

for those who oppose the Democratic majority's agenda and allows those with alternative views the opportunity to offer an alternative plan.

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

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

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

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 and clause 9 of rule XX, this 15-minute vote on ordering the previous question will be followed by 5-minute votes on adoption of H. Res. 724, if ordered; and suspending the rules on H. Con. Res. 222.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 218, nays 194, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 977]

YEAS—218

Abercrombie	Ellison	Lynch
Ackerman	Ellsworth	Maloney (NY)
Allen	Emanuel	Marshall
Altmire	Engel	Matheson
Andrews	Eshoo	Matsui
Arcuri	Etheridge	McCarthy (NY)
Baca	Farr	McCollum (MN)
Baird	Fattah	McDermott
Baldwin	Filner	McGovern
Bean	Frank (MA)	McIntyre
Becerra	Giffords	McNerney
Berkley	Gillibrand	McNulty
Berman	Gonzalez	Meek (FL)
Berry	Gordon	Meeks (NY)
Bishop (GA)	Green, Al	Melancon
Bishop (NY)	Green, Gene	Michaud
Blumenauer	Grijalva	Miller (NC)
Boren	Gutierrez	Miller, George
Boswell	Hall (NY)	Mitchell
Boucher	Hare	Mollohan
Boyd (FL)	Harman	Moore (KS)
Boyd (KS)	Hastings (FL)	Moran (VA)
Brady (PA)	Herseth Sandlin	Murphy (CT)
Braley (IA)	Higgins	Murphy, Patrick
Brown, Corrine	Hill	Murtha
Butterfield	Hinchee	Nadler
Capps	Hinojosa	Napolitano
Capuano	Hodes	Neal (MA)
Cardoza	Holden	Oberstar
Carnahan	Holt	Obey
Carney	Honda	Ortiz
Castor	Hooley	Pallone
Chandler	Hoyer	Pascrell
Clarke	Inslie	Pastor
Clay	Israel	Payne
Cleaver	Jackson (IL)	Perlmutter
Clyburn	Jackson-Lee	Peterson (MN)
Cohen	(TX)	Pomeroy
Conyers	Jefferson	Price (NC)
Cooper	Johnson (GA)	Rahall
Costa	Kagen	Rangel
Costello	Kanjorski	Reyes
Courtney	Kaptur	Richardson
Cramer	Kennedy	Rodriguez
Crowley	Kildee	Ross
Cuellar	Kilpatrick	Rothman
Cummings	Kind	Roybal-Allard
Davis (AL)	Klein (FL)	Ruppersberger
Davis (CA)	Kucinich	Rush
Davis (IL)	Lampson	Ryan (OH)
Davis, Lincoln	Langevin	Salazar
DeFazio	Lantos	Sánchez, Linda
DeGette	Larsen (WA)	T.
Delahunt	Larson (CT)	Sanchez, Loretta
DeLauro	Lee	Sarbanes
Dicks	Levin	Shakowsky
Dingell	Lipinski	Schiff
Doggett	Loebsock	Schwartz
Doyle	Lofgren, Zoe	Scott (VA)
Edwards	Lowey	Serrano

Sestak	Sutton
Shea-Porter	Tanner
Sherman	Tauscher
Shuler	Taylor
Sires	Thompson (CA)
Skelton	Thompson (MS)
Slaughter	Tierney
Smith (WA)	Towns
Snyder	Udall (CO)
Solis	Udall (NM)
Space	Van Hollen
Spratt	Velázquez
Stark	Visclosky
Stupak	Walz (MN)

NAYS—194

Aderholt	Fossella
Akin	Fox
Alexander	Franks (AZ)
Bachmann	Frelinghuysen
Bachus	Gallely
Baker	Garrett (NJ)
Barrett (SC)	Gerlach
Barrow	Gilchrest
Bartlett (MD)	Gingrey
Barton (TX)	Gohmert
Biggert	Goode
Bilbray	Goodlatte
Bilirakis	Granger
Bishop (UT)	Graves
Blackburn	Hall (TX)
Blunt	Hastings (WA)
Boehner	Hayes
Bonner	Heller
Bono	Hensarling
Boozman	Herger
Boustany	Hobson
Brady (TX)	Hoekstra
Broun (GA)	Hulshof
Brown (SC)	Hunter
Brown-Waite,	Inglis (SC)
Ginny	Issa
Buchanan	Johnson (IL)
Burgess	Johnson, Sam
Burton (IN)	Jones (NC)
Buyer	Jordan
Calvert	Keller
Camp (MI)	King (IA)
Campbell (CA)	King (NY)
Cannon	Kingston
Cantor	Kirk
Capito	Kline (MN)
Carter	Kuhl (NY)
Castle	LaHood
Chabot	Lamborn
Coble	Latham
Cole (OK)	LaTourette
Conaway	Lewis (CA)
Crenshaw	Lewis (KY)
Cubins	Linder
Davis (KY)	LoBiondo
Davis, David	Lucas
Davis, Tom	Lungren, Daniel
Deal (GA)	E.
Dent	Mack
Diaz-Balart, L.	Manzullo
Diaz-Balart, M.	Marchant
Donnelly	McCarthy (CA)
Doolittle	McCaul (TX)
Drake	McCotter
Dreier	McCrery
Duncan	McHenry
Ehlers	McHugh
Emerson	McKeon
English (PA)	McMorris
Everett	Rodgers
Fallin	Mica
Feeney	Miller (FL)
Ferguson	Miller (MI)
Flake	Miller, Gary
Forbes	Moran (KS)
Fortenberry	Murphy, Tim

NOT VOTING—19

Carson	Knollenberg
Culberson	Lewis (GA)
Hastert	Mahoney (FL)
Hirono	Markey
Jindal	Moore (WI)
Johnson, E. B.	Musgrave
Jones (OH)	Oliver

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Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida changed her vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the previous question was ordered.

Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watson
Watt
Waxman
Weiner
Welch (VT)
Wexler
Woolsey
Wu
Wynn
Yarmuth

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 977, I voted electronically, but for some reason, my vote was not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

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

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COMMENDING NASA LANGLEY RESEARCH CENTER ON ITS 90TH ANNIVERSARY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 222, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. LAMPSON) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 222.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 421, nays 0, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 978]

YEAS—421

Abercrombie	Buchanan	Delahunt
Ackerman	Burgess	DeLauro
Aderholt	Burton (IN)	Dent
Akin	Butterfield	Diaz-Balart, L.
Alexander	Buyer	Diaz-Balart, M.
Allen	Calvert	Dicks
Altmire	Camp (MI)	Dingell
Andrews	Campbell (CA)	Doggett
Arcuri	Cannon	Donnelly
Baca	Cantor	Doolittle
Bachmann	Capito	Doyle
Bachus	Capps	Drake
Baird	Capuano	Dreier
Baker	Cardoza	Duncan
Baldwin	Carnahan	Edwards
Barrett (SC)	Carney	Ehlers
Barrow	Carter	Ellison
Bartlett (MD)	Castle	Ellsworth
Barton (TX)	Castor	Emanuel
Bean	Chabot	Emerson
Becerra	Chandler	Engel
Berkley	Clarke	English (PA)
Berman	Clay	Eshoo
Berry	Cleaver	Etheridge
Biggert	Clyburn	Everett
Bilbray	Coble	Fallin
Bilirakis	Cohen	Farr
Bishop (GA)	Cole (OK)	Fattah
Bishop (NY)	Conaway	Feeney
Bishop (UT)	Conyers	Ferguson
Blackburn	Cooper	Filner
Blumenauer	Costa	Flake
Blunt	Costello	Forbes
Boehner	Courtney	Fortenberry
Bonner	Cramer	Fossella
Bono	Crenshaw	Fox
Boozman	Crowley	Frank (MA)
Boren	Cubin	Franks (AZ)
Boswell	Cuellar	Frelinghuysen
Boucher	Culberson	Gallely
Boustany	Cummings	Garrett (NJ)
Boyd (FL)	Davis (AL)	Gerlach
Boyd (KS)	Davis (CA)	Giffords
Brady (PA)	Davis (IL)	Gilchrest
Brady (TX)	Davis (KY)	Gillibrand
Braley (IA)	Davis, David	Gingrey
Broun (GA)	Davis, Lincoln	Gohmert
Brown (SC)	Davis, Tom	Gonzalez
Brown, Corrine	Deal (GA)	Goode
Brown-Waite,	DeFazio	Goodlatte
Ginny	DeGette	Gordon

Granger	Matheson	Rush
Graves	Matsui	Ryan (OH)
Green, Al	McCarthy (CA)	Ryan (WI)
Green, Gene	McCarthy (NY)	Salazar
Grijalva	McCaul (TX)	Sali
Gutierrez	McCollum (MN)	Sánchez, Linda
Hall (NY)	McCotter	T.
Hall (TX)	McCrery	Sanchez, Loretta
Hare	McDermott	Sarbanes
Harman	McGovern	Saxton
Hastert	McHenry	Schakowsky
Hastings (FL)	McHugh	Schiff
Hastings (WA)	McIntyre	Schmidt
Hayes	McKeon	Schwartz
Heller	McMorris	Scott (GA)
Hensarling	Rodgers	Scott (VA)
Herger	McNerney	Sensenbrenner
Herseth Sandlin	McNulty	Serrano
Higgins	Meek (FL)	Sessions
Hill	Meeks (NY)	Sestak
Hinchey	Melancon	Shadegg
Hinojosa	Mica	Shays
Hirono	Michaud	Shea-Porter
Hobson	Miller (FL)	Sherman
Hodes	Miller (MI)	Shimkus
Hoekstra	Miller (NC)	Shuler
Holden	Miller, Gary	Shuster
Holt	Miller, George	Simpson
Honda	Mitchell	Sires
Hooley	Mollohan	Skelton
Hoyer	Moore (KS)	Slaughter
Hulshof	Moore (WI)	Smith (NE)
Hunter	Moran (KS)	Smith (NJ)
Inglis (SC)	Moran (VA)	Smith (TX)
Inslee	Murphy (CT)	Smith (WA)
Israel	Murphy, Patrick	Snyder
Issa	Murphy, Tim	Solis
Jackson (IL)	Murtha	Souder
Jackson-Lee	Musgrave	Space
(TX)	Myrick	Spratt
Jefferson	Nadler	Stark
Johnson (IL)	Napolitano	Stearns
Johnson, Sam	Neal (MA)	Stupak
Jones (NC)	Neugebauer	Sullivan
Jones (OH)	Nunes	Sutton
Jordan	Oberstar	Tanner
Kagen	Obey	Tauscher
Kanjorski	Olver	Taylor
Kaptur	Ortiz	Terry
Keller	Pallone	Thompson (CA)
Kennedy	Pascrell	Thompson (MS)
Kildee	Pastor	Thornberry
Kilpatrick	Paul	Tiahrt
Kind	Payne	Tiberi
King (IA)	Pearce	Tierney
King (NY)	Pence	Towns
Kingston	Perlmutter	Turner
Kirk	Peterson (MN)	Udall (CO)
Klein (FL)	Petri	Udall (NM)
Kline (MN)	Pickering	Upton
Knollenberg	Pitts	Van Hollen
Kucinich	Platts	Velázquez
Kuhl (NY)	Poe	Vislosky
LaHood	Pomeroy	Walberg
Lamborn	Porter	Walden (OR)
Lampson	Price (GA)	Walsh (NY)
Langevin	Price (NC)	Walz (MN)
Lantos	Pryce (OH)	Wamp
Larsen (WA)	Putnam	Wasserman
Larson (CT)	Radanovich	Schultz
Latham	Rahall	Waters
LaTourette	Ramstad	Watson
Lee	Rangel	Watt
Levin	Regula	Waxman
Lewis (CA)	Rehberg	Weiner
Lewis (KY)	Reichert	Welch (VT)
Linder	Renzi	Weldon (FL)
Lipinski	Reyes	Weller
LoBiondo	Reynolds	Westmoreland
Loeback	Richardson	Wexler
Lofgren, Zoe	Rodriguez	Whitfield
Lowey	Rogers (AL)	Wicker
Lucas	Rogers (KY)	Wilson (NM)
Lungren, Daniel	Rogers (MI)	Wilson (SC)
E.	Rohrabacher	Wolf
Lynch	Ros-Lehtinen	Woolsey
Mack	Roskam	Wu
Mahoney (FL)	Ross	Wynn
Maloney (NY)	Rothman	Yarmuth
Manzullo	Roybal-Allard	Young (FL)
Marchant	Royce	
Marshall	Ruppersberger	

NOT VOTING—10

Carson	Lewis (GA)	Wilson (OH)
Jindal	Lewis (KY)	Young (AK)
Johnson (GA)	Peterson (PA)	
Johnson, E. B.	Tancredo	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

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Mr. SHAYS, Mr. HELLER of Nevada, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mrs. SCHMIDT, Mrs. CUBIN, and Mr. TERRY changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill, H.R. 2095, and to include extraneous material in the RECORD pertinent thereto.

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

There was no objection.

FEDERAL RAILROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 724 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. 2095.

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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. 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, with Mr. POMEROY 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 Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Minnesota.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman and colleagues, we gather here for an historic moment in the history of transportation, particularly the history of rail transportation. And I'm glad there are so many Members still gathered on the floor to listen to an erudite conversation that we are going to have on both sides of the aisle about the history of rail safety.

Although our committee has had jurisdiction over the rail sector for the

past dozen years, this is the first time the committee has brought a rail safety authorization bill to the House floor. It is, in fact, only the second time in 100 years that the House will consider amendments, adjustments to the hours of service rule in the rail sector.

We bring to you an important bill that addresses long-neglected failings and shortcomings of safety in the rail sector that will make the railroad safer in the future; that will make jobs for workers in that sector safer in the future; that will make safer passage through towns through which railroads pass, often with toxic substances, toxic chemicals, frankly, the safest way to move those substances, but we are going to make it safer with this legislation.

I particularly want to thank the distinguished Chair of the Subcommittee on Railroads, the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. CORRINE BROWN) for her persistent leadership, persistent efforts over the past years of service on the committee in support of rail safety; and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA), ranking member of the full committee, participating in substantive discussions that resulted in compromises that we bring to the floor; and to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER), who has a large rail presence in his own district and, of course, in the State of Pennsylvania.

In each of the past five Congresses, I have introduced for consideration by the committee broad scope rail safety legislation and pledged that if it isn't considered in each of those Congresses, when the majority would turn and I would have the opportunity to lead the committee, that we would move such legislation. And today we deliver on that commitment.

The discussions that we had were inclusive. They were extensive. They were intensive. There were adjustments made on both sides with the result that, as the gentleman from Florida (Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART) said during consideration of the rule, this is a bipartisan bill.

The Federal Railroad Administration has reported that the total number of train accidents, collisions, derailments, and others increased from 2,504 in 1994 over the next decade to 3,325 in 2005. Thankfully, over the last year, that number decreased to 2,925. Those improvements in rail safety statistics are a good sign. But I know from more than 25 years of chairing subcommittees on safety issues that we have a long way to go. Serious accidents resulting in fatalities, injuries, and environmental damages continue to occur and will continue to occur. Equipment can fail, people make mistakes, storms happen that cause those accidents. But we have to do everything that is possible in our realm to make sure that those accidents are minimized.

Safety requires constant vigilance by workers on the job, by employers, by