

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

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)	Simpson
Cohen	Lampson	Skelton
Conyers	Langevin	Slaughter
Cooper	Lantos	Smith (WA)
Costa	Larsen (WA)	Snyder
Costello	Larson (CT)	Space
Courtney	Lee	Spratt
Cramer	Lipinski	Stark
Crowley	Loebsack	Sutton
Cuellar	Lofgren, Zoe	Tanner
Cummings	Lowe	Tauscher
Davis (AL)	Lynch	Thompson (MS)
Davis (CA)	Mahoney (FL)	Tierney
Davis (IL)	Maloney (NY)	Towns
Davis, Lincoln	Markey	Tsongas
DeFazio	Marshall	Udall (NM)
DeGette	Matheson	Van Hollen
Delahunt	Matsui	Velázquez
DeLauro	McCarthy (CA)	Vislosky
Dent	McCarthy (NY)	Walberg
Dingell	McCollum (MN)	Walz (MN)
Doggett	McDermott	Wasserman
Edwards	McGovern	Schultz
Ellison	McIntyre	Waters
Emanuel	McNerney	Watson
Engel	McNulty	Watt
Eshoo	Meek (FL)	Waxman
Etheridge	Meeks (NY)	Weiner
Farr	Melancon	Welch (VT)
Fattah	Michaud	Wexler
Filner	Miller (NC)	Whitfield
Frank (MA)	Miller, George	Woolsey
Gerlach	Mollohan	Wu
Gillibrand	Moore (KS)	Wynn
Gonzalez	Moore (WI)	Yarmuth
Goodlatte	Moran (VA)	
Green, Al	Murphy (CT)	
Green, Gene	Murphy, Patrick	
Grijalva	Murtha	

NAYS—181

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

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

Gohmert	Tancredo
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NOT VOTING—28

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.

□ 1420

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

levels for the Transportation Department. These additional funds will provide for much needed investments in our Nation's highways, road construction and repair, and transportation safety.

This conference report boosts funding for the Federal Transit Administration by providing \$227 million more than the President's request for mass transit programs. Local transit authorities, such as the Central New York Regional Transit Authority and Centro in my district, will now be able to expand their hybrid bus fleet and continue to provide low-cost, convenient, clean and energy-efficient transportation services to commuters in both upstate New York and in New York City.

This conference report also increases funding for the Housing and Urban Development Department by \$3.1 billion above the President's request.

The President's budget request sought to eliminate funding for the HOPE VI program, but I am so pleased that this legislation will maintain our commitment to providing affordable housing for the many disadvantaged individuals across our country, individuals that still struggle daily to meet their family's needs, even while working full-time jobs.

In 2003, the City of Utica, New York was the recipient of an \$11.5 million HOPE VI grant for revitalization of a local residential community. This grant has allowed for significant improvements in safety and greater access to service and facilities for its residents. It would be a shame if similar communities around the country were unable to reap the benefits of the HOPE VI program.

The conference report restores funding for the Community Development Block Grant program, which this administration has cut since 2001 by nearly 35 percent. This conference report provides \$922 million more than the President's request for CDBG grants, which allow local governments in cities such as Utica, Rome and Auburn, New York to provide critical service to revitalize neighborhoods, promote economic development and improve quality of life for those starved of financial resources.

Localities across my upstate New York district rely on CDBG funds to support vital redevelopment efforts that improve housing, assist local businesses, and offer services that promote safety and reduce crime. CDBG funds have been used by the City of Utica to prepare sites like those in the Corn Hill area for new housing construction by demolishing existing structures, replacing antiquated sewer lines, planting trees, constructing new sidewalks and curbs and paving streets, improving the quality of life for all the citizens of that city.

CDBG funds have been used in the City of Auburn to provide small business assistance loans to help new businesses make it through their first critical year of start-up, retain their em-

ployees, and grow their business. CDBG funds are also used by Auburn to support after-school programs, child care subsidies, and even counseling for children in crisis.

In the City of Rome, these funds are also used to assist new small businesses and also to assist low- to moderate-income persons make needed health and safety improvements to their homes, such as helping seniors with the installation of ramps and railings that allow them to remain living in their homes, and helping people deal with emergencies like failure and roof collapse. These are important parts of this bill.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, there are, I'm certain, very important programs that are funded by the legislation being brought forth today. And without any doubt, the Transportation and HUD appropriations bill is one of the most important appropriations bills that we face and we consider and we pass every year.

What is unfortunate is that it has been brought forth, it has been brought to this floor by the majority in a manner that is consistent with a pattern that is most unfortunate, objectionable.

As a matter of fact, that pattern, another aspect of that pattern is the subject of an editorial today by a newspaper that analyzes and informs on a daily basis with regard to this Congress. The newspaper is called Roll Call, and it has an editorial today about another aspect of the pattern that is most unfortunate and that we're seeing with the way in which this, albeit, very important piece of legislation is being brought forth today. Because it wasn't until, and we'll talk a little bit about the other aspect of the pattern that is the object of the Roll Call editorial in a minute. But with regard to this legislation, it was publicly available at 7 p.m., approximately, last night for the first time.

□ 1430

By the way, not in a very accessible way, in a format that's not very accessible: it was put online. There was no way to look at all of the legislation in that manner, in the format in which it was made available around 7 p.m. last night.

Now, Mr. Speaker, in the rules of the House, there is a requirement that before an appropriations bill is considered by this House, 3 days, 72 hours, must pass. That rule was waived by the majority in the Rules Committee last night.

Now, in addition to that rule, there is a custom and a custom that is repeatedly made reference to. As a matter of fact, it's not only custom, but in the promises made by the new majority in a document during the campaign the last election, the new majority in a document entitled "A New Direction

for America," they talked about that at the very least, if not 3 days for an appropriations bill to be able to be considered by the membership before it is brought forth that there should be at least 24 hours. I read from the document "A New Direction for America": "Members should have at least 24 hours to examine bill and conference reports texts prior to floor consideration."

So not only do we not have the 3 days because that's waived by the rule, it's a rule but it was waived by the majority of the Rules Committee, which is what we saw last night, but, in addition, not even the 24 hours now for Members to be able to look at the legislation that is before them. Most unfortunate. It violates the promise of the majority in addition to what I would say is an elemental required fairness for this process to work.

Now, I talked about the pattern. It's not just the lack of 24-hour notice; it's a pattern. Let's look at Roll Call today. They talk about the fact that there have been multiple threats by the majority to restrict something that hasn't been restricted since 1822, and that is one of the few legislative means, procedural means by which the minority can seek to amend legislation, and it's called, Mr. Speaker, the motion to recommit. And that hasn't been restricted since 1822. The majority has repeatedly now during this year, the first year of this Congress, this year that is already coming to an end, it's talked about that it wants to restrict that right that the minority has, one of the few vehicles that the minority has had since 1822 to try to amend legislation.

Roll Call, a newspaper, Mr. Speaker, that covers what we do here, observes us very carefully, has an editorial in today's edition: "Despite promises to manage the House on a more open basis than Republicans did during their 12-year rule," Roll Call says today in an editorial, "Democrats have prohibited any floor amendments at more than double the rate of the previous Congress."

And then Roll Call goes on to ask the Democrats not to do what they have threatened to do, and that is restrict the procedural vehicle that has been available and unrestricted since 1822, the motion to recommit. So note, Mr. Speaker, the pattern.

Now, I wish, I really wish, because of the importance of the programs funded by this legislation that we could discuss those programs. But when we are seeing this pattern of unfairness, of constant tightening, restricting the legislative process despite, and in contrast to, the promises made by the majority included in this "A New Direction for America" where they said, well, if we're not going to give 3 days, which is what the rules require, because sometimes we might have to waive that in the interest of time, then at least 24 hours. So, no, this legislation, the first time it was posted was 7 p.m. That's when it could be seen.

By the way, I am informed by people who are a lot more expert than I am at the format by which the legislation was posted at 7 p.m. that at 7 p.m. with that format, the details of the legislation could not be accessed. So really, Mr. Speaker, what we are talking about is a lot less than even that time if we wouldn't have come to the floor until 7 p.m., which is what the New Direction for America promised, the majority repeatedly promised, and which would have been elementally fair in addition to in compliance with the promise of the majority.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I would ask my friend, and he is my friend, Mr. ARCURI from New York, how many speakers he has wishing to speak.

Mr. ARCURI. I have no other speakers.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

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

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes 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 vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 150, nays 244, not voting 38, as follows:

[Roll No. 1095]

YEAS—150

Aderholt	Emerson	Lungren, Daniel
Akin	English (PA)	E.
Alexander	Fallin	Mack
Bachus	Feeney	Manzullo
Barrett (SC)	Flake	McCaul (TX)
Bartlett (MD)	Forbes	McCreery
Barton (TX)	Fox	McHenry
Biggert	Franks (AZ)	McKeon
Bilbray	Frelinghuysen	Mica
Bilirakis	Gallely	Miller (FL)
Bishop (UT)	Garrett (NJ)	Miller (MI)
Blackburn	Gerlach	Murphy, Tim
Blunt	Giffords	Musgrave
Boehner	Gilchrest	Pearce
Bonner	Gingrey	Peterson (PA)
Bono	Gohmert	Petri
Boustany	Goode	Pickering
Brady (TX)	Goodlatte	Pitts
Brown (GA)	Gordon	Platts
Buchanan	Granger	Porter
Burton (IN)	Graves	Price (GA)
Buyer	Hall (TX)	Pryce (OH)
Calvert	Hastings (WA)	Putnam
Camp (MI)	Hayes	Rangel
Campbell (CA)	Heller	Rehberg
Cannon	Hensarling	Reichert
Cantor	Hobson	Renzi
Capito	Hoekstra	Reynolds
Carter	Hulshof	Rogers (AL)
Chabot	Inglis (SC)	Rogers (KY)
Coble	Issa	Rohrabacher
Cole (OK)	Johnson (IL)	Ros-Lehtinen
Conaway	Johnson, Sam	Royce
Crenshaw	Jordan	Ryan (WI)
Culberson	Keller	Sali
Davis (KY)	King (IA)	Saxton
Davis, David	King (NY)	Schmidt
Deal (GA)	Kingston	Sensenbrenner
Delahunt	Kirk	Shadegg
Diaz-Balart, L.	Knollenberg	Shays
Diaz-Balart, M.	Lamborn	Shimkus
Doolittle	Latham	Shuster
Drake	LaTourette	Simpson
Dreier	Lewis (KY)	Smith (TX)
Duncan	Linder	Sullivan
Ehlers	Lucas	Tancredo

Thornberry	Walberg	Wilson (SC)
Tiahrt	Wamp	Young (AK)
Tiberi	Westmoreland	Young (FL)
Turner	Wicker	
Upton	Wilson (NM)	

NAYS—244

Abercrombie	Green, Gene	Myrick
Ackerman	Grijalva	Nadler
Allen	Gutierrez	Napolitano
Altmire	Hall (NY)	Neal (MA)
Andrews	Hare	Obey
Arcuri	Harman	Olver
Baca	Hastings (FL)	Ortiz
Bachmann	Herger	Pallone
Baird	Herseth Sandlin	Pascrell
Baldwin	Hill	Pastor
Barrow	Hinchee	Payne
Bean	Hinojosa	Perlmutter
Becerra	Hirono	Peterson (MN)
Berkley	Hodes	Pomeroy
Berman	Holden	Price (NC)
Berry	Holt	Rahall
Bishop (GA)	Honda	Ramstad
Bishop (NY)	Hooley	Regula
Blumenauer	Hoyer	Reyes
Boozman	Hunter	Richardson
Boren	Inslee	Rodriguez
Boswell	Israel	Rogers (MI)
Boucher	Jackson (IL)	Ross
Boyd (FL)	Jackson-Lee	Rothman
Boyd (KS)	(TX)	Roybal-Allard
Brady (PA)	Jefferson	Rush
Braley (IA)	Johnson (GA)	Ryan (OH)
Brown (SC)	Johnson, E. B.	Salazar
Brown, Corrine	Jones (NC)	Sánchez, Linda
Brown-Waite,	Jones (OH)	T.
Ginny	Kagen	Sanchez, Loretta
Burgess	Kanjorski	Sarbanes
Butterfield	Kaptur	Schakowsky
Capps	Kennedy	Schiff
Carnahan	Kildee	Schwartz
Carney	Kilpatrick	Scott (GA)
Castle	Kind	Scott (VA)
Castor	Klein (FL)	Serrano
Chandler	Kline (MN)	Sestak
Clarke	Kucinich	Shea-Porter
Clay	Kuhl (NY)	Sherman
Cleaver	LaHood	Shuler
Clyburn	Lampson	Sires
Cohen	Langevin	Skelton
Conyers	Lantos	Slaughter
Cooper	Larsen (WA)	Smith (NE)
Costa	Larsen (CT)	Smith (NJ)
Costello	Lee	Snyder
Courtney	Lewis (CA)	Solis
Cramer	Lewis (GA)	Space
Crowley	Lipinski	Spratt
Cuellar	LoBiondo	Stark
Cummings	Loeb sack	Stearns
Davis (AL)	Davis (AL)	Lofgren, Zoe
Davis (CA)	Davis (IL)	Lowey
Davis (IL)	Davis, Lincoln	Lynch
DeFazio	DeFazio	Mahoney (FL)
DeGette	DeGette	Maloney (NY)
DeLauro	DeLauro	Marchant
Dent	Markey	Marshall
Dicks	Matheson	Matheson
Dingell	Matsui	Matsumoto
Doggett	McCarthy (NY)	McCarthy (NY)
Donnelly	McCotter	McCotter
Edwards	McGovern	McGovern
Ellison	McHugh	McHugh
Ellsworth	McIntyre	McIntyre
Emanuel	McNerney	McNerney
Engel	McNulty	McNulty
Eshoo	Meeks (NY)	Meeks (NY)
Etheridge	Michaud	Michaud
Everett	Miller (NC)	Miller (NC)
Farr	Miller, Gary	Miller, Gary
Fattah	Miller, George	Miller, George
Ferguson	Mitchell	Mitchell
Finer	Mollohan	Mollohan
Fortenberry	Moore (KS)	Moore (KS)
Fossella	Moore (WI)	Moore (WI)
Frank (MA)	Moran (KS)	Moran (KS)
Gillibrand	Murphy (CT)	Murphy (CT)
Gonzalez	Murphy, Patrick	Murphy, Patrick
Green, Al	Murtha	Murtha

NOT VOTING—38

Baker	Hastert	McMorris
Capuano	Higgins	Rodgers
Cardoza	Jindal	Meek (FL)
Carson	Levin	Melancon
Cubin	McCarthy (CA)	Moran (VA)
Davis, Tom	McCollum (MN)	Neugebauer
Doyle	McDermott	Nunes

Oberstar	Ruppersberger	Weldon (FL)
Paul	Sessions	Weller
Pence	Smith (WA)	Wexler
Poe	Souder	Whitfield
Radanovich	Tierney	Wilson (OH)
Roskam	Udall (CO)	Yarmuth

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised there is less than 1½ minutes remaining.

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Messrs. BRALEY of Iowa, ROTHMAN and HINCHEY, and Mrs. LOWEY, Mrs. JONES of Ohio and Mrs. MYRICK changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Messrs. TURNER and BARTLETT of Maryland changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated against:

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 1095, I was unable to vote due to medical reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

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 Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida.

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I will be asking for a "no" vote on the previous question so that we can amend this rule and move toward passing a conference report on the bipartisan Military Construction-Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act.

The House passed the veterans and military funding bill on June 15 by a vote of 409-2, with the Senate following suit and naming conferees on September 6. Unfortunately, the majority leadership in the House has refused to move the Military Construction-Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act. They have even refused to name conferees.

Now, the question that is begged, Mr. Speaker, is why has the majority decided to hold off on moving this bill that obviously has such bipartisan support. Well, according to several publications, including this one, Roll Call, the majority intends to hold off sending appropriations bills to President Bush so that they can use the veto of the Labor-HHS appropriations bill to serve as "an extension of their successful public relations campaign on the SCHIP program."

Mr. DREIER. Will the gentleman yield for one moment?

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Yes, I will yield to my distinguished friend.

Mr. DREIER. Was that quote that my friend provided something that was written by Republican staff members? Where exactly did that come from?