

Peterson (PA) Rogers (KY) Sutton
Reichert Simpson Wilson (OH)

□ 1742

Messrs. CARNEY, LOEBSACK, MELANCON, MURPHY of Connecticut, ROTHMAN, CUELLAR and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. KAGEN and Ms. GIFFORDS changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the motion to recommit was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 232, noes 173, not voting 26, as follows:

[Roll No. 960]

AYES—232

Abercrombie Engel Loeb sack
Ackerman Eshoo Lofgren, Zoe
Allen Etheridge Lowey
Altmire Farr Lynch
Andrews Fattah Mahoney (FL)
Arcuri Ferguson Manzullo
Baca Filner Markey
Baird Frank (MA) Matheson
Baldwin Gerlach Matsui
Barrow Giffords McCarthy (NY)
Becerra Gillibrand McCollum (MN)
Berkley Gohmert McCotter
Berman Gonzalez McDermott
Berry Green, Al McGovern
Bishop (GA) Green, Gene McHugh
Bishop (NY) Grijalva McIntyre
Bishop (UT) Gutierrez McInerney
Blumenauer Hall (NY) McNulty
Boswell Hare Meek (FL)
Boucher Harman Meeks (NY)
Boyd (KS) Hastings (FL) Melancon
Brady (PA) Hayes Michaud
Brown, Corrine Higgins Miller (MI)
Butterfield Hill Miller (NC)
Capito Hinchey Miller, George
Capps Hinojosa Mitchell
Capuano Hirono Mollohan
Carnahan Hodes Moore (KS)
Carney Holden Moore (WI)
Castor Holt Moran (VA)
Chandler Honda Murphy (CT)
Clarke Hooley Murphy, Patrick
Clay Hoyer Murphy, Tim
Cleaver Inslee Murtha
Clyburn Israel Nadler
Cohen Jackson (IL) Napolitano
Conaway Jackson-Lee Neal (MA)
Conyers (TX) Oberstar
Cooper Jefferson Obey
Costa Johnson (GA) Olver
Costello Jones (NC) Ortiz
Courtney Jones (OH) Pallone
Crowley Kagen Pascrell
Cuellar Kanjorski Pastor
Davis (AL) Kaptur Payne
Davis (CA) Kennedy Perlmutter
Davis (IL) Kildee Peterson (MN)
Davis, Tom Kind Pomeroy
DeFazio Klein (FL) Price (NC)
DeGette Kucinich Rahall
Delahunt LaHood Rangel
DeLauro Langevin Reyes
Dicks Lantos Richardson
Dingell Larson (CT) Rodriguez
Donnelly LaTourette Rogers (MI)
Doyle Lee Ross
Edwards Levin Rothman
Ellison Lewis (GA) Roybal-Allard
Ellsworth Lipinski Ruppersberger
Emanuel LoBiondo Rush

Ryan (OH) Skelton
Salazar Slaughter
Sánchez, Linda Smith (NJ)
T. Smith (WA)
Sanchez, Loretta Snyder
Sarbanes Solis
Saxton Space
Schakowsky Spratt
Schiff Stark
Schwartz Stupak
Scott (GA) Tauscher
Scott (VA) Taylor
Serrano Thompson (CA)
Sestak Thompson (MS)
Shea-Porter Tierney
Sherman Towns
Shimkus Udall (CO)
Shuler Udall (NM)
Sires Van Hollen

NOES—173

Aderholt Fossella Neugebauer
Akin Foxx Paul
Bachmann Franks (AZ) Pearce
Bachus Frelinghuysen Pence
Barrett (SC) Gallegly Petri
Bartlett (MD) Garrett (NJ) Pickering
Barton (TX) Gilchrest Pitts
Biggert Gingrey Platts
Bilbray Goode Poe
Bilirakis Goodlatte Porter
Blackburn Gordon Price (GA)
Blunt Granger Pryce (OH)
Boehner Graves Putnam
Bonner Hall (TX) Radanovich
Bono Hastings (WA) Ramstad
Boozman Heller Regula
Boustany Hensarling Rehberg
Boyd (FL) Herger Renzi
Brady (TX) Hereth Sandlin Reynolds
Braley (IA) Hobson Rogers (AL)
Broun (GA) Hoekstra Rohrabacher
Brown (SC) Hulshof Ros-Lehtinen
Brown-Waite, Hunter Roskam
Ginny Inglis (SC) Royce
Buchanan Issa Ryan (WI)
Burgess Johnson, Sam Sali
Burton (IN) Jordan Schmidt
Buyer Keller Sensenbrenner
Camp (MI) King (IA) Sessions
Campbell (CA) King (NY) Shadegg
Cannon Kingston Shays
Cantor Kirk Shuster
Carter Kline (MN) Smith (NE)
Castle Knollenberg Smith (TX)
Chabot Kuhl (NY) Souder
Coble Lamborn Stearns
Cole (OK) Lampson Sullivan
Cramer Latham Tancredo
Crenshaw Lewis (CA) Tanner
Culberson Lewis (KY) Terry
Davis (KY) Linder Thornberry
Davis, David Lucas Tiahrt
Davis, Lincoln Lungren, Daniel
Deal (GA) E. Tiberi
Dent Mack Turner
Diaz-Balart, L. Marchant Upton
Diaz-Balart, M. Marshall Walberg
Doolittle McCarthy (CA) Walden (OR)
Drake McCaul (TX) Walsh (NY)
Dreier McCrery Wamp
Duncan McHenry Weldon (FL)
Ehlers McKeon Weller
Emerson McMorris Westmoreland
English (PA) Rodgers Whitfield
Fallin Mica Wicker
Feeney Miller (FL) Wilson (NM)
Flake Moran (KS) Wilson (SC)
Forbes Musgrave Young (AK)
Fortenberry Myrick Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—26

Alexander Doggett Miller, Gary
Baker Everett Nunes
Bean Hastert Peterson (PA)
Boren Jindal Reichert
Calvert Johnson (IL) Rogers (KY)
Cardoza Johnson, E. B. Simpson
Carson Kilpatrick Sutton
Cubin Larsen (WA) Wilson (OH)
Cummings Maloney (NY)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised that 2 minutes remain in this vote.

□ 1750

So the bill was passed.
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, due to a family health emergency, I was unable to be present for rollcall votes 949–958 on Tuesday, October 9, through Wednesday, October 10, 2007. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: “yea” on rollcall votes 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 958, 960; “nay” on rollcall votes 956, 957, 959.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, due to official business in the 13th Congressional District of Michigan, I was unable to attend to two votes. Had I been present, I would have voted “nay” on the motion to recommit H.R. 3056, the Tax Collection Responsibility Act of 2007, and “aye” on final passage of H.R. 3056, the Tax Collection Responsibility Act of 2007.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H. RES. 618

Ms. CLARKE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a cosponsor of H. Res. 618.

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

There was no objection.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2095, FEDERAL RAILROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2007

Mr. WELCH of Vermont, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110–371) on the resolution (H. Res. 724) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2095) to amend title 49, United States Code, to prevent railroad fatalities, injuries, and hazardous materials releases, to authorize the Federal Railroad Safety Administration, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR RULES COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2102, FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION ACT OF 2007

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

Mr. WELCH of Vermont. Mr. Speaker, the Rules Committee is expected to meet the week of October 15 to grant a rule which may structure the amendment process for floor consideration of H.R. 2102, the Free Flow of Information Act of 2007.

Members who wish to offer an amendment to this bill should submit 30 copies of the amendment and a brief description of the amendment to the

Rules Committee in H-312 in the Capitol no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, October 12. Members are strongly advised to adhere to the amendment deadline to ensure the amendments receive consideration.

Amendments should be drafted to the bill as ordered reported by the Committee on the Judiciary. A copy of the bill is posted on the Web site of the Rules Committee.

Amendments should be drafted by Legislative Counsel and also should be reviewed by the Office of the Parliamentarian to be sure that the amendments comply with the rules of the House. Members are also strongly encouraged to submit their amendments to the Congressional Budget Office for analysis regarding possible PAYGO violations.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend from Maryland, the majority leader, to tell us what the plans are for next week.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the distinguished Republican whip for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, on Monday the House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning-hour business and 2 p.m. for legislative business, with votes rolled until 6:30 p.m. We will consider several bills under suspension of the rules. A list of those bills will be announced by the close of business on Friday.

On Tuesday next, the House will meet at 9 a.m. for morning-hour business and 10 a.m. for legislative business.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the House will meet at 10 a.m. for legislative business. We expect to consider the President's veto of the Children's Health Program; Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act legislation; a resolution regarding the withholding of information related to corruption in Iraq; H.R. 2095, the Federal Railroad Safety Improvement Act; and H.R. 2102, the Free Flow of Information Act.

On Friday, there will be no votes in the House.

Mr. BLUNT. I thank the gentleman for that information.

On the President's veto on the SCHIP bill, we expect that vote to come, I believe the gentleman said, on Thursday.

Mr. HOYER. Thursday, the 18th.

Mr. BLUNT. On Thursday, the 18th. I really have two questions about that. One is, what time during the day do we expect that to happen? After the 18th, we will have 5 more weeks before the extension expires, and I'm wondering if we can anticipate any effort to include the minority, if in fact the President's veto is sustained.

I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman. I don't know exactly what time. I would hope sometime around the middle of the day, noon or thereabouts we would

consider the veto, maybe closer to 1 o'clock, but certainly in the middle of the day.

Of course our expectation is that so many of your Members will determine that this policy is absolutely one that ought to be adopted that we will override the veto and that 4 million additional children will be covered. That's certainly our hope. I know that's not your expectation.

So in the event that that does not happen, I think the answer to your question is, I would certainly be prepared to discuss the matter with you. No one has any intention of, frankly, seeing children dropped from the Children's Health Insurance Program.

As you know, the President's proposal, if we adopted the President's proposal, would result in a net reduction of 840,000 children from the current program. We think that's not appropriate and, therefore, we want to move legislation forward, appropriate funding levels, and we would certainly be available to discuss that.

We do anticipate, however, and are very hopeful that the Congress will work its will on this legislation.

Mr. BLUNT. I thank the gentleman for that information and for his attitude about this.

We were concerned this week, many of our Members were concerned, including the Members who had voted with the majority, when the leader on the other side of the building suggested that if this bill wasn't approved there would be no bill. We're not for that. We're for including the children that are covered now. I think that does mean that you have to go beyond the President's proposal, though in fairness to the President's proposal, his proposal would not have taken people off this program without intervening Congresses and intervening budgets, in my view.

But that's not the purpose of the debate here. The purpose of the debate is to try to have a program that works for children. I'm hopeful that we can arrive at a bill that I vote for, that the President signs, that keeps this program going.

I'm very pleased that the gentleman doesn't take the, if it doesn't work out to override the veto, as I believe it won't, that we still need to work together for a program that works well for children. And I appreciate the gentleman's comments on that.

And if we do sustain the veto, I pledge that I'll work hard with you to try to make this program work in the way that the majority of House Members, the majority of House Republicans, feel that it should to continue the current program.

Mr. HOYER. Will my friend yield?

Mr. BLUNT. I would.

Mr. HOYER. I would love to work with you on this issue just a little before we have the veto override, if perhaps we could convince you to be helpful at that point in time.

But if not, as we have in the past, I want to say something; my friends on

my side of the aisle know this. I have always found the gentleman from Missouri, the Republican whip, to be open to discussion and reasonable discussion to see if we can move forward.

I don't know what exactly was said on the other side, but I would reiterate that nobody, I think, in this House, as I said in the debate, closing the debate on the CHIP bill when we passed it through this House very handily, that I believe every Member of this House wants to ensure that children have access to health care. And we need to work on how that can be accomplished. We think the bill we passed does that. But we certainly will be available to make sure that happens however we can get it done.

Mr. BLUNT. I appreciate that. I appreciate my friend's comments. And as many Members, most Members of the House know, we are good friends.

On the bill that the House voted on, as you know, I don't think House Republicans had the opportunity to have input there. I believe Senate Republicans may have. House Republicans did not. And I would like to see us work together to be sure that the priorities and the program are all exactly what the American people think we're talking about and what we hope to be talking about.

As we near that November 16 day, my other concern would be the fact that we apparently are not meeting yet on any appropriations bills. I believe on the four bills that have been sent over from the Senate, that our side is ready to join the Senate, who has already named conferees, and name conferees at any moment, and hope to see that happen.

I wonder, do we have any sense of any effort to get some of these appropriations bills before the House and on the President's desk in the month of October? Or even before November 16? And if we have a plan there, can you give me an idea of what that might be?

We've had four bills now. Some of them we've had for over a month. One, the Homeland Security bill, it is obviously important we continue those efforts; the Military Quality of Life bill.

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We have had conferees named by the Senate for over a month now. We're ready to name our conferees, I believe, and I wonder if there is any way we can go ahead and at least start a conference to have a chance to get some of these bills signed into law.

And I yield.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

We are desirous, of course, of passing all 12 appropriation bills out of conference, through both floors, and to the President. We want to do that. We are working towards that end.

I will tell my friend I have talked to Chairman OBEY. There are discussions going on between the House and Senate. He is correct, there hasn't been a conference yet. There are still some