

"Amending Special Rules" states: "a refusal to order the previous question on such a rule [a special rule reported from the Committee on Rules] opens the resolution to amendment and further debate." (Chapter 21, section 21.2) Section 21.3 continues: Upon rejection of the motion for the previous question on a resolution reported from the Committee on Rules, control shifts to the Member leading the opposition to the previous question, who may offer a proper amendment or motion and who controls the time for debate thereon."

Clearly, the vote on the previous question on a rule does have substantive policy implications. It is one of the only available tools for those who oppose the Democratic majority's agenda and allows those with alternative views the opportunity to offer an alternative plan.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. 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 ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. SESSIONS. 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, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

On approving the Journal, by the yeas and nays;

On ordering the previous question on H. Res. 974, by the yeas and nays;

On adopting the resolution, if ordered.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 226, nays 183, answered "present" 1, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 72]

YEAS—226

Abercrombie	Bean	Bishop (NY)
Ackerman	Becerra	Bishop (UT)
Andrews	Berkley	Blumenauer
Arcuri	Berman	Boren
Baca	Berry	Boswell
Baird	Bilirakis	Boucher
Baldwin	Bishop (GA)	Boyd (FL)

Boyd (KS)	Hunter	Peterson (PA)
Brady (PA)	Inslee	Petri
Braley (IA)	Israel	Pickering
Brown, Corrine	Jackson (IL)	Pomeroy
Buchanan	Jackson-Lee	Price (NC)
Butterfield	(TX)	Rahall
Capps	Jefferson	Rangel
Capuano	Johnson (GA)	Reyes
Cardoza	Johnson (IL)	Richardson
Carnahan	Johnson, E. B.	Rodriguez
Castor	Jones (NC)	Ross
Chandler	Kagen	Rothman
Clarke	Kanjorski	Roybal-Allard
Clay	Kaptur	Ruppersberger
Cleaver	Kennedy	Salazar
Clyburn	Kildee	Sánchez, Linda
Cohen	Kilpatrick	T.
Conyers	Kind	Sarbanes
Cooper	Klein (FL)	Saxton
Costa	Kucinich	Schakowsky
Costello	Kuhl (NY)	Schiff
Courtney	Lampson	Schwartz
Cramer	Langevin	Scott (GA)
Crowley	Larsen (WA)	Scott (VA)
Cummings	Larson (CT)	Serrano
Davis (AL)	Lee	Sestak
Davis (CA)	Levin	Shea-Porter
Davis (IL)	Lewis (GA)	Sherman
Davis, Lincoln	Linder	Shuster
DeFazio	Lipinski	Sires
DeGette	Loeb	Skelton
Delahunt	Loeb	Slaughter
DeLauro	Lofgren, Zoe	Smith (NJ)
Dent	Lowey	Smith (WA)
Dicks	Lynch	Snyder
Dingell	Maloney (NY)	Solis
Doggett	Markay	Space
Doyle	Marshall	Spratt
Edwards	Matsui	Stark
Ellison	McCarthy (NY)	Sullivan
Emanuel	McCollum (MN)	Tanner
Engel	McDermott	Tauscher
Eshoo	McGovern	Taylor
Etheridge	McIntyre	Thompson (CA)
Farr	McNerney	Thompson (MS)
Fattah	McNulty	Tierney
Filner	Meek (FL)	Towns
Frank (MA)	Meeks (NY)	Tsongas
Gerlach	Melancon	Turner
Gillibrand	Michaud	Udall (CO)
Green, Al	Miller (NC)	Udall (NM)
Green, Gene	Miller, George	Van Hollen
Grijalva	Moore (KS)	Velázquez
Hall (NY)	Moore (WI)	Visclosky
Hare	Moran (VA)	Walz (MN)
Harman	Murphy (CT)	Wasserman
Hastings (FL)	Murphy, Patrick	Schultz
Herse	Murtha	Waters
Herseth Sandlin	Nadler	Watson
Higgins	Napolitano	Watt
Hill	Neal (MA)	Waxman
Hinchey	Oberstar	Weiner
Hinojosa	Obey	Welch (VT)
Hirono	Olver	Whitfield (KY)
Hodes	Ortiz	Wilson (OH)
Hoekstra	Pallone	Wu
Holden	Pascarella	Wynn
Holt	Pastor	Yarmuth
Honda	Paul	
Hooley	Payne	
Hoyer	Perlmutter	

NAYS—183

Aderholt	Calvert	Duncan
Akin	Camp (MI)	Ehlers
Alexander	Campbell (CA)	Ellsworth
Altmire	Cannon	Emerson
Bachmann	Cantor	English (PA)
Bachus	Capito	Everett
Barrett (SC)	Carney	Fallin
Barrow	Carter	Feeney
Bartlett (MD)	Castle	Ferguson
Barton (TX)	Chabot	Flake
Biggert	Coble	Forbes
Bilbray	Cole (OK)	Fortenberry
Blackburn	Conaway	Fossella
Blunt	Crenshaw	Fox
Boehner	Cubin	Franks (AZ)
Bonner	Cuellar	Frelinghuysen
Bono Mack	Culberson	Gallegly
Boozman	Davis (KY)	Garrett (NJ)
Boustany	Davis, David	Giffords
Brady (TX)	Davis, Tom	Gilchrest
Broun (GA)	Deal (GA)	Gingrey
Brown (SC)	Diaz-Balart, L.	Goode
Brown-Waite,	Diaz-Balart, M.	Goodlatte
Ginny	Donnelly	Gordon
Burgess	Doolittle	Granger
Burton (IN)	Drake	Hall (TX)
Buyer	Dreier	Hastings (WA)

Hayes	McMorris	Ryan (WI)
Heller	Rodgers	Sali
Hensarling	Mica	Sanchez, Loretta
Herger	Miller (FL)	Schmidt
Hobson	Miller (MI)	Sensenbrenner
Inglis (SC)	Miller, Gary	Sessions
Issa	Mitchell	Shadegg
Johnson, Sam	Moran (KS)	Shays
Jordan	Murphy, Tim	Shimkus
King (IA)	Musgrave	Shuler
King (NY)	Myrick	Simpson
Kingston	Neugebauer	Smith (NE)
Kirk	Nunes	Smith (TX)
Kline (MN)	Pearce	Souder
Knollenberg	Pence	Stearns
LaHood	Peterson (MN)	Stupak
Lamborn	Pitts	Terry
Latham	Platts	Thornberry
LaTourette	Poe	Tiahrt
Latta	Porter	Tiberi
Lewis (CA)	Price (GA)	Upton
Lewis (KY)	Putnam	Walberg
LoBiondo	Radanovich	Walden (OR)
Lucas	Ramstad	Walsh (NY)
Mack	Regula	Wamp
Mahoney (FL)	Rehberg	Weldon (FL)
Manzullo	Reichert	Weller
Matheson	Renzi	Westmoreland
McCarthy (CA)	Rogers (AL)	Wilson (NM)
McCaul (TX)	Rogers (KY)	Wilson (SC)
McCotter	Rogers (MI)	Wittman (VA)
McCrery	Rohrabacher	Wolf
McHenry	Ros-Lehtinen	Young (AK)
McHugh	Roskam	Young (FL)
McKeon	Royce	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Tancredo

NOT VOTING—18

Allen	Keller	Rush
Gohmert	Lungren, Daniel	Ryan (OH)
Gonzalez	E.	Sutton
Graves	Marchant	Wexler
Gutierrez	Mollohan	Woolsey
Hulshof	Pryce (OH)	
Jones (OH)	Reynolds	

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Mr. SHADEGG and Mrs. MYRICK changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia and Ms. SLAUGHTER changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3521, PUBLIC HOUSING ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on ordering the previous question on House Resolution 974, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The question is on ordering the previous question.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 212, nays 198, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 73]

YEAS—212

Abercrombie	Berman	Braley (IA)
Ackerman	Berry	Brown, Corrine
Altmire	Bishop (GA)	Butterfield
Andrews	Bishop (NY)	Capps
Arcuri	Blumenauer	Capuano
Baca	Boswell	Cardoza
Baird	Boucher	Carnahan
Baldwin	Boyd (FL)	Castor
Becerra	Boyd (KS)	Chandler
Berkley	Brady (PA)	Clarke

Sanchez, Loretta
Sarbanes
Schakowsky
Schiff
Schwartz
Scott (GA)
Scott (VA)
Serrano
Sestak
Shea-Porter
Sherman
Shuler
Sires
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (WA)
Snyder
Solis
Space
Spratt
Stark
Stupak
Tanner
Tauscher
Taylor
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Tierney
Towns
Tsongas
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Van Hollen
Velázquez
Viscosky
Walz (MN)
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watson
Watt
Waxman
Weiner
Welch (VT)
Wilson (OH)
Wu
Wynn
Yarmuth

Rush
Ryan (OH)
Sutton
Wexler
Woolsey

□ 1335

RECORDED VOTE

[Roll No. 74]

AYES—218

NOES—190

Kline (MN)
Knollenberg
Kuhl (NY)
LaHood
Lamborn
Latham
LaTourette
Latta
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
LoBiondo
Lucas
Mack
Manzullo
McCarthy (CA)
McCaul (TX)
McCotter
McCrery
McHenry
McHugh
McKeon
McMorris
Rodgers
Mica
Miller (FL)
Miller (MI)
Miller, Gary
Moran (KS)
Murphy, Tim
Murgrave
Myrick
Neugebauer
Nunes
Paul
Pearce
Pence
Peterson (PA)
Petri
Pickering
Pitts
Platts
Poe
Porter
Price (GA)
Putnam
Radanovich
Ramstad

Fossella
Foxy
Franks (AZ)
Frelinghuysen
Gallegly
Garrett (NJ)
Gerlach
Gilchrest
Gingrey
Gohmert
Goode
Goodlatte
Granger
Hall (TX)
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Heller
Hensarling
Herger
Hobson
Hoekstra
Hunter
Inglis (SC)
Issa
Johnson (IL)
Johnson, Sam
Jones (NC)
Jordan
King (IA)
King (NY)
Kingston
Kirk
Kline (MN)
Knollenberg
Kuhl (NY)

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Altmire
Andrews
Arcuri
Baca
Baird
Baldwin
Barrow
Bean
Becerra
Berkley
Berman
Berry
Bishop (GA)
Bishop (NY)
Blumenauer
Boren
Boucher
Boyd (FL)
Boyd (KS)
Brady (PA)
Braley (IA)
Brown, Corrine
Butterfield

Regula
Rehberg
Reichert
Renzi
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rogers (MI)
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Roskam
Royce
Ryan (WI)
Sali
Saxton
Schmidt
Sensenbrenner

Sessions
Shadegg
Shays
Shinkus
Shuster
Simpson
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Souder
Stearns
Sullivan
Tancredo
Terry
Thornberry
Tiahrt
Tiberi

Turner
Upton
Walberg
Walden (OR)
Walsh (NY)
Wamp
Weldon (FL)
Weller
Westmoreland
Whitfield (KY)
Wilson (NM)
Wilson (SC)
Wittman (VA)
Wolf
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—20

Allen
Boswell
Graves
Gutierrez
Hinojosa
Hulshof
Jones (OH)

Keller
Lungren, Daniel
E.
Marchant
Mollohan
Moore (WI)
Pryce (OH)

Reynolds
Rush
Ryan (OH)
Smith (TX)
Sutton
Wexler
Woolsey

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

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So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 74, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 73 and 74, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on No. 73 and "aye" on No. 74.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 974, House Resolution 955 is laid on the table.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committees on Agriculture and Science and Technology:

FEBRUARY 21, 2008.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Thank you for your service and for your leadership. I appreciate all your hard work and commitment to upholding the proud traditions of the House of Representatives.

Due to my impending appointment to the Committee on Appropriations, I hereby respectfully submit my resignation from the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Science and Technology, effective Monday, February 25, 2008.

I appreciate your consideration and I look forward to working with you in the future. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can ever be of assistance.

With kind regards, I am,
Sincerely,

JO BONNER,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.
There was no objection.

ELECTING MINORITY MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the House Republic Conference, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 998

Resolved, That the following Members are, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees:

(1) COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.—Mr. Bonner of Alabama;

(2) COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET.—Mr. Jordan of Ohio;

(3) COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES.—Mr. Heller of Nevada;

(4) COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES.—Mr. Smith of Nebraska, and Mr. Wittman of Virginia; and,

(5) COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE.—Mr. Latta.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ELECTING A MEMBER TO A CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SIRES. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 999

Resolved, That the following named Member be, and is hereby, elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS.—Ms. Lee.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SIRES. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 3521, and to insert extraneous material thereon.

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

There was no objection.

□ 1345

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Small Business:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 21, 2008.

Speaker NANCY PELOSI,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

MADAM SPEAKER: This letter serves as my intent to resign from the Committee on

Small Business, effective Monday, February 25, 2008. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve on the committee and I look forward to the work ahead for the remainder of the 110th Congress.

Sincerely,

JIM JORDAN,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEES ON NATURAL RESOURCES, EDUCATION AND LABOR, AND SMALL BUSINESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committees on Natural Resources, Education and Labor, and Small Business:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 22, 2008.

Speaker NANCY PELOSI,
The Capitol,

Washington, DC.

Minority Leader JOHN BOEHNER,
The Capitol,

Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI AND MINORITY LEADER BOEHNER: This letter serves as my intent to resign from the House Natural Resources Committee, Education and Labor Committee, and Small Business Committee, effective Monday, February 25th, 2008. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

DEAN HELLER,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

PUBLIC HOUSING ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 974 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. 3521.

□ 1348

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. 3521) to improve the Operating Fund for public housing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, with Mr. SERRANO 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 New Jersey (Mr. SIRES) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. ROSKAM) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey.

Mr. SIRES. Mr. Chairman, I am very happy to be here debating this bill to help public housing authorities across