

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	Pascarell
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)	Roybal-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	Klecza	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)	Tancred
Engel	McCarthy (NY)	Tanner
Eshoo	McCollum	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	Strickland
Crane	LoBiondo	Stupak
DeFazio	McDermott	Taylor (MS)
English	McNulty	Thompson (CA)
Filner	Menendez	Thompson (MS)
Fletcher	Miller, George	Udall (CO)
Gillmor	Moran (KS)	Udall (NM)
Gutknecht	Oberstar	Visclosky
Hastings (FL)	Oliver	Waters
Hefley	Peterson (MN)	Weller
Hulshof	Pombo	Wu

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	Riley
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	Towns
Dooley	McInnis	Trafficant
Fattah	McKeon	Velazquez
Ferguson	Millender-	Vitter
Ford	McDonald	Watkins (OK)
Gallegly	Nadler	Wexler
Gephardt	Neal	Wilson (NM)
Gilman	Payne	

□ 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)
Ackerman	Engel	Latham
Aderholt	English	LaTourette
Akin	Eshoo	Leach
Allen	Etheridge	Lee
Andrews	Evans	Levin
Arney	Everett	Lewis (CA)
Baca	Farr	Lewis (GA)
Baird	Filner	Lewis (KY)
Baldacci	Flake	Linder
Baldwin	Fletcher	LoBiondo
Ballenger	Foley	Lofgren
Barcia	Forbes	Lowey
Barr	Fossella	Lucas (KY)
Barrett	Frank	Lucas (OK)
Bartlett	Frelinghuysen	Luther
Bass	Frost	Lynch
Bentsen	Ganske	Maloney (CT)
Bereuter	Gekas	Maloney (NY)
Berkley	Gephardt	Manzullo
Berry	Gibbons	Markey
Biggart	Gilchrist	Mascara
Bilirakis	Gillmor	Matheson
Bishop	Gonzalez	McCarthy (MO)
Blumenauer	Goode	McCarthy (NY)
Blunt	Goodlatte	McCollum
Boehner	Gordon	McCrery
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	Hefley	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	Obey
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	Pascarell
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
DeLaunt	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	Klecza	Rahall
Dolittle	Knollenberg	Ramstad
Doyle	Kolbe	Regula
Dreier	Kucinich	Rehberg
Duncan	LaFalce	Reyes
Dunn	LaHood	Reynolds
Edwards	Lampson	Rivers
Ehlers	Langevin	Rodriguez
Ehrlich	Larsen (WA)	Roemer

Rogers (KY)	Smith (NJ)	Tierney
Rogers (MI)	Smith (TX)	Toomey
Rohrabacher	Smith (WA)	Turner
Ros-Lehtinen	Snyder	Udall (CO)
Ross	Solis	Udall (NM)
Roybal-Allard	Souder	Upton
Royce	Spratt	Visclosky
Ryan (WI)	Stark	Walden
Sabo	Stearns	Walsh
Sanchez	Strickland	Wamp
Sawyer	Stump	Waters
Schaffer	Stupak	Watson (CA)
Schakowsky	Sullivan	Watt (NC)
Schiff	Sununu	Watts (OK)
Schrock	Sweeney	Waxman
Scott	Tancredo	Weiner
Sensenbrenner	Tanner	Weldon (FL)
Shaw	Tauscher	Weldon (PA)
Sherman	Tauzin	Weller
Sherwood	Taylor (MS)	Whitfield
Shimkus	Terry	Wicker
Shows	Thomas	Wilson (SC)
Shuster	Thompson (CA)	Wolf
Simmons	Thompson (MS)	Woolsey
Simpson	Thornberry	Wu
Skeen	Thune	Wynn
Skelton	Thurman	Young (AK)
Slaughter	Tiahrt	Young (FL)
Smith (MI)	Tiberi	

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	Ryun (KS)
Brady (PA)	Johnson (CT)	Sanders
Brown (FL)	Jones (OH)	Sandlin
Callahan	Kaptur	Saxton
Cannon	Kilpatrick	Serrano
Carson (OK)	King (NY)	Sessions
Clement	Kingston	Shadegg
Collins	Lantos	Shays
Conyers	Lipinski	Stenholm
Cooksey	Matsui	Taylor (NC)
Crowley	McInnis	Towns
DeLauro	McKeon	Trafficant
Dooley	Millender-	Velazquez
Fattah	McDonald	Vitter
Ferguson	Nadler	Watkins (OK)
Ford	Payne	Wexler
Gallegly	Phelps	Wilson (NM)
Gilman	Portman	

□ 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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 340.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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, House Concurrent Resolution 340, 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 360, nays 0, not voting 74, as follows: