

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

SMALL BUSINESS LENDING
IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2007

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

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 380, noes 45, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 263]

AYES—380

Abercrombie	Clarke	Gillmor
Ackerman	Clay	Gohmert
Aderholt	Cleaver	Gonzalez
Akin	Clyburn	Goodlatte
Alexander	Coble	Gordon
Allen	Cohen	Granger
Altmire	Cole (OK)	Graves
Andrews	Conaway	Green, Al
Arcuri	Conyers	Green, Gene
Baca	Cooper	Grijalva
Bachus	Costa	Gutierrez
Baird	Costello	Hall (NY)
Baker	Courtney	Hall (TX)
Baldwin	Cramer	Hare
Barrow	Crenshaw	Harman
Bartlett (MD)	Crowley	Hastings (FL)
Barton (TX)	Cuellar	Hastings (WA)
Bean	Cummings	Heller
Becerra	Davis (AL)	Heger
Berkley	Davis (CA)	Herseth Sandlin
Berman	Davis (IL)	Higgins
Berry	Davis, David	Hill
Bilbray	Davis, Lincoln	Hinchee
Bilirakis	Davis, Tom	Hinojosa
Bishop (GA)	DeFazio	Hirono
Bishop (NY)	DeGette	Hobson
Bishop (UT)	DeLauro	Hodes
Blackburn	Dent	Hoekstra
Blumenauer	Diaz-Balart, L.	Holden
Blunt	Diaz-Balart, M.	Holt
Boehner	Dicks	Honda
Bonner	Dingell	Hooley
Bono	Doggett	Hoyer
Boozman	Donnelly	Hulshof
Boren	Doyle	Inslee
Boswell	Drake	Israel
Boucher	Dreier	Issa
Boustany	Edwards	Jackson (IL)
Boyd (FL)	Ehlers	Jackson-Lee
Boyd (KS)	Ellison	(TX)
Brady (PA)	Ellsworth	Jefferson
Braley (IA)	Emanuel	Jindal
Brown (SC)	Emerson	Johnson (GA)
Brown, Corrine	Engel	Johnson (IL)
Brown-Waite,	English (PA)	Johnson, E. B.
Ginny	Eshoo	Jones (OH)
Buchanan	Etheridge	Jordan
Burgess	Everett	Kagen
Burton (IN)	Fallin	Kanjorski
Butterfield	Farr	Kaptur
Calvert	Fattah	Keller
Camp (MI)	Ferguson	Kennedy
Cannon	Filner	Kildee
Capito	Forbes	Kilpatrick
Capps	Fortenberry	Kind
Capuano	Fossella	King (NY)
Cardoza	Frank (MA)	Kirk
Carnahan	Frelinghuysen	Klein (FL)
Carney	Galleghy	Kline (MN)
Carson	Gerlach	Knollenberg
Castle	Giffords	Kucinich
Castor	Gilchrest	Kuhl (NY)
Chabot	Gillibrand	LaHood
Chandler		Langevin

Lantos	Oberstar	Shuster
Larsen (WA)	Obey	Simpson
Larson (CT)	Oliver	Sires
Latham	Ortiz	Skelton
LaTourette	Pallone	Slaughter
Lee	Pascarella	Smith (NE)
Levin	Pastor	Smith (NJ)
Lewis (CA)	Payne	Smith (TX)
Lewis (GA)	Pearce	Smith (WA)
Lewis (KY)	Perlmuter	Snyder
Lipinski	Peterson (MN)	Souder
LoBiondo	Peterson (PA)	Space
Loeb sack	Petri	Spratt
Lofgren, Zoe	Pickering	Stark
Lowey	Pitts	Stearns
Lucas	Platts	Stupak
Lungren, Daniel	Poe	Sullivan
E.	Pomeroy	Sutton
Lynch	Porter	Tanner
Mahoney (FL)	Price (NC)	Tauscher
Maloney (NY)	Pryce (OH)	Taylor
Marchant	Putnam	Terry
Markey	Rahall	Thompson (CA)
Marshall	Ramstad	Thompson (MS)
Matheson	Rangel	Thornberry
Matsui	Regula	Tiahrt
McCarthy (CA)	Rehberg	Tiberi
McCarthy (NY)	Reichert	Tierney
McCaul (TX)	Renzi	Towns
McCollum (MN)	Reyes	Turner
McCotter	Reynolds	Udall (CO)
McCrery	Rodriguez	Udall (NM)
McDermott	Rogers (AL)	Upton
McGovern	Rogers (KY)	Van Hollen
McHugh	Rogers (MI)	Velázquez
McIntyre	Ros-Lehtinen	Visclosky
McKeon	Roskam	Walberg
McMorris	Ross	Walden (OR)
Rodgers	Rothman	Walsh (NY)
McNerney	Roybal-Allard	Walz (MN)
McNulty	Ruppersberger	Wamp
Meehan	Rush	Wasserman
Meek (FL)	Ryan (OH)	Schultz
Meeks (NY)	Ryan (WI)	Waters
Melancon	Salazar	Watson
Mica	Sánchez, Linda	Watt
Michaud	T.	Waxman
Miller (MI)	Sanchez, Loretta	Weiner
Miller (NC)	Sarbanes	Welch (VT)
Miller, George	Saxton	Weldon (FL)
Mitchell	Schakowsky	Weller
Mollohan	Schiff	Wexler
Moore (KS)	Schmidt	Whitfield
Moore (WI)	Schwartz	Wicker
Moran (KS)	Scott (GA)	Wilson (NM)
Moran (VA)	Scott (VA)	Wilson (OH)
Murphy (CT)	Sensenbrenner	Wilson (SC)
Murphy, Patrick	Serrano	Wolf
Murphy, Tim	Sessions	Woolsey
Murtha	Sestak	Wu
Musgrave	Shays	Wynn
Nadler	Shea-Porter	Yarmuth
Napolitano	Sherman	Young (AK)
Neal (MA)	Shimkus	Young (FL)
Nunes	Shuler	

NOES—45

Bachmann	Franks (AZ)	Manzullo
Barrett (SC)	Garrett (NJ)	McHenry
Biggett	Gingrey	Miller (FL)
Brady (TX)	Goode	Miller, Gary
Campbell (CA)	Hastert	Myrick
Cantor	Hayes	Neugebauer
Carter	Hensarling	Paul
Culberson	Inglis (SC)	Pence
Davis (KY)	Johnson, Sam	Price (GA)
Deal (GA)	Jones (NC)	Radanovich
Doolittle	King (IA)	Rohrabacher
Duncan	Kingston	Royce
Feeney	Lamborn	Sali
Flake	Linder	Shadegg
Foxx	Mack	Tancredo

NOT VOTING—7

Buyer	Hunter	Westmoreland
Cubin	Lampson	
Davis, Jo Ann	Solis	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 1806

Mr. PENCE changed his vote from “aye” to “no.”

Mr. AKIN changed his vote from “no” to “aye.”

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Ms. SOLIS. Madam Speaker, During rollcall vote No. 263, the Small Business Lending Improvements Act, on April 25, 2007. I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye.”

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO
MAKE CORRECTIONS IN EN-
GROSSMENT OF H.R. 1332, SMALL
BUSINESS LENDING IMPROVE-
MENTS ACT OF 2007

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Clerk is authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross-references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 1332.

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

There was no objection.

AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR CON-
SIDERATION OF H.R. 1429, IM-
PROVING HEAD START ACT OF
2007; AND H.R. 1868, TECHNOLOGY
INNOVATION AND MANUFACTURING
STIMULATION ACT OF
2007

(Ms. SLAUGHTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SLAUGHTER. The Rules Committee is expected to meet the week of April 30 to grant a rule which may structure the amendment process for floor consideration of H.R. 1429, the Improving Head Start 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 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 30. Members are strongly advised to adhere to this amendment deadline to ensure the amendments receive consideration.

Amendments should be drafted to the bill as reported by the Committee on Education and Labor. A copy of that 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.

The Rules Committee is also expected to meet the week of April 30 to grant a rule which may structure the amendment process for floor consideration of H.R. 1868, Technology Innovation and Manufacturing Stimulation 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 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 30. Members are strongly advised to adhere to this amendment deadline to ensure the amendments receive consideration.

Amendments should be drafted to the bill as reported by the Committee on Science and Technology. A copy of that 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.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1591, U.S. TROOP READINESS, VETERANS' HEALTH, AND IRAQ ACCOUNTABILITY ACT, 2007

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 332 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 332

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1591) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived. The conference report shall be considered as read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER) is recognized for 1 hour.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER). All time yielded during consideration of the rule is for debate only.

Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may be given 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on House Resolution 332.

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

There was no objection.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, H. Res. 332 provides for consideration of the conference report for H.R. 1591, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. It also pro-

vides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

Mr. Speaker, after 4 years of the administration's relentless mismanagement of the Iraq war, mismanagement that has needlessly endangered our soldiers and lost countless Iraqi lives, this new Democratic Congress is determined to exercise our constitutional duty and to change the Nation's course in Iraq. We are hardly alone in our estimation of what must be done there.

A growing chorus of opinion has coalesced around the need for a new direction. Virtually all of our generals agree that this fight cannot be won militarily, and General David Petraeus has said that the American mission in Iraq is 20 percent military and 80 percent political, economic and diplomatic.

He is joined by the Secretary of Defense, Robert Gates, who applauded this debate, saying it will demonstrate to the Iraqi leadership that America will no longer tolerate an open-ended commitment without any benchmarks for success.

James A. Baker and Lee Hamilton of the President's own Iraq Study Group have called for the American military to focus on training Iraqi security forces instead of conducting endless security sweeps.

Retired generals have joined in as well. Retired Lieutenant General William E. Odom, to name just one, has said that the proposed change in course will, and I quote, "re-orient U.S. strategy to achieve regional stability, and win help from many other countries—the only way peace will eventually be achieved."

What of the people of the United States of America? It is their sons and daughters, their husbands and wives, their friends and family who have fought, have been injured and died in this war by the tens of thousands.

They, more than anyone else, have demanded that America's mission in Iraq be changed. This bill is a statement that Congress will no longer fund the war as it exists today.

With it, Democrats are demanding accountability and requiring that future support be based on tangible progress being made. We are refusing to ask our soldiers to continue fighting an open-ended battle to achieve goals that are constantly being altered. Such a request is not worthy of their sacrifice.

Let me say also that while the President said that this bill is nothing more than a political statement, the opposite is the case. Our bill reconciles hard realities with our most fundamental principles. It both protects our soldiers and seeks to give them the best chance to help to produce a secure Iraq. It could not be more sincere, and it will soon be on the President's desk. If he rejects it, that will be his political statement and not ours.

Finally, I must add briefly that this legislation also contains \$18 billion to be spent on critically needed health care for the veterans injured in Iraq

and Afghanistan, particularly for the traumatic brain injury victims, for Katrina recovery operations, for the avian flu vaccines, wildfire prevention, and for health insurance for children, among many other things. Those things are what supplemental bills have always been for, not to fund wars.

The President and his allies have chosen to dismiss this spending as unjustifiable pork. They have asked Congress to deliver a clean bill, in their words, but I can't think of programs much cleaner and more worthy of our support than those I just mentioned.

The definition of a great nation is one that has the power to define its own destiny and that uses its strength wisely to help others in need. Insurgents who seek to destroy what is left of the Iraq society are abominable, but they can do far less damage to our country than we do to ourselves by pursuing flawed policies that deplete our Armed Forces, undermine our alliances, and lessen our influence and moral authority around the world.

□ 1815

Why should we do what they cannot?

At the same time, the Iraqi people deserve so much more than the life of fear they now lead. But America can be true to itself; we must have the humility and the vision to recognize what is working and what is not, and to correct our failures when reality demands it.

I believe that we are, indeed, a great Nation, Mr. Speaker. We have the ability to choose our own way forward. Starting today, starting here, we can choose to reject a path that is failing our soldiers, our citizens, and the people of Iraq. And we can set a new course that offers a real chance for a better future instead of endless, unfulfilled promises.

This bill is the first step on that new course, and I urge everybody in this body and in the White House to see it for what it truly is. It is not an admission of defeat, but it is proof that our country has the courage and the foresight needed to truly act like the great Nation that we truly are.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. DREIER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material.)

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my very good friend from Rochester, the distinguished Chair of the Committee on Rules, for yielding me the customary 30 minutes.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strongest opposition to both this rule and the underlying conference report.

Mr. Speaker, this conference report implements a policy of failure. It is nothing more than a cheap attempt to score political points at a time when the American people have understandably become very weary of war. Rather than offering the American people a