

I think that the vice chairman of the Rules Committee Mr. DIAZ-BALART put it very well when he said that anyone who casts a vote against this rule is saying no to the issue of reform. No, I don't want to proceed with bringing about the kinds of institutional changes that will play a role in enhancing the level of integrity to which the American people can hold this great deliberative body.

We hear everyone talking about reform. Voices for reform are out there, and they are very prevalent in the media, here on the House floor, day after day after day. But in just a few minutes we are going to have the opportunity to transform those voices for reform into votes for reform. This is our opportunity.

Mr. Speaker, with that I urge an "aye" vote on this rule so that we can move ahead with this very, very important reform effort.

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to join my colleagues in making a point that seems to be lost on the leadership of this House: this is not simply a "lobbyist problem" we are facing. Ensuring that lawmakers comply with existing ethics rules and enhancing lobbyist disclosure requirements are important goals . . . and even on this measure, . . . the so-called "Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act" falls embarrassingly short.

What started as a limited but seemingly earnest attempt at reform has been progressively hollowed out over the past several weeks in—you guessed it—closed-door meetings with lobbyists. The result is not surprising. Reporting requirements for lobbyist-hosted fundraisers? Gone. No more bargain rates on corporate jets? Gone. A study to examine lobbyist employment contracts? Gone.

But again, this is not simply a lobbyist problem. House Democrats have tried in earnest to offer a plan for reform that takes a hard look in the mirror and examines what Congress must do to clean up its own house.

My colleagues DAVE OBEY, BARNEY FRANK, TOM ALLEN and I have introduced a fourteen-point plan that would address not only individual abuses, but also the abuses of the legislative process. Our proposal would end the practice of keeping votes held open long enough to twist recalcitrant arms into compliance. It would prevent legislation from being slipped into conference reports without conference approval. It would require House-Senate conferences to actually meet and vote. And it would give Members of Congress at least a full day to examine the contents of any legislation we are voting on.

We have testified before the Rules Committee in favor of this comprehensive approach. During Rules Committee markup of this bill and again during the hearing on the rule last night, numerous amendments were offered and defeated—mostly on party-line votes—that would have implemented these reforms. The Democratic Substitute, which was also denied a fair hearing last night, recognized the need to take a comprehensive approach to lobbying and ethics reform. At each step in the process, our attempts at genuine, bipartisan reform were turned away.

So what did we get instead? It's no surprise: a bill that could serve as a case study in everything that is broken in our legislative proc-

ess—of everything we should be "reforming." We get a so-called "Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act" that offers neither accountability nor real transparency. We get a minority party—and many Members of the majority—completely shut out of the process once again, their amendments denied, their advice and concerns unheeded. We get a restrictive rule that makes in order just nine out of the 74 amendments offered—and only one sponsored by a Democrat without a Republican cosponsor—and allows for only one hour of debate on what should be one of the most significant bills we consider all year.

This leadership had a real chance to enact real reform, not for the sake of an aggrieved minority . . . not for the sake of election-year politics . . . but for the sake of our institution, for its integrity and its capacity to govern. Instead, they seem to think they can convince the American people that they're cleaning up our House, when all they're doing is sweeping our problems under the rug.

Well Mr. Speaker, the American people will not be so easily fooled. And I assure you that those of us in this body who want real, comprehensive reform will not rest until we have successfully enacted such a measure. But this is not such a measure. I urge my colleagues to oppose this legislation.

Mr. HULSHOF. Mr. Speaker, it is with regret that I rise today in opposition to the rule before us.

The ethics process in this body is broken. In all candor, there is plenty of blame to go around as to why we find ourselves in this situation. We undermine the public's faith in this great institution when we let petty politics erode the very processes meant to preserve the public's trust in Congress.

I have met with the Majority Leader on this issue, and I sincerely believe that he has a genuine desire to have an effective, functioning Ethics process in the House. I thank him for his willingness to listen, and I hope we can perhaps address this issue in the future.

Having previously served on the Ethics Committee, I firmly believe that the ethics process can work. For the sake of this institution—it must work. And as we begin consideration of the Leadership's ethics and lobby reform package, I will say there are some provisions in the base bill before us that should ultimately be adopted—earmark reform, denying Congressional pensions to convicted felons, enhanced disclosure and improved ethics education are common-sense proposals that I would hope that we can all support.

That being said, I cannot support this rule. Ethics reform is incomplete absent changes to improve the enforcement of House rules. My colleague JOEL HEFLEY and I have put forward legislation to strengthen the ability of the Ethics Committee to dispense with ethics matters by expediting the review of these issues and insulating committee members and non-partisan staff from the political pressures that can pollute the ethics process. We do this by giving the Chair and Ranking Member on the committee subpoena power earlier in the investigative process and prohibiting the arbitrary dismissal of Members and technical staff. We also require ethics education for Members and staff, and we dramatically improve disclosure associated with gifts and travel. All of these common-sense reforms would greatly improve the ethics process in the House.

We sought to offer our legislation as an amendment to the bill we are to consider

today. This proposal was not made in order under the rule. Thus, we are faced with the prospect of passing an incomplete ethics reform package that lacks enhanced enforcement.

I think this is a mistake, and for this reason, I must reluctantly oppose this rule.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HAYES). The question is on the resolution.

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

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. 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, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Ms. Wanda Evans, one of his secretaries.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on two questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Motion to instruct on H.R. 4297;

Adoption of House Resolution 783.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. The second will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

#### MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 4297, TAX RELIEF EXTENSION RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KUHLMAN of New York). The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to instruct on H.R. 4297 offered by the gentleman from Washington (Mr. McDERMOTT) on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk will redesignate the motion.

The Clerk redesignated the motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 190, nays 232, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 109]

YEAS—190

Abercrombie	Berkley	Brady (PA)
Ackerman	Berman	Brown (OH)
Allen	Berry	Brown, Corrine
Andrews	Bishop (GA)	Butterfield
Baca	Bishop (NY)	Capps
Baird	Boswell	Capuano
Baldwin	Boucher	Cardin
Becerra	Boyd	Cardoza

Carnahan	Jones (OH)	Rangel	Kingston	Northup	Sensenbrenner	Biggert	Granger	Osborne
Carson	Kanjorski	Reyes	Kirk	Norwood	Sessions	Bilirakis	Graves	Otter
Case	Kaptur	Ross	Kline	Nunes	Shadegg	Bishop (UT)	Gutknecht	Oxley
Chandler	Kennedy (RI)	Rothman	Knollenberg	Nussle	Shaw	Blackburn	Hall	Pearce
Clay	Kildee	Royal-Allard	Kolbe	Osborne	Shays	Blunt	Harris	Pence
Cleaver	Kilpatrick (MI)	Ruppersberger	Kuhl (NY)	Otter	Sherwood	Boehlert	Hart	Peterson (PA)
Clyburn	Kind	Rush	LaHood	Oxley	Shimkus	Boehner	Hastert	Petri
Conyers	Kucinich	Ryan (OH)	Latham	Pearce	Shuster	Bonilla	Hastings (WA)	Pickering
Cooper	Langevin	Sabo	LaTourette	Pence	Simmons	Bonner	Hayes	Pitts
Costa	Lantos	Salazar	Lewis (CA)	Peterson (MN)	Simpson	Bono	Hayworth	Poe
Costello	Larsen (WA)	Sánchez, Linda	Lewis (KY)	Peterson (PA)	Smith (NJ)	Boozman	Hensarling	Pombo
Crowley	Larson (CT)	T.	Linder	Petri	Smith (TX)	Boustany	Herger	Porter
Cummings	Leach	Sanchez, Loretta	LoBiondo	Pickering	Sodrel	Brady (TX)	Hobson	Price (GA)
Davis (AL)	Lee	Sanders	Lucas	Pitts	Souder	Brown (SC)	Hoekstra	Price (OH)
Davis (CA)	Levin	Schakowsky	Lungren, Daniel	Platts	Stearns	Brown-Waite,	Hostettler	Putnam
Davis (FL)	Lewis (GA)	Schiff	E.	Poe	Sullivan	Ginny	Hunter	Radanovich
Davis (IL)	Lipinski	Schwartz (PA)	Mack	Pombo	Sweeney	Burgess	Hyde	Regula
DeFazio	Lofgren, Zoe	Scott (GA)	Manzullo	Porter	Tancred	Burton (IN)	Inglis (SC)	Rehberg
DeGette	Lowey	Scott (VA)	Marchant	Price (GA)	Taylor (NC)	Buyer	Issa	Reichert
Delahunt	Lynch	Serrano	Marshall	Pryce (OH)	Terry	Calvert	Istook	Renzi
DeLauro	Maloney	Sherman	McCaul (TX)	Putnam	Thomas	Camp (MI)	Jenkins	Reynolds
Dicks	Markey	McCotter	McCotter	Radanovich	Thornberry	Campbell (CA)	Jindal	Rogers (AL)
Dingell	Matheson	McCrery	McCrery	Ramstad	Tiahrt	Cannon	Johnson (CT)	Rogers (KY)
Doggett	Matsui	Slaughter	McHenry	Regula	Tiberi	Cantor	Johnson (IL)	Rogers (MI)
Doyle	McCarthy	Smith (WA)	McHugh	Rehberg	Turner	Capito	Johnson, Sam	Rohrabacher
Edwards	McCollum (MN)	Snyder	McKeon	Reichert	Walden (OR)	Carter	Keller	Royce
Emanuel	McDermott	Solis	McMorris	Renzi	Walsh	Castle	Kelly	Ryan (WI)
Engel	McGovern	Spratt	Melancon	Reynolds	Wamp	Chocola	Kennedy (MN)	Ryun (KS)
Eshoo	McIntyre	Stark	Mica	Rogers (AL)	Weldon (FL)	Coble	King (IA)	Saxton
Etheridge	McKinney	Strickland	Miller (FL)	Rogers (KY)	Weldon (PA)	Cole (OK)	King (NY)	Schmidt
Filner	McNulty	Stupak	Miller (MI)	Rogers (MI)	Weller	Conaway	Kingston	Schwarz (MI)
Ford	Meehan	Tanner	Miller, Gary	Rohrabacher	Westmoreland	Crenshaw	Kirk	Sessions
Frank (MA)	Meek (FL)	Tauscher	Moran (KS)	Royce	Whitfield	Cubin	Kline	Shadegg
Gonzalez	Meeks (NY)	Taylor (MS)	Murphy	Ryan (WI)	Wicker	Culberson	Knollenberg	Shaw
Gordon	Michaud	Thompson (CA)	Musgrave	Ryun (KS)	Wilson (SC)	Davis (KY)	Kuhl (NY)	Sherwood
Green, Al	Miller (NC)	Thompson (MS)	Saxton	Saxton	Wolf	Davis, Jo Ann	LaHood	Shimkus
Green, Gene	Miller, George	Tierney	Schmidt	Schmidt	Young (AK)	Davis, Tom	Latham	Shuster
Grijalva	Mollohan	Towns	Ney	Schwarz (MI)	Young (FL)	Deal (GA)	LaTourette	Simmons
Gutierrez	Grijalva	Udall (CO)				DeLay	Leach	Simpson
Harman	Moore (KS)	Udall (NM)				Dent	Lewis (CA)	Smith (NJ)
Hersteth	Moore (WI)	Upton				Diaz-Balart, L.	Lewis (KY)	Smith (TX)
Higgins	Moran (VA)	Van Hollen				Diaz-Balart, M.	Linder	Sodrel
Hinche	Murtha	Velázquez				Doolittle	LoBiondo	Souder
Hinojosa	Nadler	Visclosky				Drake	Lucas	Stearns
Holden	Napolitano	Wasserman				Dreier	Lungren, Daniel	Sullivan
Holt	Neal (MA)	Schultz				Duncan	E.	Sweeney
Honda	Oberstar	Waters				Ehlers	Mack	Tancred
Hooley	Obey	Watson				Emerson	Manzullo	Taylor (NC)
Hoyer	Oliver	Watt				English (PA)	Marchant	Terry
Inslee	Owens	Waxman				Everett	McCaul (TX)	Thomas
Israel	Pallone	Wexler				Feeney	McCotter	Thornberry
Jackson (IL)	Pascarell	Weiner				Ferguson	McCrery	Tiahrt
Jackson-Lee	Pastor	Wexler				Fitzpatrick (PA)	McHenry	Tiberi
(TX)	Payne	Wilson (NM)				Flake	McHugh	Turner
Johnson, E. B.	Pelosi	Woolsey				Foley	McKeon	Upton
Jones (NC)	Pomeroy	Wu				Forbes	McMorris	Walden (OR)
	Price (NC)	Wynn				Fortenberry	Mica	Walsh
	Rahall					Fossella	Miller (FL)	Wamp
						Fox	Miller (MI)	Weldon (FL)
						Franks (AZ)	Miller, Gary	Weldon (PA)
						Frelinghuysen	Moran (KS)	Weller
						Gallegly	Murphy	Westmoreland
						Garrett (NJ)	Musgrave	Whitfield
						Gerlach	Myrick	Wicker
						Gibbons	Neugebauer	Wilson (NM)
						Gillmor	Ney	Wilson (SC)
						Gingrey	Northup	Wolf
						Gohmert	Norwood	Young (AK)
						Goode	Nunes	Young (FL)
						Goodlatte	Nussle	

## NOT VOTING—10

Hastings (FL) Ortiz  
Jefferson Paul  
Millender- Ros-Lehtinen  
McDonald

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Messrs. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, ROGERS of Alabama, OXLEY, INGLIS of South Carolina, LINDER, Ms. HART, Messrs. SIMMONS, CANNON, SOUDER, LAHOOD, and FOLEY changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Messrs. SPRATT, GUTIERREZ, and SERRANO changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the motion to instruct was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

# PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4975, LOBBYING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2006

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KUHLMAN of New York). The pending business is the vote on adoption of House Resolution 783 on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 216, nays 207, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 110]

YEAS—216

Adersholt  
Akin  
Alexander  
Bachus  
Baker  
Barrett (SC)  
Barrow  
Bartlett (MD)  
Barton (TX)  
Bass  
Bean  
Beauprez  
Biggert  
Bilirakis  
Bishop (UT)  
Blackburn  
Blunt  
Boehlert  
Boehner  
Bonilla  
Bonner  
Bono  
Boozman  
Boren  
Boustany  
Bradley (NH)  
Brady (TX)  
Brown (SC)  
Brown-Waite,  
Ginny  
Burgess  
Burton (IN)  
Buyer  
Calvert  
Camp (MI)  
Campbell (CA)  
Cannon  
Cantor  
Capito  
Carter

## NAYS—232

Castle  
Chabot  
Chocola  
Coble  
Cole (OK)  
Conaway  
Cramer  
Crenshaw  
Cubin  
Cuellar  
Culberson  
Davis (KY)  
Davis (TN)  
Davis, Jo Ann  
Davis, Tom  
Deal (GA)  
DeLay  
Dent  
Diaz-Balart, L.  
Diaz-Balart, M.  
Doolittle  
Drake  
Dreier  
Duncan  
Ehlers  
Emerson  
English (PA)  
Everett  
Feeney  
Ferguson  
Fitzpatrick (PA)  
Flake  
Foley  
Forbes  
Fortenberry  
Fossella  
Foxy  
Franks (AZ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Gallegly

Garrett (NJ)  
Gerlach  
Gibbons  
Gillmor  
Gingrey  
Gohmert  
Goode  
Goodlatte  
Granger  
Graves  
Green (WI)  
Gutknecht  
Hall  
Harris  
Hart  
Hastings (WA)  
Hayes  
Hayworth  
Hefley  
Hensarling  
Herger  
Hobson  
Hoekstra  
Hostettler  
Hulshof  
Hunter  
Hyde  
Inglis (SC)  
Issa  
Istook  
Jenkins  
Jindal  
Johnson (CT)  
Johnson (IL)  
Johnson, Sam  
Keller  
Kelly  
Kennedy (MN)  
King (IA)  
King (NY)

Aderholt  
Akin  
Alexander  
Bachus  
Baker  
Barrett (SC)  
Bartlett (MD)  
Barton (TX)  
Beauprez

## NAYS—207

Abercrombie  
Ackerman  
Allen  
Andrews  
Baca  
Baird  
Baldwin  
Barrow  
Bass  
Bean  
Becerra  
Berkley  
Berman  
Berry  
Bishop (GA)  
Bishop (NY)  
Boren  
Boswell  
Boucher  
Boyd  
Bradley (NH)  
Brady (PA)  
Brown (OH)  
Brown, Corrine  
Butterfield  
Capps  
Capuano

Cardin  
Cardoza  
Carnahan  
Carson  
Case  
Chabot  
Chandler  
Clay  
Cleaver  
Clyburn  
Conyers  
Cooper  
Costa  
Costello  
Cramer  
Crowley  
Cuellar  
Cummings  
Davis (AL)  
Davis (CA)  
Davis (FL)  
Davis (IL)  
Davis (TN)  
DeFazio  
DeGette  
Delahunt  
DeLauro

Dicks  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Doyle  
Edwards  
Emanuel  
Engel  
Eshoo  
Etheridge  
Farr  
Filner  
Ford  
Frank (MA)  
Gonzalez  
Gordon  
Green (WI)  
Green, Al  
Green, Gene  
Grijalva  
Gutierrez  
Harman  
Hefley  
Hersteth  
Higgins  
Hinche  
Hinojosa  
Holden