenholm
Crowley	Lynch	Taylor (NC)
DeLauro	Matsui	Taylor (NC)
Dooley	McInnis	Towns
Fattah	McKeon	Traficant
Ferguson	Millender-	Velazquez
Ford	McDonald	Vitter
Gallagly	Nadler	Watkins (OK)
Gephardt	Neal	Wexler
Gilman	Payne	Wilson (NM)

□ 1856

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

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

 ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on each additional motion to suspend the rules on which the Chair has postponed further proceedings.

 RECOGNIZING NATIONAL
HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 415.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. GARY G. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 415, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote. The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 358, nays 0, not voting 76, as follows:

[Roll No. 231]

YEAS—358

Abercrombie	Emerson	Larson (CT)	Rogers (KY)	Smith (NJ)	Tierney
Ackerman	Engel	Latham	Rogers (MI)	Smith (TX)	Toomey
Aderholt	English	LaTourette	Rohrabacher	Smith (WA)	Turner
Akin	Eshoo	Leach	Ros-Lehtinen	Snyder	Udall (CO)
Allen	Etheridge	Lee	Ross	Solis	Udall (NM)
Andrews	Evans	Levin	Royal-Allard	Souder	Upton
Armey	Everett	Lewis (CA)	Roybal-Allard	Spratt	Visclosky
Baca	Farr	Lewis (GA)	Ryan (WI)	Stark	Walden
Baird	Filner	Lewis (KY)	Sabu	Stearns	Walsh
Baldacci	Flake	Linder	Sanchez	Strickland	Wamp
Baldwin	Fletcher	LoBiondo	Sawyer	Stump	Waters
Ballenger	Foley	Lofgren	Schaffer	Stupak	Watson (CA)
Barcia	Forbes	Lowey	Sullivan	Sullivan	Watt (NC)
Barr	Fossella	Lucas (KY)	Schakowsky	Sununu	Watts (OK)
Barrett	Frank	Lucas (OK)	Schiff	Sweeney	Waxman
Bartlett	Frelinghuysen	Luther	Shaw	Tancredo	Weiner
Bass	Frost	Lynch	Shuster	Tauscher	Weldon (FL)
Bentsen	Ganske	Maloney (CT)	Simmons	Tazin	Weldon (PA)
Bereuter	Gekas	Maloney (NY)	Thornberry	Thornberry	Wilson (SC)
Berkley	Gephhardt	Manzullo	Simpson	Thune	Woolsey
Berry	Gibbons	Markey	Skeen	Thurman	Wu
Biggert	Gilchrest	Mascara	Maloney	Tiabrt	Young (AK)
Bilirakis	Gillmor	Matheson	Smith (MI)	Tiberi	Young (FL)
Bishop	Gonzalez	McCarthy (MO)			
Blumensauer	Goode	McCarthy (NY)			
Blunt	Goodlatte	McCullom			
Boehner	Gordon	McCrary			
Bonilla	Goss	McDermott			
Bono	Graham	McGovern			
Boozman	Granger	McHugh			
Boswell	Graves	McIntyre			
Boucher	Green (TX)	McKinney			
Boyd	Green (WI)	McNulty			
Brady (TX)	Greenwood	Meehan			
Brown (OH)	Grucci	Meek (FL)			
Brown (SC)	Gutknecht	Meeks (NY)			
Bryant	Hall (OH)	Menendez			
Burr	Hall (TX)	Mica			
Burton	Hansen	Miller, Dan			
Buyer	Harman	Miller, Gary			
Calvert	Hastings (FL)	Miller, George			
Camp	Hastings (WA)	Miller, Jeff			
Cantor	Hayes	Mink			
Capito	Hayworth	Mollohan			
Capps	Heffley	Moore			
Capuano	Hill	Moran (KS)			
Cardin	Hinojosa	Moran (VA)			
Carson (IN)	Hobson	Morella			
Castle	Hoeffel	Murtha			
Chabot	Hoekstra	Myrick			
Chambliss	Holden	Napolitano			
Clay	Holt	Neal			
Clayton	Hooley	Nethercutt			
Clyburn	Horn	Ney			
Coble	Hostettler	Northup			
Combest	Houghton	Norwood			
Condit	Hoyer	Nussle			
Costello	Hulshof	Oberstar			
Cox	Hunter	Obe			
Coyne	Hyde	Olver			
Cramer	Inslee	Ortiz			
Crane	Isakson	Osborne			
Crenshaw	Issa	Ose			
Cubin	Istook	Otter			
Culberson	Jackson (IL)	Owens			
Cummings	Jackson-Lee	Oxley			
Cunningham	(TX)	Pallone			
Davis (CA)	Jefferson	Pascrall			
Davis (FL)	John	Pastor			
Davis (IL)	Johnson (IL)	Paul			
Davis, Jo Ann	Johnson, E. B.	Pelosi			
Davis, Tom	Johnson, Sam	Pence			
Deal	Jones (NC)	Peterson (MN)			
DeFazio	Kanjorski	Peterson (PA)			
DeGette	Keller	Petri			
DeLahunt	Kelly	Pickering			
DeLay	Kennedy (MN)	Pitts			
DeMint	Kennedy (RI)	Platts			
Deutsch	Kerns	Pombo			
Diaz-Balart	Kildee	Pomeroy			
Dicks	Kind (WI)	Price (NC)			
Dingell	Kirk	Radanovich			
Doggett	Klecka	Rahall			
Doolittle	Knollenberg	Ramstad			
Doyle	Kolbe	Regula			
Dreier	Kucinich	Rehberg			
Duncan	LaFalce	Reyes			
Dunn	LaHood	Reynolds			
Edwards	Lampson	Rivers			
Ehlers	Langevin	Rodriguez			
Ehrlich	Larsen (WA)	Roemer			

NOT VOTING—76

Bachus	Gutierrez	Pryce (OH)
Baker	Hart	Putnam
Barton	Herger	Quinn
Becerra	Hilleary	Rangel
Berman	Hilliard	Riley
Blagojevich	Hinchey	Rothman
Boehlert	Honda	Roukema
Bonior	Israel	Rush
Borski	Jenkins	Ryan (KS)
Boucher	Johnson (CT)	Sanders
Brady (PA)	Jones (OH)	Sandlin
Brown (FL)	Kaput	Saxton
Callahan	King (NY)	Serrano
Cannon	Kingston	Clement
Carson (OK)	LaFalce	Kingston
Clement	Lantos	Shadegg
Collins	Larson (CT)	Lipinski
Conyers	Lewis (GA)	Shays
Cooksey	Lipinski	Matsui
Crowley	Lynch	Stenholm
DeLauro	Matsui	Taylor (NC)
Dooley	McInnis	Towns
Fattah	McKeon	McKeon
Ferguson	Millender-	Traficant
Ford	McDonald	Velazquez
Gallagly	Nadler	Vitter
Gephardt	Neal	Watkins (OK)
Gilman	Payne	Wexler

□ 1905

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

 SUPPORTING GOALS AND IDEALS
OF MENINGITIS AWARENESS
MONTH

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The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

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This is a 5-minute vote.

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