

Over 80 percent of the American people believe that raising the minimum wage from the 1997 wage level of \$5.15 to, today, of \$7.25 an hour is, in fact, the right thing to do, the fair thing to do, and the moral thing to do. The only thing that prevents that from happening is the Republican leadership in the House of Representatives.

Even the Senate allowed a vote to take place, but only in the Senate can you pass something by a majority vote. It got 52 votes, a bipartisan vote, and it still does not pass because they say you have got to get 60 votes. But in the House you cannot even get that vote. You cannot even get that vote.

We had a vote in the Appropriations Committee on a bipartisan basis. The members of that committee voted to increase the minimum wage. Under the leadership of Mr. HOYER and Mr. OBEY, they voted to increase the minimum wage. Since that has happened, that bill has been prevented from coming to the floor of the House of Representatives where we could vote, up or down, on increasing the minimum wage. So, apparently, this time and place that the Republicans say they are prepared to go is a mystery to everyone.

Maybe we could have a national contest like they are doing for the Johnny Depp's pirates movie. We could bury the time and the place somewhere in the United States, and we could let people decide and play a game and try to figure out where it is. Where is that time and place? Is it in the gentleman's district in California? Is it in my district?

We all know where that time and place is. The time is now and the place is the House of Representatives on the floor of the Congress of the United States. That is where we are supposed to be doing the people's business.

There is nothing else in this country that is at 1997 levels, not gasoline, not bread, not milk. Do you know what else is not at 1997 levels, where the Congress found the time and the place?

Do you want to know what else is not at 1997 levels? Congressional pay. Because we found six times and six places to give ourselves the cost-of-living increase while we insisted that the lowest paid people in this country could not have more than \$5.15 an hour, the same wage they were making in 1997. Apparently, it wasn't good enough for Congress, so we increased our COLA.

I agree with that increase, but think about the message and the morality that you are reflecting when you cannot reach back, after we receive these COLAs, and say to these people who are struggling to support their families, Here, let us give you a hand, let us help you; you have made that decision to participate in the American economic system by going to work every day. But somehow this Congress just does not value their work.

We give tax breaks to CEOs. A guy at Exxon walks out after several years with \$400 million in guaranteed pension benefits, \$400 million. He made more

money brushing his teeth than people make on the minimum wage all year long.

What is the justice of this? What is the equity of this? What is the fairness of this? It cannot be what America is about, about the intentional decision by the Republican leadership that 6 million American people will simply be poor, and they will be relegated to the class of poverty and they will be there by edict of the Federal law. The Federal law will keep them in poverty.

We ought to also tell the taxpayers that when you make that decision, you are also making the taxpayers of this country part of their employment because when they work at those poverty wages, the taxpayers pay for the school lunches and they pay for the housing and they pay for the healthcare and they pay for the utility bills when it is cold and when it is hot. We end up subsidizing those employers who insist that they cannot make a profit unless they pay 1997 wages.

Let me tell you something about those employers. They are not long for this world because there is something very wrong with their business plan that they can only succeed if they pay 1997 wages. Think about that. Think about what you are embracing. You are embracing an economic model that says that success is dependent upon being able to pay forever 1997 wages to my employees. Have we lost our minds here? Do we understand the injustice of this?

Again, these are people working 40 hours a week every day. They drive mostly old cars that consume more gas that costs them more to commute to that job. They still do it.

America has already said it. It is just the Congress, just the Republican leadership. America says, give these people a raise. They know that struggle. They know that struggle. They know it themselves. Middle-class people know what it means to drive up to a station today and say, Fill it up. Most people do not say, Fill it up. They say, How much do I need to get to Friday? That is what they say to themselves.

Well, think about what poor people are thinking.

We value work. We changed the welfare laws to encourage people to go to work. Should we not encourage them to get out of poverty? Should we not help them to get out of poverty instead of sticking them at 1997 levels?

This is fundamental. This vote is fundamental. This debate is fundamental. And the time and the place to have it is now in the halls of the Congress of the United States. We cannot continue to have a Republican leadership that says, this is not right, that is not right, this is not the bill, this is not the subject matter.

Just bring us a bill. Let us vote up or down. You have the majority. You control it. Either you believe in the dignity of these people, in the dignity of their children, in the dignity of their work, or you don't, because you cannot

have that and then insist upon these wages.

I ask for an "aye" vote on the motion to instruct.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOOZMAN). Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to instruct.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER).

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

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. 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.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Ordering the previous question on H. Res. 906, by the yeas and nays; adopting H. Res. 906, if ordered; instructing conferees on S. 250, by the yeas and nays.

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

#### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2990, CREDIT RATING AGENCY DUOPOLY RELIEF ACT OF 2006

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the vote on ordering the previous question on House Resolution 906, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 223, nays 197, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 364]

YEAS—223

Aderholt	Boehlert	Camp (MI)
Akin	Boehner	Campbell (CA)
Alexander	Bonilla	Cannon
Bachus	Bonner	Cantor
Baker	Bono	Capito
Barrett (SC)	Boozman	Carter
Bartlett (MD)	Boustany	Castle
Barton (TX)	Bradley (NH)	Chabot
Bass	Brady (TX)	Chocola
Beauprez	Brown (SC)	Coble
Biggart	Brown-Waite,	Cole (OK)
Billray	Ginny	Conaway
Bilirakis	Burgess	Crenshaw
Bishop (UT)	Burton (IN)	Cubin
Blackburn	Buyer	Culberson
Blunt	Calvert	Davis (KY)

Davis, Tom	Johnson (IL)	Pombo	McCollum (MN)	Pastor	Smith (WA)	Deal (GA)	Kelly	Price (GA)
Deal (GA)	Johnson, Sam	Porter	McDermott	Pelosi	Snyder	DeLauro	Kennedy (MN)	Pryce (OH)
Dent	Jones (NC)	Price (GA)	McGovern	Peterson (MN)	Solis	Dent	King (NY)	Putnam
Diaz-Balart, L.	Keller	Pryce (OH)	McIntyre	Pomeroy	Spratt	Diaz-Balart, L.	Kingston	Radanovich
Diaz-Balart, M.	Kelly	Putnam	McKinney	Price (NC)	Stark	Diaz-Balart, M.	Kirk	Ramstad
Doolittle	Kennedy (MN)	Radanovich	Meehan	Rahall	Strickland	Dicks	Kline	Regula
Drake	King (IA)	Ramstad	Meek (FL)	Rangel	Stupak	Doolittle	Knollenberg	Rehberg
Dreier	King (NY)	Regula	Meeks (NY)	Reyes	Tanner	Drake	Kolbe	Reichert
Duncan	Kingston	Rehberg	Melancon	Ross	Tauscher	Dreier	Kuhl (NY)	Renzi
Ehlers	Kirk	Reichert	Michaud	Rothman	Duncan	Ehlers	LaHood	Reynolds
Emerson	Kline	Renzi	Millender-	Roybal-Allard	Thompson (CA)	Emanuel	Lantos	Rogers (AL)
English (PA)	Knollenberg	Reynolds	McDonald	Ruppersberger	Thompson (MS)	Emmanuel	Larson (CT)	Rogers (KY)
Everett	Kolbe	Rogers (AL)	Miller (NC)	Rush	Tierney	Emerson	Latham	Rogers (MI)
Feeney	Kuhl (NY)	Rogers (KY)	Miller, George	Ryan (OH)	Towns	Engel	LaTourette	Rohrabacher
Ferguson	LaHood	Rogers (MI)	Mollohan	Sabo	Udall (CO)	English (PA)	Leach	Ross
Fitzpatrick (PA)	Latham	Rohrabacher	Moore (KS)	Salazar	Udall (NM)	Eshoo	Levin	Roybal-Allard
Flake	LaTourette	Royce	Moore (WI)	Salazar, Linda	Van Hollen	Everett	Lewis (CA)	Royce
Foley	Leach	Ryan (WI)	Moran (VA)	T.	Velázquez	Feeney	Lewis (KY)	Ruppersberger
Forbes	Lewis (CA)	Ryun (KS)	Murtha	Sanchez, Loretta	Visclosky	Ferguson	Linder	Ryan (WI)
Fortenberry	Lewis (KY)	Saxton	Nadler	Sanders	Wasserman	Fitzpatrick (PA)	LoBiondo	Ryun (KS)
Fossella	Linder	Schmidt	Napolitano	Schakowsky	Schultz	Flake	Lowe	Salazar
Fox	LoBiondo	Schwarz (MI)	Neal (MA)	Schiff	Waters	Foley	Lucas	Sanchez, Linda
Franks (AZ)	Lucas	Sensenbrenner	Oberstar	Schwartz (PA)	Watt	Forbes	Lungren, Daniel	T.
Frelinghuysen	Lungren, Daniel	Shadegg	Obey	Scott (GA)	Waxman	Fortenberry	E.	Sanchez, Loretta
Gallegly	E.	Shaw	Oliver	Scott (VA)	Weiner	Fossella	Lynch	Saxton
Garrett (NJ)	Mack	Sherwood	Ortiz	Serrano	Wexler	Fox	Mack	Schiff
Gerlach	Manzullo	Shimkus	Owens	Shays	Woolsey	Franks (AZ)	Maloney	Schmidt
Gibbons	Marchant	Shuster	Pallone	Sherman	Wu	Frelinghuysen	Manzullo	Schwartz (PA)
Gilchrest	McCaul (TX)	Simmons	Pascrell	Skelton	Wynn	Gallegly	Marchant	Schwartz (MI)
Gillmor	McCotter	Simpson				Garrett (NJ)	Marshall	Sensenbrenner
Gingrey	McCrery	Smith (NJ)				Gerlach	Matheson	Shaw
Gohmert	McHenry	Smith (TX)				Gibbons	Matsui	Shays
Goode	McHugh	Sodrel				Gilchrest	McCarthy	Sherman
Goodlatte	McKeon	Souder				Gillmor	McCaul (TX)	Sherwood
Granger	McMorris	Stearns				Gingrey	McCotter	Shimkus
Graves	Mica	Sullivan				Gohmert	McCrery	Shuster
Green (WI)	Miller (FL)	Sweeney				Gonzalez	McGovern	Simmons
Gutknecht	Miller (MI)	Tancredo				Goode	McHenry	Simpson
Hall	Miller, Gary	Taylor (NC)				Goodlatte	McHugh	Skelton
Harris	Moran (KS)	Terry				Gordon	McIntyre	Smith (NJ)
Hart	Murphy	Thomas				Granger	McKeon	Smith (TX)
Hastings (WA)	Musgrave	Thornberry				Graves	McMorris	Smith (WA)
Hayes	Myrick	Tiberi				Green (WI)	Mica	Snyder
Hayworth	Neugebauer	Turner				Gutknecht	Millender-	Sodrel
Hefley	Ney	Upton				Hall	McDonald	Souder
Hensarling	Norwood	Walden (OR)				Harman	Miller (FL)	Spratt
Herger	Nunes	Walsh				Harris	Miller (MI)	Sullivan
Hobson	Nussle	Wamp				Hart	Miller, Gary	Sweeney
Hoekstra	Osborne	Weldon (FL)				Hastings (WA)	Mollohan	Tancredo
Hostettler	Otter	Weldon (PA)				Hayes	Moore (KS)	Tanner
Hulshof	Oxley	Weller				Hayworth	Moran (KS)	Tauscher
Hunter	Paul	Westmoreland				Hefley	Murphy	Taylor (NC)
Hyde	Pearce	Whitfield				Hensarling	Murtha	Terry
Inglis (SC)	Pence	Wicker				Herger	Musgrave	Thomas
Issa	Peterson (PA)	Wilson (NM)				Higgins	Myrick	Thornberry
Istook	Petri	Wilson (SC)				Hobson	Napolitano	Tiberi
Jenkins	Pickering	Wolf				Hoekstra	Neal (MA)	Turner
Jindal	Pitts	Young (AK)				Holden	Neugebauer	Udall (NM)
Johnson (CT)	Platts	Young (FL)				Holt	Ney	Upton
						Honda	Norwood	Van Hollen
						Hooley	Nunes	Walden (OR)
						Hostettler	Nussle	Walsh
						Hulshof	Obey	Wamp
						Hunter	Osborne	Wasserman
						Hyde	Otter	Schultz
						Inglis (SC)	Oxley	Weldon (FL)
						Inslie	Paul	Weldon (PA)
						Issa	Pearce	Weller
						Istook	Pelosi	Westmoreland
						Jackson-Lee	Pence	Wexler
						(TX)	Peterson (MN)	Whitfield
						Jenkins	Peterson (PA)	Wicker
						Jindal	Petri	Wilson (NM)
						Johnson (CT)	Pickering	Wilson (SC)
						Johnson (IL)	Pitts	Wolf
						Johnson, E. B.	Platts	Wynn
						Johnson, Sam	Poe	Young (AK)
						Jones (NC)	Pommo	Young (FL)
						Kanjorski	Pomeroy	
						Keller	Porter	

## NAYS—197

Abercrombie	Costello	Hinchey
Ackerman	Cramer	Holden
Allen	Crowley	Holt
Andrews	Cuellar	Honda
Baca	Cummings	Hooley
Baird	Davis (AL)	Hoyer
Baldwin	Davis (CA)	Inslee
Barrow	Davis (FL)	Israel
Bean	Davis (IL)	Jackson (IL)
Becerra	Davis (TN)	Jackson-Lee
Berkley	DeFazio	(TX)
Berman	DeGette	Jefferson
Berry	Delahunt	Johnson, E. B.
Bishop (GA)	DeLauro	Jones (OH)
Bishop (NY)	Dicks	Kanjorski
Blumenauer	Dingell	Kaptur
Boren	Doggett	Kennedy (RI)
Boswell	Doyle	Kildee
Boucher	Edwards	Kilpatrick (MI)
Boyd	Emanuel	Kind
Brady (PA)	Engel	Kucinich
Brown (OH)	Eshoo	Langevin
Brown, Corrine	Etheridge	Lantos
Butterfield	Farr	Larsen (WA)
Capps	Fattah	Larson (CT)
Capuano	Filner	Lee
Cardin	Ford	Levin
Cardoza	Frank (MA)	Lewis (GA)
Carnahan	Gonzalez	Lipinski
Carson	Gordon	Lofgren, Zoe
Case	Green, Al	Lowe
Chandler	Green, Gene	Lynch
Clay	Grijalva	Maloney
Cleaver	Gutierrez	Markley
Clyburn	Harman	Marshall
Conyers	Hastings (FL)	Matheson
Cooper	Herseth	Matsui
Costa	Higgins	McCarthy

## NOT VOTING—12

Davis, Jo Ann	Northup	Sessions
Evans	Payne	Slaughter
Hinojosa	Poe	Tiahrt
McNulty	Ros-Lehtinen	Watson

□ 1304

Ms. BERKLEY changed her vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. BLUNT and Mr. LEWIS of California changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the previous question was ordered. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated against:

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 364, had I been present, I would have voted “nay.”

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

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

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 308, nays 113, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 365]

## YEAS—308

Aderholt	Boehner	Cardoza
Akin	Bonilla	Carnahan
Alexander	Bonner	Carter
Allen	Bono	Case
Baca	Boozman	Castle
Bachus	Boren	Chabot
Baird	Boswell	Chandler
Baker	Boucher	Chocola
Barrett (SC)	Boustany	Cleaver
Bartlett (MD)	Boyd	Coble
Barton (TX)	Bradley (NH)	Cole (OK)
Bass	Brady (TX)	Conaway
Bean	Brown (SC)	Costa
Beauprez	Brown-Waite,	Cramer
Berkley	Ginny	Crenshaw
Berman	Burgess	Crowley
Biggett	Burton (IN)	Cubin
Bilbray	Buyer	Cuellar
Bilirakis	Calvert	Culberson
Bishop (GA)	Camp (MI)	Cummings
Bishop (NY)	Campbell (CA)	Davis (CA)
Bishop (UT)	Cannon	Davis (FL)
Blackburn	Cantor	Davis (KY)
Blunt	Capito	Davis (TN)
Boehlert	Cardin	Davis, Tom

## NAYS—113

Abercrombie	Conyers	Frank (MA)
Ackerman	Cooper	Green, Al
Andrews	Costello	Green, Gene
Baldwin	Davis (AL)	Grijalva
Barrow	Davis (IL)	Gutierrez
Becerra	DeFazio	Hastings (FL)
Berry	DeGette	Herseth
Blumenauer	Delahunt	Hinche
Brady (PA)	Dingell	Hinojosa
Brown (OH)	Doggett	Hoyer
Brown, Corrine	Doyle	Israel
Butterfield	Edwards	Jackson (IL)
Capps	Etheridge	Jefferson
Capuano	Farr	Jones (OH)
Carson	Fattah	Kaptur
Clay	Filner	Kennedy (RI)
Clyburn	Ford	Kildee

Kilpatrick (MI) Moran (VA) Serrano  
Kind Nadler Shadegg  
Kucinich Oberstar Solis  
Langevin Oliver Stark  
Larsen (WA) Ortiz Stearns  
Lee Owens Strickland  
Lewis (GA) Pallone Stupak  
Lipinski Pascrell Taylor (MS)  
Lofgren, Zoe Pastor Thompson (CA)  
Markey Price (NC) Thompson (MS)  
McCollum (MN) Rahall  
McDermott Rangel  
McKinney Reyes Udall (CO)  
Meehan Rothman Velázquez  
Meek (FL) Rush Visclosky  
Meeks (NY) Ryan (OH) Waters  
Melancon Sabo Watt  
Michaud Sanders Waxman  
Miller (NC) Schakowsky Weiner  
Miller, George Scott (GA) Woolsey  
Moore (WI) Scott (VA) Wu

## NOT VOTING—11

Davis, Jo Ann Northup Slaughter  
Evans Payne Tiahrt  
King (IA) Ros-Lehtinen Watson  
McNulty Sessions

## □ 1312

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

# APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON S. 250, VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR THE FUTURE ACT

MOTION TO INSTRUCT OFFERED BY MR. GEORGE MILLER OF CALIFORNIA

THE SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the vote on the motion to instruct on S. 250 offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) 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.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 260, nays 159, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 366]

YEAS—260

Abercrombie Capito DeLauro  
Ackerman Capps Dent  
Alexander Capuano Dicks  
Allen Cardin Dingell  
Andrews Cardoza Doggett  
Baca Carnahan Doyle  
Baird Carson Edwards  
Baldwin Case Emanuel  
Barrow Castle Emerson  
Bean Chandler Engel  
Becerra Clay English (PA)  
Berkley Cleaver Eshoo  
Berman Clyburn Etheridge  
Berry Conyers Farr  
Bilirakis Cooper Fattah  
Bishop (GA) Costa Ferguson  
Bishop (NY) Costello Filner  
Blumenauer Cramer Fitzpatrick (PA)  
Boehrlert Crowley Foley  
Boozman Cuellar Forbes  
Boren Cummings Ford  
Boswell Davis (AL) Frank (MA)  
Boucher Davis (CA) Gerlach  
Boyd Davis (FL) Gibbons  
Brady (PA) Davis (IL) Gilchrest  
Brown (OH) Davis (KY) Gonzalez  
Brown, Corrine Davis (TN) Gordon  
Brown-Waite, DeFazio Green, Al  
Ginny DeGette Green, Gene  
Butterfield Delahunt Grijalva

Gutierrez McCarthy  
Gutknecht McCollum (MN)  
Harman McCotter  
Hastings (FL) McDermott  
Herseht McGovern  
Higgins McHugh  
Hinchey McIntyre  
Hinojosa McKinney  
Holden Meehan  
Holt Meek (FL)  
Honda Melancon  
Hooley Meeks (NY)  
Hoyer Michaud  
Inslee Sherman  
Israel Millender  
Jackson (IL) McDonald  
Jackson-Lee Miller (MI)  
(TX) Miller (NC)  
Jefferson Miller, George  
Johnson (CT) Molohan  
Johnson (IL) Moore (KS)  
Johnson, E. B. Moore (WI)  
Jones (NC) Moran (VA)  
Jones (OH) Murphy  
Kanjorski Murtha  
Kaptur Nadler  
Kelly Napolitano  
Kennedy (RI) Neal (MA)  
Kildee Ney  
Kilpatrick (MI) Nussle  
Kind Oberstar  
King (NY) Obey  
Kirk Oliver  
Kucinich Ortiz  
Kuhl (NY) Owens  
LaHood Pallone  
Langevin Pascrell  
Lantos Pastor  
Larsen (WA) Pelosi  
Larson (CT) Peterson (MN)  
Latham Platts  
LaTourette Poe  
Leach Pomeroy  
Lee Price (NC)  
Levin Pryce (OH)  
Lewis (GA) Rahall  
Lewis (KY) Ramstad  
Lipinski Rangel  
LoBiondo Regula  
Lofgren, Zoe Reyes  
Lowey Rogers (KY)  
Lungren, Daniel Ross  
E. Rothman  
Lynch Roybal-Allard  
Maloney Ruppersberger  
Markey Ryan (OH)  
Marshall Sabo  
Matheson Salazar  
Matsui Sanchez, Linda T.

## NAYS—159

Aderholt Davis, Tom  
Akin Deal (GA)  
Bachus Diaz-Balart, L.  
Baker Diaz-Balart, M.  
Barrett (SC) Doolittle  
Bartlett (MD) Drake  
Barton (TX) Dreier  
Bass Duncan  
Beauprez Ehlers  
Biggett Everett  
Bilbray Feeney  
Bishop (UT) Flake  
Blackburn Fortenberry  
Blunt Fossella  
Boehner Foxx  
Bonilla Franks (AZ)  
Bonner Frelinghuysen  
Bono Gallegly  
Boustany Garrett (NJ)  
Bradley (NH) Gillmor  
Brady (TX) Gingrey  
Brown (SC) Gohmert  
Burgess Goode  
Burton (IN) Goodlatte  
Buyer Granger  
Calvert Graves  
Camp (MI) Green (WI)  
Campbell (CA) Hall  
Cannon Hart  
Cantor Hastings (WA)  
Chabot Hayes  
Chocola Hayworth  
Coble Hefley  
Cole (OK) Hensarling  
Conaway Herger  
Crenshaw Hobson  
Cubin Hoekstra  
Culberson Hostettler

Sanchez, Loretta  
Sanders  
Saxton  
Schakowsky  
Schiff  
Schwartz (PA)  
Schwarz (MI)  
Scott (GA)  
Scott (VA)  
Serrano  
Shaw  
Shays  
Sherman  
Sherwood  
Simmons  
Skelton  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (WA)  
Snyder  
Solis  
Spratt  
Stark  
Stearns  
Strickland  
Stupak  
Sullivan  
Neal (MA)  
Sweeney  
Tanner  
Tauscher  
Taylor (MS)  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Tierney  
Towns  
Udall (CO)  
Udall (NM)  
Upton  
Van Hollen  
Velázquez  
Visclosky  
Walden (OR)  
Walsh  
Wasserman  
Schultz  
Waters  
Watt  
Waxman  
Weiner  
Weldon (PA)  
Weller  
Wexler  
Wilson (NM)  
Wolf  
Woolsey  
Wu  
Wynn  
Young (AK)  
Young (FL)

## NOT VOTING—13

Carter Northup Slaughter  
Davis, Jo Ann Payne Tiahrt  
Evans Ros-Lehtinen Watson  
Harris Rush  
McNulty Sessions

## □ 1321

Mr. GINGREY and Mr. WHITFIELD changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the motion to instruct was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

THE SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees: Messrs. McKEON, CASTLE, SOUDER, OSBORNE, Mrs. MUSGRAVE, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Ms. WOOLSEY, and Mr. KIND.

There was no objection.

## GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous matter on H.R. 2990, the Credit Rating Agency Duopoly Relief Act of 2006.

THE SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

# CREDIT RATING AGENCY DUOPOLY RELIEF ACT OF 2006

THE SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 906 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 2990.

## □ 1323

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2990) to improve ratings quality by fostering competition, transparency, and accountability in the credit rating agency industry, with Mr. BOOZMAN in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

The gentleman from Ohio (Mr. OXLEY) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. KANJORSKI) each will control 30 minutes.