

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER  
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, the remainder of this series will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

NICARAGUA PROPERTY DISPUTE  
SETTLEMENT ACT OF 2003

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 868.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BALLENGER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 868, 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 414, nays 7, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No 66]  
YEAS—414

- Abercrombie
- Ackerman
- Aderholt
- Akin
- Alexander
- Allen
- Andrews
- Baca
- Bachus
- Baird
- Baker
- Baldwin
- Ballance
- Ballenger
- Barrett (SC)
- Bartlett (MD)
- Bass
- Beauprez
- Becerra
- Bell
- Bereuter
- Berkley
- Berman
- Berry
- Biggert
- Bilirakis
- Bishop (GA)
- Bishop (NY)
- Bishop (UT)
- Blackburn
- Blumenauer
- Blunt
- Boehlert
- Boehner
- Bonilla
- Bonner
- Bono
- Boozman
- Boswell
- Boucher
- Boyd
- Bradley (NH)
- Brady (PA)
- Brady (TX)
- Brown (OH)
- Brown (SC)
- Brown, Corrine
- Brown-Waite, Ginny
- Burgess
- Burns
- Burr
- Burton (IN)
- Buyer
- Calvert
- Camp
- Cannon
- Cantor
- Capito
- Capps
- Capuano
- Cardin
- Cardoza
- Carson (OK)
- Carter
- Case
- Castle
- Chabot
- Chocola
- Clay
- Clyburn
- Coble
- Cole
- Collins
- Conyers
- Cooper
- Costello
- Cox
- Cramer
- Crane
- Crenshaw
- Crowley
- Cubin
- Culberson
- Cummings
- Cunningham
- Davis (AL)
- Davis (CA)
- Davis (FL)
- Davis (IL)
- Davis (TN)
- Davis, Jo Ann
- Davis, Tom
- Deal (GA)
- DeFazio
- DeGette
- Delahunt
- DeLauro
- DeLay
- DeMint
- Deutsch
- Diaz-Balart, L.
- Diaz-Balart, M.
- Dicks
- Dingell
- Doggett
- Dooley (CA)
- Doolittle
- Dreier
- Duncan
- Dunn
- Edwards
- Ehlers
- Emanuel
- Emerson
- Engel
- English
- Eshoo
- Etheridge
- Evans
- Everett
- Farr
- Fattah
- Feeney
- Ferguson
- Filner
- Foley
- Forbes
- Ford
- Frank (MA)
- Franks (AZ)
- Frelinghuysen
- Frost
- Galleghy
- Garrett (NJ)
- Gerlach
- Gibbons
- Gilchrist
- Gingrey
- Gonzalez
- Goss
- Granger
- Graves
- Granger
- Green (TX)
- Green (WI)
- Greenwood
- Grijalva
- Gutknecht
- Hall
- Harman
- Harris
- Hart
- Hastings (FL)
- Hastings (WA)
- Hayes
- Hayworth
- Hefley
- Hensarling
- Herger
- Hill
- Hinchev
- Hinojosa
- Hobson
- Hoefel
- Hoekstra
- Holden
- Holt
- Honda
- Hooley (OR)
- Hostettler
- Houghton
- Hoyer
- Hulshof
- Hunter
- Inslee
- Isakson
- Israel
- Issa
- Istook
- Jackson (IL)
- Jackson-Lee (TX)
- Janklow
- Jefferson
- Jenkins
- John
- Johnson (CT)
- Johnson (IL)
- Johnson, E. B.
- Johnson, Sam
- Jones (NC)
- Jones (OH)
- Kanjorski
- Kaptur
- Keller
- Kelly
- Kennedy (MN)
- Kennedy (RI)
- Kildee
- Kilpatrick
- Kind
- King (IA)
- King (NY)
- Kingston
- Kirk
- Kleczkza
- Kline
- Knollenberg
- Kolbe
- Kucinich
- LaHood
- Lampson
- Langevin
- Lantos
- Larsen (WA)
- Larson (CT)
- Latham
- LaTourette
- Leach
- Lee
- Levin
- Lewis (CA)
- Lewis (GA)
- Lewis (KY)
- Linder
- Lipinski
- LoBiondo
- Loftgren
- Lowey
- Lucas (KY)
- Lucas (OK)
- Lynch
- Majette
- Maloney
- Manzullo
- Markey
- Marshall
- Matheson
- Matsui
- McCarthy (MO)
- McCarthy (NY)
- McCollum
- McCotter
- McCrary
- McDermott
- McGovern
- McHugh
- McInnis
- McIntyre
- McKeon
- McNulty
- Meehan
- Meek (FL)
- Meeks (NY)
- Menendez
- Mica
- Michaud
- Millender-T. McDonald
- Miller (MI)
- Miller (NC)
- Miller, Gary
- Miller, George
- Moore
- Flake
- Gillmor
- Goode
- Barton (TX)
- Carson (IN)
- Combest
- Doyle
- Fletcher
- Fossella
- Gephardt
- Gordon
- Gutierrez
- Hyde
- Mollohan
- Slaughter
- Udall (CO)
- Tancredo

- Moran (KS)
- Moran (VA)
- Murphy
- Murtha
- Musgrave
- Myrick
- Nadler
- Napolitano
- Neal (MA)
- Nethercutt
- Ney
- Northup
- Norwood
- Nunes
- Nussle
- Oberstar
- Obey
- Olver
- Ortiz
- Osborne
- Ose
- Otter
- Owens
- Oxley
- Pallone
- Pascrell
- Pastor
- Payne
- Pearce
- Pelosi
- Pence
- Peterson (MN)
- Peterson (PA)
- Petri
- Pickering
- Pitts
- Platts
- Pombo
- Pomeroy
- Porter
- Portman
- Price (NC)
- Pryce (OH)
- Putnam
- Quinn
- Radanovich
- Rahall
- Ramstad
- Rangel
- Regula
- Rehberg
- Renzi
- Reyes
- Reynolds
- Rodriguez
- Rogers (AL)
- Rogers (KY)
- Rogers (MI)
- Rohrabacher
- Ros-Lehtinen
- Ross
- Rothman
- Roybal-Allard
- Royce
- Ruppersberger
- Rush
- Ryan (OH)
- Ryan (WI)
- Ryun (KS)
- Sabo
- Sanchez, Linda T.
- Sanchez, Loretta
- Sanders
- Sandlin
- Saxton
- Schakowsky
- Schiff
- Schrock
- Scott (GA)
- Scott (VA)
- Sensenbrenner
- Serrano
- Sessions
- Shadegg
- Shaw
- Shays
- Sherman
- Sherwood
- Shimkus
- Shuster
- Simmons
- Simpson
- Skelton
- Smith (MI)
- Smith (NJ)
- Smith (TX)
- Smith (WA)
- Snyder
- Solis
- Souder
- Spratt
- Stark
- Stearns
- Stenholm
- Strickland
- Stupak
- Sullivan
- Sweeney
- Tanner
- Tauscher
- Tauzin
- Taylor (MS)
- Taylor (NC)
- Terry
- Thomas
- Thompson (CA)
- Thompson (MS)
- Thornberry
- Tiahrt
- Tiberi
- Tierney
- Toomey
- Towns
- Turner (OH)
- Turner (TX)
- Udall (NM)
- Upton
- Van Hollen
- Velazquez
- Visclosky
- Vitter
- Walden (OR)
- Walsh
- Wamp
- Waters
- Watson
- Watt
- Waxman
- Weiner
- Weldon (FL)
- Weldon (PA)
- Weller
- Wexler
- Whitfield
- Wicker
- Wilson (NM)
- Wilson (SC)
- Wolf
- Woolsey
- Wu
- Wynn
- Young (AK)
- Young (FL)

NAYS—7

- Goodlatte
- Miller (FL)
- Paul

NOT VOTING—13

- Barton (TX)
- Carson (IN)
- Combest
- Doyle
- Fletcher
- Fossella
- Gephardt
- Gordon
- Gutierrez
- Hyde
- Mollohan
- Slaughter
- Udall (CO)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes remaining on this vote.

□ 1828

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.

URGING PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION  
ADDRESSING HUMAN RIGHTS  
ABUSES IN NORTH KOREA AT  
59TH SESSION OF UNITED NATIONS  
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 109, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 109, as amended, 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 419, nays 1, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 67]  
YEAS—419

- Abercrombie
- Ackerman
- Aderholt
- Akin
- Alexander
- Allen
- Andrews
- Baca
- Bachus
- Baird
- Baker
- Baldwin
- Ballance
- Ballenger
- Barrett (SC)
- Bartlett (MD)
- Bass
- Beauprez
- Becerra
- Bell
- Bereuter
- Berkley
- Berman
- Berry
- Biggert
- Bilirakis
- Bishop (GA)
- Bishop (NY)
- Bishop (UT)
- Blackburn
- Blumenauer
- Blunt
- Boehlert
- Boehner
- Bonilla
- Bonner
- Bono
- Boozman
- Boswell
- Boucher
- Boyd
- Bradley (NH)
- Brady (PA)
- Brady (TX)
- Brown (OH)
- Brown (SC)
- Brown, Corrine
- Brown-Waite, Ginny
- Burgess
- Burns
- Burr
- Burton (IN)
- Buyer
- Calvert
- Cannon
- Cantor
- Capito
- Capps
- Capuano
- Cardin
- Cardoza
- Carson (OK)
- Carter
- Case
- Castle
- Chabot
- Chocola
- Clay
- Clyburn
- Coble
- Cole
- Conyers
- Cooper
- Costello
- Cox
- Cramer
- Crane
- Crenshaw
- Crowley
- Cubin
- Culberson
- Cummings
- Cunningham
- Davis (AL)
- Davis (CA)
- Davis (FL)
- Davis (IL)
- Davis (TN)
- Davis, Jo Ann
- Davis, Tom
- Deal (GA)
- DeFazio
- DeGette
- Delahunt
- DeLauro
- DeLay
- DeMint
- Deutsch
- Diaz-Balart, L.
- Diaz-Balart, M.
- Dicks
- Dingell
- Doggett
- Dooley (CA)
- Doolittle
- Dreier
- Duncan
- Dunn
- Edwards
- Ehlers
- Emanuel
- Emerson
- Emanuel
- Emerson
- Engel
- English
- Eshoo
- Ferguson
- Filner
- Flake
- Foley
- Forbes
- Ford
- Frank (MA)
- Franks (AZ)
- Frelinghuysen
- Frost
- Galleghy
- Garrett (NJ)
- Gerlach
- Gibbons
- Gilchrist
- Gillmor
- Gingrey
- Gonzalez
- Goode
- Goodlatte
- Goss
- Granger
- Graves
- Green (TX)
- Green (WI)
- Greenwood
- Grijalva
- Gutknecht
- Hall
- Harman
- Harris
- Hart
- Hastings (FL)
- Hastings (WA)
- Hayes
- Hayworth

Hefley	McDermott	Ryan (WI)
Hensarling	McGovern	Ryun (KS)
Henger	McHugh	Sabo
Hill	McInnis	Sanchez, Linda
Hinchey	McIntyre	T.
Hinojosa	McKeon	Sanchez, Loretta
Hobson	McNulty	Sanders
Hoefel	Meehan	Sandlin
Hoekstra	Meek (FL)	Saxton
Holden	Meeks (NY)	Schakowsky
Holt	Menendez	Schiff
Honda	Mica	Schrock
Hooley (OR)	Michaud	Scott (GA)
Hostettler	Millender-	Scott (VA)
Houghton	McDonald	Sensenbrenner
Hoyer	Miller (FL)	Serrano
Hulshof	Miller (MI)	Sessions
Hunter	Miller (NC)	Shadegg
Inlee	Miller, Gary	Shaw
Isakson	Miller, George	Shays
Israel	Moore	Sherman
Issa	Moran (KS)	Sherwood
Istook	Moran (VA)	Shimkus
Jackson (IL)	Murphy	Shuster
Jackson-Lee	Murtha	Simmons
(TX)	Musgrave	Simpson
Janklow	Myrick	Skelton
Jefferson	Nadler	Smith (MI)
Jenkins	Napolitano	Smith (NJ)
John	Neal (MA)	Smith (TX)
Johnson (CT)	Nethercutt	Smith (WA)
Johnson (IL)	Ney	Snyder
Johnson, E. B.	Northup	Solis
Johnson, Sam	Norwood	Souder
Jones (NC)	Nunes	Spratt
Jones (OH)	Nussle	Stark
Kanjorski	Oberstar	Stearns
Kaptur	Obey	Stenholm
Keller	Olver	Strickland
Kelly	Ortiz	Stupak
Kennedy (MN)	Osborne	Sullivan
Kennedy (RI)	Ose	Sweeney
Kildee	Otter	Tancredo
Kilpatrick	Owens	Tanner
Kind	Oxley	Tauscher
King (IA)	Pallone	Tauzin
King (NY)	Pascrell	Taylor (MS)
Kingston	Pastor	Taylor (NC)
Kirk	Payne	Terry
Klecza	Pearce	Thomas
Kline	Pelosi	Thompson (CA)
Knollenberg	Pence	Thompson (MS)
Kolbe	Peterson (MN)	Thornberry
Kucinich	Peterson (PA)	Tiahrt
LaHood	Petri	Tiberi
Lampson	Pickering	Tierney
Langevin	Pitts	Toomey
Lantos	Platts	Towns
Larsen (WA)	Pombo	Turner (OH)
Larson (CT)	Pomeroy	Turner (TX)
Latham	Porter	Udall (NM)
LaTourette	Portman	Upton
Leach	Price (NC)	Van Hollen
Lee	Pryce (OH)	Velazquez
Levin	Putnam	Visclosky
Lewis (CA)	Quinn	Vitter
Lewis (GA)	Radanovich	Walden (OR)
Lewis (KY)	Rahall	Walsh
Linder	Ramstad	Wamp
Lipinski	Rangel	Waters
LoBiondo	Regula	Watson
Lofgren	Rehberg	Watt
Lowe	Renzi	Waxman
Lucas (KY)	Reyes	Weiner
Lucas (OK)	Reynolds	Weldon (FL)
Lynch	Rodriguez	Weldon (PA)
Majette	Rogers (AL)	Weller
Maloney	Rogers (KY)	Wexler
Manzullo	Rogers (MI)	Whitfield
Markey	Rohrabacher	Wicker
Marshall	Ros-Lehtinen	Wilson (NM)
Matheson	Ross	Wilson (SC)
Matsui	Rothman	Wolf
McCarthy (MO)	Roybal-Allard	Woolsey
McCarthy (NY)	Royce	Wu
McCollum	Ruppersberger	Wynn
McCotter	Rush	Young (AK)
McCrary	Ryan (OH)	Young (FL)

NAYS—1

Paul

NOT VOTING—14

Barton (TX)	Fletcher	Hyde
Carson (IN)	Fossella	Mollohan
Collins	Gephardt	Slaughter
Combest	Gordon	Udall (CO)
Doyle	Gutierrez	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KOLBE) (during the vote). Members are reminded that there are 2 minutes remaining on this vote.

□ 1836 So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1114

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. KENNEDY) be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1114.

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

There was no objection.

MEDIA ACCOUNTABILITY

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

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, recent media interviews, both print and television, have subjected our young troops to questions which in my mind have no business being posed days before possible military action. These interviews are asking questions regarding fratricide, combat deaths, chemical or biological weapons, "personal demons," and "bloody urban fighting." As many of us in the House are veterans, we know the sacrifices that come with service, including the loss of life. Our troops and their commanders know they must focus on the task assigned and the mission objective that must be completed. I believe that focus can be hindered when certain media personalities continue to dredge up these feelings purely for national coverage. We must be mindful that reporting facts is quite different from generating an emotional story for rating purposes.

Today's media has a tremendous amount of access, much more so than they did in Desert Storm. There are 600 journalists embedded in our military operations. I ask that the media let our troops focus on the mission at hand and let them do their job and return home safely.

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mission objectives that must be completed. I believe that focus can be hindered when certain media personalities continue to dredge up these feelings purely for national coverage.

Let me state that I do not advocate censorship. I do advocate common sense. Providing media access to our troops is necessary to assist in providing accurate information for the American public and to counter false propaganda from other sources seeking to undermine our objectives.

However, we must be mindful that reporting facts is quite different from generating an emotional story for ratings purposes. Today's media has a tremendous amount of access—much more so than during Desert Storm in 1991. There are 600 journalists embedded in our military operations. With that access comes responsibility . . . responsibility to the troops, their families and the public. I ask that the media let our troops focus on the mission at hand, let them do their job and return safely home.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BONNER). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

EXTENDING STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR AUTISM VICTIMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, it used to be that one child in 10,000 was autistic. Now it is one in 200. We have had a 50-fold increase in the number of children that are autistic in this country. It is an absolute epidemic.

One of the causes, according to leading scientists around the world, is the mercury that was in children's vaccines. Mercury, can we believe that, being in a child's vaccine? It is toxic to the brain, it causes neurological disorders, and yet we have been using it as a preservative for years and years and years.

One of the things that I am very concerned about is that many of the parents who have autistic children missed the 3-year statute of limitations to file for money to help with their child's damaged brain because they did not even know their child was damaged by mercury, and the thimerosal in these vaccines until the 3-year statute of limitations had expired.

Now, there has been legislation proposed at various times, especially last year in the homeland security bill, which would have eliminated any possibility of those people going to court to get satisfaction for their child's damaged brain. Their child is ruined for life, and they cannot get into the Vaccine Injury Compensation Fund, so there is no recourse.

Mr. Speaker, there is legislation that I have sponsored this year and legislation that Senator FRIST has sponsored