

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

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to 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. McNULTY. 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 353, nays 42, answered “present” 1, not voting 38, as follows:

[Roll No. 236]

YEAS—353

Abercrombie	Crowley	Harman
Ackerman	Cubin	Hart
Akin	Culberson	Hastings (FL)
Allen	Cunningham	Hastings (WA)
Andrews	Davis (CA)	Hayes
Armey	Davis (FL)	Hayworth
Baca	Davis (IL)	Hill
Baker	Davis, Jo Ann	Hilleary
Baldacci	Davis, Tom	Hinchee
Ballenger	DeGette	Hobson
Barcia	DeLauro	Hoefel
Barrett	DeLay	Hoekstra
Bartlett	DeMint	Holden
Barton	Deutsch	Honda
Bass	Diaz-Balart	Hooley
Becerra	Dicks	Horn
Bentsen	Dingell	Hostettler
Bereuter	Doggett	Houghton
Berkley	Dooley	Hoyer
Berman	Doolittle	Hunter
Berry	Doyle	Inslee
Biggert	Dreier	Isakson
Bilirakis	Duncan	Israel
Blumenauer	Dunn	Issa
Blunt	Edwards	Istook
Boehrlert	Ehlers	Jackson (IL)
Boehner	Emerson	Jackson-Lee
Bonilla	Engel	(TX)
Bonior	Eshoo	Jefferson
Bono	Evans	Jenkins
Boozman	Everett	John
Boswell	Farr	Johnson (CT)
Boucher	Fattah	Johnson (IL)
Boyd	Ferguson	Johnson, E. B.
Brady (TX)	Flake	Johnson, Sam
Brown (FL)	Fletcher	Jones (NC)
Brown (OH)	Foley	Jones (OH)
Brown (SC)	Forbes	Kanjorski
Bryant	Ford	Keller
Burr	Frank	Kelly
Burton	Frelinghuysen	Kennedy (RI)
Buyer	Frost	Kerns
Callahan	Gallely	Kildee
Calvert	Ganske	Kilpatrick
Camp	Gekas	Kind (WI)
Cannon	Gephardt	King (NY)
Cantor	Gibbons	Kingston
Capito	Gilchrest	Kirk
Capps	Gillmor	Klecza
Cardin	Gilman	Knollenberg
Carson (IN)	Gonzalez	Kolbe
Carson (OK)	Goode	LaFalce
Castle	Goodlatte	LaHood
Chabot	Gordon	Lampson
Chambliss	Goss	Langevin
Clayton	Graham	Lantos
Clement	Granger	Larson (CT)
Clyburn	Graves	Latham
Coble	Green (TX)	LaTourette
Combust	Green (WI)	Lee
Condit	Greenwood	Levin
Cooksey	Grucchi	Lewis (CA)
Cox	Gutierrez	Lewis (KY)
Coyne	Hall (OH)	Lipinski
Cramer	Hall (TX)	Lofgren
Crenshaw	Hansen	Lowey

Lucas (KY)	Pelosi
Lucas (OK)	Pence
Luther	Peterson (PA)
Lynch	Petri
Maloney (CT)	Phelps
Maloney (NY)	Pickering
Manzullo	Pitts
Mascara	Pombo
Matheson	Pomeroy
Matsui	Price (NC)
McCarthy (MO)	Pryce (OH)
McCarthy (NY)	Quinn
McCollum	Radanovich
McCrery	Rahall
McGovern	Rangel
McInnis	Regula
McIntyre	Rehberg
McKeon	Reyes
McKinney	Reynolds
Meehan	Riley
Meeks (NY)	Rivers
Menendez	Rodriguez
Mica	Roemer
Millender-	Rogers (KY)
McDonald	Rogers (MI)
Miller, Dan	Rohrabacher
Miller, Gary	Ros-Lehtinen
Miller, George	Ross
Miller, Jeff	Rothman
Mink	Roybal-Allard
Mollohan	Royce
Moran (KS)	Rush
Moran (VA)	Ryan (WI)
Murtha	Ryun (KS)
Myrick	Sandlin
Nadler	Sawyer
Napolitano	Saxton
Nethercutt	Schakowsky
Ney	Schiff
Northup	Schrock
Nussle	Scott
Obey	Sensenbrenner
Ortiz	Sessions
Osborne	Shadegg
Ose	Shaw
Otter	Sherman
Owens	Sherwood
Oxley	Shimkus
Pallone	Shows
Pascrell	Shuster
Pastor	Simmons
Paul	Simpson
Payne	Skeen

NAYS—42

Aderholt	Holt
Baird	Kennedy (MN)
Baldwin	Kucinich
Borski	Larsen (WA)
Brady (PA)	LoBiondo
Capuano	Markay
Costello	McDermott
Crane	McNulty
DeFazio	Moore
English	Neal
Etheridge	Oberstar
Flitner	Olver
Gutknecht	Peterson (MN)
Hefley	Platts

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—1

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NOT VOTING—38

Bachus	Hilliard	Putnam
Barr	Hinojosa	Roukema
Bishop	Hulshof	Sanders
Blagojevich	Hyde	Serrano
Clay	Kaptur	Shays
Collins	Leach	Smith (NJ)
Conyers	Lewis (GA)	Stark
Cummings	Linder	Sweeney
Deal	McHugh	Towns
Delahunt	Meek (FL)	Trafficant
Ehrlich	Morella	Wynn
Fossella	Norwood	Young (AK)
Herger	Portman	

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Mr. MORAN of Kansas changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3686

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 3686.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Indiana?

There was no objection.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 387. Concurrent resolution recognizing the American Society of Civil Engineers for reaching its 150th Anniversary and for the many vital contributions of civil engineers to the quality of life of our Nation's people including the research and development projects that have led to the physical infrastructure of modern America.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill and a concurrent resolution of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2600. An act to ensure the continued financial capacity of insurers to provide coverage for risks from terrorism.

S. Con. Res. 104. Concurrent resolution recognizing the American Society of Civil Engineers on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of its founding and for the many vital contributions of civil engineers to the quality of life of the people of the United States, including the research and development projects that have led to the physical infrastructure of modern America.

The message also announced that the Senate disagrees to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 1214) An Act to amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, to establish a program to ensure greater security for United States seaports, and for other purposes, agrees to a conference requested by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CLELAND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. LOTT, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SMITH of Oregon; and for matters in section 108 of the House amendment and sections 112 and 115 of the Senate bill, Mr. GRAHAM and Mr. GRASSLEY, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 6968(a), of title 10, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the United States Naval Academy:

The Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), from the Committee on Appropriations.

The Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), designated by the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services.

The Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), from the Committee on Appropriations.

The Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES), At Large.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 4355(a), of title 10, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the United States Military Academy:

The Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE), from the Committee on Appropriations (reappointment).

The Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), from the Committee on Appropriations (reappointment).

The Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), designated by the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services.

The Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM), At Large.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 9355(a), of title 10, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the United States Air Force Academy:

The Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD), At Large.

The Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND), designated by the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services.

The Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS), from the Committee on Appropriations (reappointment).

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 15 one-minutes per side.

RECOGNIZING SISTER JEANNE O'LAUGHLIN

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, President of Barry University in Miami Shores, Florida.

During her 21-year tenure as President, Sister Jeanne has resuscitated a once-dormant campus with limited resources into a thriving, world-class institute of higher learning.

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Setting ambitious goals for the university, Sister Jeanne has been a poised and relentless leader in seeing them through to fruition. Once a struggling university with only 2,000 students, Barry now boasts a student population of 8,500. Barry's student body represents more than 70 countries and has earned the distinction of being the most diverse southern regional university.

Sister Jeanne's contributions, however, are not limited to the boundaries of Barry's campus. As a woman of faith and compassion, Sister Jeanne has dedicated herself to serving those in needs. We count children, the home-

less, and women among the many lives she has touched.

Please join me in recognizing Sister Jeanne for her selfless commitments to our community and for turning Barry University into a factory of men and women who graduate better prepared to serve their fellow man.

STOP PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES FROM ROBBING AMERICAN PEOPLE

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

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, the great country western music singer Merle Haggard has a song he sings called "Rainbow Stew." One of the lines in that song says, "One of these days, when the air clears up and the sun comes shining through, we will all be drinking that free Bubble-up and eating that rainbow stew."

Tonight, the pharmaceutical manufacturers and the insurance companies are going to have a big rainbow stew banquet for the Republicans. They are going to serve free Bubble-up. The pharmaceutical manufacturers in this country are going to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars to do this, and they are pledging millions more in another attempt to deceive the senior citizens in this country and make them think that they are going to get a prescription drug benefit.

Corporate greed in America has gone too far. It is time for this Congress to fulfill its obligation and stop the pharmaceutical companies from robbing the American people.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND PARTISANSHIP

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, Republicans have been working hard to design a plan to help America's seniors get the prescription drugs that they need. No senior should ever have to choose between putting food on the table and getting the medicine they need. American seniors need our help.

Now we have a plan that is working its way through the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Ways and Means and should be voted on soon. The Democrats have their plan, too. The Democrats plan may be too expensive and inefficient, but I think we in the majority are willing to work with them.

Unfortunately, it looks like our friends on the other side of the aisle are not willing to reciprocate. The Washington Post reported on Tuesday, and I quote, "Democratic strategists are advising candidates to tout the Democrats' plan and are encouraging them to take shots at the Republicans."

Mr. Speaker, that story was written on the same day our plan was unveiled; before even reading it, already attacking it. Looks to me like our friends on the other side of the aisle are just out for political points, not to solve problems. I hope they will prove me wrong.

AMERICANS NEED PRESCRIPTION DRUG RELIEF

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

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, this morning in The Washington Post, I read with alarm: "Drug Firms Among Big Donors at GOP Event Tonight." Thirty million dollars is going to be raised.

In lieu of trying to provide a prescription drug benefit for seniors, why can we not do the right thing today and stay as long as it is going to take to make sure that we do the right thing for our seniors?

Every weekend that I go home and speak to my seniors, most of them say, Congresswoman SOLIS, what is it going to take for the Congress to listen to the needs of senior citizens? And I tell them that right now our House is not working in the democratic mode. We are not allowing for discussion and debate so that we can provide assistance and benefits that are much needed by our senior citizens.

This is a sham that is occurring here today, and it is unfortunate that we cannot come together and work in a bipartisan manner to see that our seniors and those that are on fixed incomes receive the kind of relief that is due them.

Many people save their money for their retirement. Right now they are faced with some major hardships. I would ask that Republicans meet with us until after 5 o'clock today, before they go to their fundraiser, and let us get the work done for our seniors on prescription drug relief.

NEW BILL BRINGS HOPE TO SENIORS FACING SKYROCKETING DRUG BILLS

(Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, for years, seniors have been saying that they need help with their prescription drug bills. None of us anticipated prescription drugs would be the backbone of modern medicine, and we certainly did not anticipate that the cost would be so high.

I am proud of this new bill that has just emerged which brings a new hope to all seniors who face skyrocketing drug prices. The Medicare Modernization and Prescription Drug Act will ensure that all Medicare beneficiaries will be covered.

Not only that, but those who want to stay with their current coverage may