

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from California (Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD).

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD. Mr. Speaker, on H.R. 841, I asked for a recorded vote. I was seeking recognition but the mike was not on.

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Mr. Speaker, I stood when the board was being cleared on the last vote which was a motion to recommit. Now I am told that I cannot ask for a recorded vote on H.R. 841, and I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). The Chair regrets the gentlewoman's disappointment. After the voice vote on passage of the bill, the Chair surveyed the Chamber and saw no Member seeking recognition to request a recorded vote. So the question stood resolved by voice vote.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I beg to differ with the Chair. I was standing at the time. My mike was not on. I kept yelling to the Chair.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair surveyed the Chamber and saw no one seeking recognition to demand a recorded vote.

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I move to appeal the ruling of the Chair.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has not made a ruling subject to appeal.

The Chair has merely explained that he saw no Member seeking recognition to request a record vote. A decision respecting discretionary recognition is not subject to appeal.

VACATING MOTION TO RECONSIDER ON H.R. 841, CONTINUITY IN REPRESENTATION ACT OF 2005

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent in the interest of civility that the vote on H.R. 841 be vacated and a rollcall be allowed.

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

Without objection, the proceedings whereby the motion to reconsider was laid on the table and by which the bill was passed are vacated.

There was no objection.

CONTINUITY IN REPRESENTATION ACT OF 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will put the question by voice vote de novo.

The question is on the passage of the bill.

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

RECORDED VOTE

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 329, noes 68, not voting 37, as follows:

	[Roll No. 52]	Smith (WA)	Thornberry	Weiner
	AYES—329	Snyder	Tiaht	Weldon (FL)
		Sodrel	Towns	Weller
Ackerman	Engel	McCarthy	Souder	Westmoreland
Aderholt	English (PA)	McCaull (TX)	Stearns	Udall (NM)
Akin	Etheridge	McCotter	Stupak	Whitfield
Alexander	Evans	McCrery	Sullivan	Wicker
Allen	Fattah	McHenry	Sweeney	Wilson (NM)
Baca	Ferguson	McHugh	Tancredo	Wilson (SC)
Bachus	Fitzpatrick (PA)	McIntyre	Tanner	Wolf
Baker	Flake	McKeon	Taylor (NC)	Wasserman
Barrett (SC)	Foley	McMorris	Thomas	Wynn
Barrow	Forbes	McNulty	Thompson (CA)	Young (FL)
Bartlett (MD)	Fortenberry	Meek (FL)	Thompson (MS)	
Barton (TX)	Fossella	Melancon		
Bass	Foxx	Michaud		
Beauprez	Frank (MA)	Miller (FL)	Abercrombie	Honda
Becerra	Franks (AZ)	Miller (MI)	Andrews	Nadler
Berkley	Frelenghuisen	Miller, Gary	Baird	Jackson (IL)
Berman	Garrett (NJ)	Miller, George	Baldwin	Jackson-Lee
Biggert	Gerlach	Moore (KS)	Bean	(TX)
Bilirakis	Gibbons	Moore (WI)	Berry	Jefferson
Bishop (GA)	Gilchrest	Moran (KS)	Clyburn	Jones (NC)
Bishop (NY)	Gillmor	Murphy	Conyers	Jones (OH)
Bishop (UT)	Gingrey	Murtha	Davis (AL)	Kennedy (RI)
Blackburn	Gohmert	Musgrave	Davis (CA)	Kucinich
Blumenauer	Goode	Myrick	Davis (IL)	Langevin
Blunt	Goodlatte	Neal (MA)	DeLauro	Larsen (WA)
Boehner	Granger	Neugebauer	Dicks	Larson (CT)
Bonilla	Green (WI)	Ney	Duncan	Sánchez, Linda T.
Bonner	Green, Al	Northup	Eshoo	Schakowsky
Bono	Green, Gene	Norwood	Farr	Scott (VA)
Boozman	Gutknecht	Nunes	Filner	McCollum (MN)
Boren	Hall	Nussle	Gonzalez	Stark
Boswell	Harman	Ortiz	Gordon	Strickland
Boucher	Hart	Osborne	Grijalva	Tauscher
Boustany	Hastert	Otter	Gutierrez	Taylor (MS)
Boyd	Hastings (WA)	Oxley	Hastings (FL)	Tierney
Bradley (NH)	Hayes	Pascrell	Hinchey	Van Hollen
Brady (PA)	Hayworth	Pastor	Holt	Watson
Brady (TX)	Heffley	Paul		Mollohan
Brown (OH)	Hensarling	Pearce		Woolsey
Brown (SC)	Herger	Pence	Boehlert	NOT VOTING—37
Brown, Corrine	Herseth	Peterson (MN)	Graves	Pombo
Burgess	Higgins	Peterson (PA)	Brown-Waite,	Ros-Lehtinen
Burton (IN)	Hinojosa	Petri	Ginny	Rothman
Butterfield	Hobson	Pickering	Carson	Scott (GA)
Buyer	Hoekstra	Pitts	Cramer	Kuhl (NY)
Calvert	Holden	Platts	Cunningham	Slaughter
Camp	Hooley	Pomeroy	LaTourette	Spratt
Cannon	Hostettler	Porter	Deal (GA)	Terry
Cantor	Hoyer	Portman	Delahunt	McDermott
Capito	Hulshof	Price (GA)	Emerson	Tiberi
Capps	Hunter	Price (NC)	Everett	Meeks (NY)
Capuano	Hyde	Pryce (OH)	Feeney	Wamp
Cardin	Inglis (SC)	Ryan (WI)	Ford	Waterson
Cardoza	Israel	Ryan (KS)	Gallolegy	Young (AK)
Carnahan	Istook	Radanovich		
Carter	Jenkins	Rahall		
Case	Jindal	Ramstad		
Castle	Johnson (CT)	Rangel		
Chabot	Johnson (IL)	Regula		
Chandler	Johnson, E. B.	Rehberg		
Chocola	Johnson, Sam	Reichert		
Clay	Kanjorski	Renzi		
Cleaver	Kaptur	Reyes		
Coble	Keller	Reynolds		
Cole (OK)	Kelly	Rogers (AL)		
Conaway	Kennedy (MN)	Rogers (KY)		
Cooper	Kildee	Rogers (MI)		
Costa	Kilpatrick (MI)	Ross		
Costello	Kind	Royal-Allard		
Cox	King (IA)	Royce		
Crenshaw	King (NY)	Ruppersberger		
Crowley	Kirk	Ryan (WI)		
Cubin	Kline	Ryun (KS)		
Cuellar	Knollenberg	Sabo		
Culberson	Kolbe	Salazar		
Cummings	LaHood	Sanchez, Loretta		
Davis (FL)	Lantos	Sanders		
Davis (KY)	Latham	Saxton		
Davis (TN)	Levin	Schiff		
Davis, Jo Ann	Lewis (CA)	Schwartz (PA)		
Davis, Tom	Lewis (GA)	Schwarz (MI)		
Defazio	Lewis (KY)	Sensenbrenner		
DeGette	Linder	Serrano		
DeLay	Lipinski	Sessions		
Dent	LoBiondo	Shadegg		
Diaz-Balart, L.	LoFGren, Zoe	Shaw		
Diaz-Balart, M.	Lowey	Shays		
Dingell	Lucas	Sherman		
Doggett	Lungren, Daniel E.	Sherwood		
Doolittle		Shimkus		
Doyle	Mack	Shuster		
Drake	Maloney	Simmons		
Dreier	Manzullo	Simpson		
Edwards	Marchant	Skelton		
Ehlers	Marshall	Smith (NJ)		
Emanuel	Matheson	Smith (TX)		

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS) (during the vote). Members are advised that there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to require States to hold special elections to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives not later than 49 days after the vacancy is announced by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in extraordinary circumstances, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. DEAL of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I inadvertently missed rollcall vote 52 on the final passage of H.R. 841, "Continuity in Representation Act." Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, I regret that my vote was not recorded even though I was present for rollcall No. 52 on H.R. 841, the Continuity in Representation Act. Had I been able to vote, I would have voted "aye" and would like the RECORD to reflect this fact.

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to vote on rollcall 52.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on this measure.

Mr. KUHL of New York. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 52, on passage of H.R. 841—The Continuity in Representation Act—I was absent due to circumstances beyond my control. Had I been present I would have voted "aye."

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, as indicated by the RECORD, I was present voting this afternoon for all recorded votes except for H.R. 841, the Continuity in Representation Act. Unfortunately my card did not register when I cast my vote for that bill. If it had, it would have read that I voted in favor of H.R. 841.

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote 52, for H.R. 841, I was not recorded to vote. Had I been recorded, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, today I missed four recorded votes. If I had been present for rollcall vote 49, I would have voted "no." If I had been present for rollcall vote 50, I would have voted "no." If I had been present for rollcall vote 51, I would have voted "no." If I had been present for rollcall vote 52, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. WAMP. Mr. speaker, due to a family commitment in Tennessee, I was not present for two votes today, Thursday, March 3, 2005. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on the Motion to Recommit H.R. 841—Continuity of Representation Act and "aye" on final passage of H.R. 841.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 25

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. DAVIS) be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 25.

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

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY COMMITTEE ON RULES REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 3, THE TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT: A LEGACY FOR USERS

(Mr. DREIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules may meet the week of March 7 to grant a rule which could limit the amendment process for floor consideration of H.R. 3, the Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users. The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure ordered the bill reported on March 2 and is expected to file its report with the House on Monday, March 7.

Any Member wishing to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies of the amendment and one copy of a brief explanation of the amendment to the

Committee on Rules up at H-312 of the Capitol by 1 p.m. next Tuesday, March 8. Members should draft their amendments to the text of the bill as reported by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure which will be available for their review March 4 on the Web sites of both the Committee on Rules and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are drafted in the most appropriate format. Members are also advised to check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain that their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr Speaker, for the purpose of informing us of the schedule of the week to come, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY), the majority leader.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, the House will convene on Tuesday at 2 p.m. for legislative business. We will consider several measures under suspension of the rules. A final list of these bills will be sent to Members' offices by the end of the week. Any votes called on these measures will be rolled until 6:30 p.m.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the House will convene at 10 a.m. We will likely consider additional legislation under suspension of the rules, as well as the Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users.

And, finally, I would like to note for all the Members that we are making a change to the schedule that was sent to offices at the beginning of the year. We do not plan to have votes next Friday, March 11.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for that information. Let me say that I am pleased, and I know our side is and I am sure the gentleman's side is as well and I know the Governors and county officials throughout the country are pleased, to see that the transportation bill is on the floor. This was a bill, as the majority leader knows, that expired, I think, September 30, 2003, and we have done extensions since that time.

It is scheduled for 2 days on the calendar, as I understand, and we just heard the announcement of the Committee on Rules chairman that there may be limitations to amendments in the bill. In light of the fact that I know there are still some substantial questions, this bill was reported out on voice vote unanimously but with one of the most contentious issues, as I understand it, left unresolved in terms of donor/donee States.

Can the majority leader amplify, perhaps, on what the Committee on Rules chairman said in terms of whether we

will have general debate on one day and amendments on the next, or does he think he will start considering amendments on the first day of consideration.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOYER. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman's yielding to me. The gentleman is correct in that we really want this bill to move as quickly as possible, get it through the other body, because contract letting is seasonal, particularly in the northern States and that contract letting needs to be done. So we are working as hard as we can to get this bill done.

Since this bill is very similar to the reauthorization that was passed in the last Congress, I would expect that the Committee on Rules would develop a rule that was very similar to that one that was used when we considered this bill last Congress which, if I recall, there were 23 amendments allowed under the rule, a manager's amendment. So we have to see what the Committee on Rules is going to do and see how we can divide the work between Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his response. And I think the gentleman is correct. There were a substantial number of amendments. I would hope that those Members on either side of the aisle who have substantive amendments to offer, in light of the fact that we have been waiting on this bill for some time, would have ample opportunity on either side of the aisle, and I appreciate the leader's focus on that.

Mr. Speaker, lastly, if I can, can the majority leader tell us what his thoughts are in terms of scheduling, we have 2 weeks left before the Easter work period, with reference to either the supplemental appropriation and/or the budget?

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman's yielding to me.

It is our anticipation, or I have been notified by the respective committees, that we will be considering the supplemental from the President and the budget that both committees expect to hold markups on those two bills next week, which would prepare us and give us plenty of time to have both of those bills on the floor the week prior to the Easter recess.

Mr. HOYER. So, Mr. Speaker, it would be his expectation that we would consider both those bills before the break?

Mr. DELAY. The gentleman is correct.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the majority leader for his answers.