

We didn't wait until 2 months before the election. We responded to the people's call for more openness on the first day of Congress. It seems quite clear to me that the minority is more concerned with obstructionism, while we are focused on actually meeting the needs of our constituents and the people in this country.

This question of consideration is the result of an unwarranted point of order against our rule. A "no" vote will prevent consideration of a critical package that has strong House and Senate bipartisan support.

So despite whatever roadblock the other side tries to use to block this bill, we will stand up for housing and we will stand up for the critical infrastructure upon which our economy depends. We must consider this rule and we must pass this conference report today.

I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" to consider this rule.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

The question is, Will the House now consider the resolution?

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

Mr. FLAKE. 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, this 15-minute vote on the question of consideration will be followed by a 5-minute vote on approval of the Journal, if ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 197, nays 186, not voting 49, as follows:

[Roll No. 1093]

YEAS—197

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| Abercrombie | Cuellar | Hinojosa |
| Ackerman | Cummings | Hirono |
| Allen | Davis (AL) | Hodes |
| Altmire | Davis (CA) | Holden |
| Andrews | Davis (IL) | Holt |
| Arcuri | Davis, Lincoln | Honda |
| Baca | DeFazio | Hooley |
| Baird | DeGette | Hoyer |
| Baldwin | DeLauro | Inslee |
| Barrow | Dicks | Israel |
| Bean | Dingell | Jackson (IL) |
| Becerra | Doggett | Jackson-Lee |
| Berkley | Edwards | (TX) |
| Berman | Ellison | Johnson, E. B. |
| Berry | Emanuel | Jones (OH) |
| Bishop (NY) | Engel | Kagen |
| Blumenauer | Eshoo | Kanjorski |
| Boren | Etheridge | Kaptur |
| Boswell | Farr | Kennedy |
| Boyd (FL) | Fattah | Kildee |
| Boya (KS) | Filner | Kilpatrick |
| Brady (PA) | Frank (MA) | Kind |
| Braley (IA) | Giffords | Klein (FL) |
| Capps | Gillibrand | Kucinich |
| Capuano | Gonzalez | Lampson |
| Cardoza | Gordon | Lantos |
| Carahan | Green, Al | Larsen (WA) |
| Carney | Green, Gene | Larson (CT) |
| Castor | Grijalva | Lee |
| Chandler | Gutierrez | Lipinski |
| Clay | Hall (NY) | Lipinski |
| Cohen | Hare | Lofgren, Zoe |
| Cooper | Harman | Mahoney (FL) |
| Costa | Hastings (FL) | Maloney (NY) |
| Costello | Herseht Sandlin | Markey |
| Courtney | Higgins | Marshall |
| Cramer | Hill | Matheson |
| Crowley | Hinchev | Matsui |

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| McCarthy (NY) | Pomeroy | Snyder | Cleaver | Lewis (GA) | Smith (NJ) |
| McCollum (MN) | Price (NC) | Solis | Clyburn | Lowey | Taylor |
| McDermott | Rahall | Space | Conyers | Lynch | Turner |
| McGovern | Reyes | Spratt | Cubin | Meeks (NY) | Udall (CO) |
| McIntyre | Richardson | Stark | Davis, Tom | Moore (WI) | Waters |
| McNerney | Rodriguez | Stupak | Delahunt | Moran (VA) | Watson |
| McNulty | Ross | Sutton | Diaz-Balart, M. | Oberstar | Watt |
| Meek (FL) | Rothman | Tanner | Doyle | Paul | Waxman |
| Melancon | Roybal-Allard | Tauscher | Hastert | Payne | Weller |
| Michaud | Ruppersberger | Thompson (CA) | Jefferson | Rangel | Wilson (NM) |
| Miller (NC) | Ryan (OH) | Thompson (MS) | Jindal | Rush | Wilson (OH) |
| Miller, George | Salazar | Tierney | Johnson (GA) | Scott (GA) | Young (AK) |
| Mitchell | Sánchez, Linda | Towns | Langevin | Sessions | |
| Mollohan | T. | Tsongas | Levin | Shays | |
| Moore (KS) | Sanchez, Loretta | Udall (NM) | | | |
| Murphy (CT) | Sarbanes | Van Hollen | | | |
| Murphy, Patrick | Schakowsky | Velázquez | | | |
| Murtha | Schiff | Visclosky | | | |
| Nadler | Schwartz | Walz (MN) | | | |
| Napolitano | Scott (VA) | Wasserman | | | |
| Neal (MA) | Serrano | Schultz | | | |
| Obey | Sestak | Weiner | | | |
| Olver | Shea-Porter | Welch (VT) | | | |
| Ortiz | Sherman | Wexler | | | |
| Pallone | Shuler | Woolsey | | | |
| Pascarell | Sires | Wu | | | |
| Pastor | Skelton | Wynn | | | |
| Perlmutter | Slaughter | Yarmuth | | | |
| Peterson (MN) | Smith (WA) | | | | |

NAYS—186

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| Aderholt | Franks (AZ) | Moran (KS) |
| Akin | Frelinghuysen | Murphy, Tim |
| Alexander | Gallegly | Musgrave |
| Bachmann | Garrett (NJ) | Myrick |
| Bachus | Gerlach | Neugebauer |
| Baker | Gilchrest | Nunes |
| Barrett (SC) | Gingrey | Pearce |
| Bartlett (MD) | Gohmert | Pence |
| Biggett | Goode | Peterson (PA) |
| Bilbray | Goodlatte | Petri |
| Bilirakis | Granger | Pickering |
| Bishop (UT) | Graves | Pitts |
| Blackburn | Hall (TX) | Platts |
| Boehner | Hastings (WA) | Poe |
| Bonner | Hayes | Porter |
| Bono | Heller | Price (GA) |
| Boozman | Hensarling | Pryce (OH) |
| Boustany | Herger | Putnam |
| Brady (TX) | Hobson | Radanovich |
| Broun (GA) | Hoekstra | Ramstad |
| Brown (SC) | Hulshof | Regula |
| Brown-Waite, | Hunter | Rehberg |
| Ginny | Inglis (SC) | Reichert |
| Buchanan | Issa | Renzi |
| Burgess | Johnson (IL) | Reynolds |
| Burton (IN) | Johnson, Sam | Rogers (AL) |
| Calvert | Jones (NC) | Rogers (KY) |
| Camp (MI) | Jordan | Rogers (MI) |
| Campbell (CA) | Keller | Rohrabacher |
| Cannon | King (IA) | Ros-Lehtinen |
| Cantor | King (NY) | Roskam |
| Capito | Kingston | Royce |
| Carter | Kirk | Ryan (WI) |
| Castle | Kline (MN) | Sali |
| Chabot | Knollenberg | Saxton |
| Coble | Kuhl (NY) | Schmidt |
| Cole (OK) | LaHood | Sensenbrenner |
| Conaway | Lamborn | Shadegg |
| Crenshaw | Latham | Shimkus |
| Culberson | LaTourette | Shuster |
| Davis (KY) | Lewis (CA) | Simpson |
| Davis, David | Lewis (KY) | Smith (NE) |
| Deal (GA) | Linder | Smith (TX) |
| Dent | LoBiondo | Souder |
| Diaz-Balart, L. | Lucas | Stearns |
| Donnelly | Lungren, Daniel | Sullivan |
| Doolittle | E. | Tancredo |
| Drake | Mack | Terry |
| Dreier | Manzullo | Thornberry |
| Duncan | Marchant | Tiahrt |
| Ehlers | McCarthy (CA) | Tiberi |
| Ellsworth | McCaul (TX) | Upton |
| Emerson | McCotter | Walberg |
| English (PA) | McCrery | Walden (OR) |
| Everett | McHenry | Walsh (NY) |
| Fallin | McHugh | Wamp |
| Feeeny | McKeon | Weldon (FL) |
| Ferguson | McMorris | Westmoreland |
| Flake | Rodgers | Whitfield |
| Forbes | Mica | Wicker |
| Fortenberry | Miller (FL) | Wilson (SC) |
| Fossella | Miller (MI) | Wolf |
| Fox | Miller, Gary | Young (FL) |

NOT VOTING—49

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| Barton (TX) | Boucher | Buyer |
| Bishop (GA) | Brown, Corrine | Carson |
| Blunt | Butterfield | Clarke |

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| Cleaver | Lewis (GA) | Smith (NJ) |
| Clyburn | Lowey | Taylor |
| Conyers | Lynch | Turner |
| Cubin | Meeks (NY) | Udall (CO) |
| Davis, Tom | Moore (WI) | Waters |
| Delahunt | Moran (VA) | Watson |
| Diaz-Balart, M. | Oberstar | Watt |
| Doyle | Paul | Waxman |
| Hastert | Payne | Weller |
| Jefferson | Rangel | Wilson (NM) |
| Jindal | Rush | Wilson (OH) |
| Johnson (GA) | Scott (GA) | Young (AK) |
| Langevin | Sessions | |
| Levin | Shays | |

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 1414

So the question of consideration was decided in the affirmative.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 1093, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, on November 14, 2007, I was participating in an Oversight and Government Reform Committee hearing and inadvertently missed 1 recorded vote.

I take my voting responsibility very seriously. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on recorded vote number 1093.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, I was unavoidably detained and thus I missed rollcall votes No. 1090 through 1093. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

On rollcall vote NO. 1090, on Adoption of the Conference Report on H.R. 1429, the Head Start for School Readiness Act, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 1091, on H.R. 3845, the PROTECT Our Children Act of 2007, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 1092, on H.R. 719, the KIDS Act of 2007, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 1093, on H. Res. 817, Providing for consideration of the conference report on H.R. 3074, Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations for FY 2008, I would have voted "nay."

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal which the Chair will put de novo.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes 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. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 221, nays 181, answered “present” 2, not voting 28, as follows:

[Roll No. 1094]

YEAS—221

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| Abercrombie | Hall (NY) | Nadler |
| Ackerman | Hare | Napolitano |
| Allen | Hastings (FL) | Neal (MA) |
| Andrews | Heller | Obey |
| Arcuri | Herger | Olver |
| Baca | Herseth Sandlin | Ortiz |
| Baird | Higgins | Pallone |
| Baldwin | Hill | Pascrell |
| Barrow | Hinchey | Pastor |
| Bean | Hinojosa | Payne |
| Becerra | Hirono | Perlmutter |
| Berkley | Hodes | Pomeroy |
| Berman | Holden | Price (NC) |
| Bishop (GA) | Holt | Rahall |
| Bishop (NY) | Honda | Rangel |
| Blumenauer | Hooley | Reyes |
| Boren | Hoyer | Richardson |
| Boswell | Inlee | Rodriguez |
| Boucher | Israel | Ros-Lehtinen |
| Boyd (FL) | Jackson (IL) | Ross |
| Boyd (KS) | Jackson-Lee | Rothman |
| Brady (PA) | (TX) | Roybal-Allard |
| Braley (IA) | Jefferson | Ruppersberger |
| Buchanan | Johnson (GA) | Ryan (OH) |
| Butterfield | Johnson (IL) | Salazar |
| Buyer | Johnson, E. B. | Sanchez, Linda T. |
| Capito | Jones (NC) | Sanchez, Loretta |
| Capps | Jones (OH) | Sarbanes |
| Capuano | Kagen | Schakowsky |
| Cardoza | Kennedy | Schwartz |
| Carnahan | Kildee | Scott (GA) |
| Castor | Kilpatrick | Scott (VA) |
| Chandler | Kind | Sestak |
| Clarke | Kirk | Shea-Porter |
| Clay | Klein (FL) | Sherman |
| Cleaver | Kucinich | Shuster |
| Clyburn | Kuhl (NY) | Lampson |
| Cohen | Lampson | Langevin |
| Conyers | Langevin | Lantos |
| Cooper | Lantos | Larsen (WA) |
| Costa | Larsen (WA) | Smith (WA) |
| Costello | Larson (CT) | Snyder |
| Courtney | Lee | Solis |
| Cramer | Lipinski | Space |
| Crowley | Loebsack | Spratt |
| Cuellar | Lofgren, Zoe | Stark |
| Cummings | Lowe | Sullivan |
| Davis (AL) | Lynch | Sutton |
| Davis (CA) | Mahoney (FL) | Tanner |
| Davis (IL) | Maloney (NY) | Tauscher |
| Davis, Lincoln | Markey | Thompson (MS) |
| DeFazio | Marshall | Tierney |
| DeGette | Matheson | Towns |
| Delahunt | Matsui | Tsongas |
| DeLauro | McCarthy (CA) | Udall (NM) |
| Dent | McCarthy (NY) | Van Hollen |
| Dingell | McCollum (MN) | Velázquez |
| Doggett | McDermott | Vislosky |
| Edwards | McGovern | Walberg |
| Ellison | McIntyre | Walz (MN) |
| Emanuel | McNerney | Wasserman |
| Engel | McNulty | Schultz |
| Eshoo | Meek (FL) | Waters |
| Etheridge | Meeks (NY) | Watson |
| Farr | Melancon | Watt |
| Fattah | Michaud | Waxman |
| Filner | Miller (NC) | Weiner |
| Frank (MA) | Miller, George | Welch (VT) |
| Gerlach | Mollohan | Wexler |
| Gillibrand | Moore (KS) | Whitfield |
| Gonzalez | Moore (WI) | Woolsey |
| Goodlatte | Moran (VA) | Wu |
| Green, Al | Murphy (CT) | Wynn |
| Green, Gene | Murphy, Patrick | Yarmuth |
| Grijalva | Murtha | |

NAYS—181

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| Aderholt | Biggart | Brady (TX) |
| Akin | Bilbray | Broun (GA) |
| Alexander | Bilirakis | Brown (SC) |
| Altmire | Bishop (UT) | Brown-Waite, |
| Bachmann | Blackburn | Ginny |
| Bachus | Blunt | Burgess |
| Baker | Boehner | Burton (IN) |
| Barrett (SC) | Bonner | Calvert |
| Bartlett (MD) | Bono | Camp (MI) |
| Barton (TX) | Boozman | Campbell (CA) |
| Berry | Boustany | Cannon |

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| Cantor | Issa | Pryce (OH) |
| Carney | Johnson, Sam | Putnam |
| Carter | Jordan | Radanovich |
| Castle | Keller | Ramstad |
| Chabot | King (IA) | Regula |
| Coble | King (NY) | Rehberg |
| Cole (OK) | Kingston | Reichert |
| Conaway | Kline (MN) | Renzi |
| Crenshaw | LaHood | Reynolds |
| Culberson | Lamborn | Rogers (AL) |
| Davis (KY) | Latham | Rogers (KY) |
| Davis, David | LaTourette | Rogers (MI) |
| Deal (GA) | Lewis (CA) | Rohrabacher |
| Diaz-Balart, L. | Lewis (GA) | Roskam |
| Diaz-Balart, M. | Lewis (KY) | Royce |
| Donnelly | LoBiondo | Ryan (WI) |
| Doolittle | Lucas | Sali |
| Drake | Lungren, Daniel E. | Saxton |
| Dreier | | Schmidt |
| Duncan | Mack | Sensenbrenner |
| Ehlers | Manzullo | Shadegg |
| Ellsworth | Marchant | Shays |
| Emerson | McCaul (TX) | Shinkus |
| English (PA) | McCotter | Shuler |
| Everett | McHenry | Simpson |
| Fallin | McHugh | Smith (NE) |
| Ferguson | McKeon | Smith (NJ) |
| Flake | McMorris | Smith (TX) |
| Forbes | Rodgers | Souder |
| Fortenberry | Mica | Stearns |
| Fossella | Miller (FL) | Stupak |
| Foxx | Miller (MI) | Taylor |
| Franks (AZ) | Miller, Gary | Terry |
| Frelinghuysen | Mitchell | Thompson (CA) |
| Gallegly | Moran (KS) | Thornberry |
| Garrett (NJ) | Murphy, Tim | Tiahrt |
| Giffords | Musgrave | Tiberi |
| Gilchrest | Myrick | Turner |
| Gingrey | Neugebauer | Upton |
| Goode | Nunes | Walden (OR) |
| Gordon | Pearce | Walsh (NY) |
| Granger | Pence | Wamp |
| Graves | Peterson (MN) | Weldon (FL) |
| Hall (TX) | Peterson (PA) | Westmoreland |
| Hastings (WA) | Petri | Wicker |
| Hensarling | Pickering | Wilson (SC) |
| Hobson | Pitts | Wolf |
| Hoekstra | Platts | Young (AK) |
| Hulshof | Poe | Young (FL) |
| Hunter | Porter | |
| Inglis (SC) | Price (GA) | |

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—2

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| Gohmert | Tancredo |
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NOT VOTING—28

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| Brown, Corrine | Hayes | Rush |
| Carson | Jindal | Schiff |
| Cubin | Kanjorski | Serrano |
| Davis, Tom | Kaptur | Sessions |
| Dicks | Knollenberg | Udall (CO) |
| Doyle | Levin | Weller |
| Feeney | Linder | Wilson (NM) |
| Gutierrez | McCrery | Wilson (OH) |
| Harman | Oberstar | |
| Hastert | Paul | |

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

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So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, on rolcall No. 1093 and 1094 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “nay” on both votes.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3074, TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New York (Mr. ARCURI) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. ARCURI. Mr. Speaker, for purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART). All time yielded during consideration of this rule is for debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ARCURI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members be given 5 legislative days in which to extend their remarks on House Resolution 817.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. ARCURI. Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 817 provides for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3074, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

I want to thank the distinguished chairman of the Appropriations Committee and the ranking member for bringing a conference report to the floor that makes critical investment in our Nation’s transportation infrastructure at levels guaranteed in SAFETEA-LU.

The conference report also rejects the administration’s proposed funding cuts to the Federal Aviation Administration’s Airport Improvement Program, highway programs, and critical housing and community development programs.

The conference report provides \$151 million more than current funding for the FAA, \$765 million more than the President’s request for FAA Airport Improvement Program, which provides grants for airport planning, construction and development.

Recipients of AIP funds such as Griffiss Park Airfield in my upstate New York district have benefited greatly from this program. Over the last few years, AIP funds have helped Griffiss continue to fully develop as a regional aviation facility, become the new home for the Oneida County Airport, create long-term regional economic growth for a region seeking to attract new investment.

The conference report also maintains our commitment to keeping our airways safe by providing \$7 billion for air traffic organization, including \$16 million to hire more than 1,400 new air traffic controllers to replenish the work force as the rate of retiring air traffic controllers continues to grow, and provides critical funding to hire and train more safety inspectors and for other aviation safety activities.

Mr. Speaker, this conference report provides \$3.5 billion more than current