

But the housing crisis doesn't only affect families losing their homes. An additional 40 million neighboring homeowners could see their property values drop, with 44 percent of all homeowners likely to feel the ripple effect of foreclosures from subprime loans.

And the overall impact does not end in the housing market. The ripple effects are felt throughout the economy with a reduction in economic activity and severe job loss.

Mr. Speaker, we simply cannot turn our Nation's economy around without properly addressing the housing crisis, and that is exactly what we plan to do this week. Today, House Democrats will bring a package of housing bills to the House floor that will address the current housing crisis, while also seeking to prevent the problem from getting worse. These bills are the appropriate response to a problem that is affecting our families, our communities and our overall economy. I hope it receives the bipartisan support that it deserves, Mr. Speaker.

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WORLD AIDS ORPHANS DAY

(Ms. LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize World AIDS Orphans Day, which is commemorated every year on May 7.

Over 15 million children have already lost one or both of their parents to HIV and AIDS, 12 million of which live in Sub-Saharan Africa. By 2010, there could be 20 million children.

Children who have been orphaned by HIV and AIDS of course are left without food, shelter, education or protection. Three years ago, we enacted legislation that I authored with Chairman Henry Hyde to better focus and coordinate our foreign assistance programs to address the unique needs of these children. Last month, the House passed legislation named after two great men who love children, former Chairman Tom Lantos and Chairman Henry Hyde, to reauthorize and provide \$50 billion for our global HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria programs, and to allocate 10 percent of global AIDS funding to meet the needs of AIDS orphans.

Today, on World AIDS Orphans Day, I urge my colleagues in the other body to take the next step and to pass this important bill. Together we can create a brighter, safer and more secure future for the world's children.

HOUSING PACKAGE IMPORTANT TO BOOST ECONOMY AND STABILIZE MARKET

(Mr. WU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, the housing crisis has devastated millions of American families who have lost their homes, but the crisis doesn't end there. Experts predict that housing foreclosures could reduce overall economic activity by over \$160 billion this year thanks to sharp declines in real estate, the construction industry, and in consumer spending.

The slump in the real estate market is hurting manufacturers, construction firms and other businesses that have been forced to lay off thousands of workers. Ending the foreclosure crisis is vital to the American economy, our economic recovery, and to Americans who are hurting. And that is why it is so important that this Congress pass the bipartisan housing package that we are presenting this week. It reported out of the Financial Services Committee by both Republicans and Democrats and sent to this floor for our consideration.

Mr. Speaker, serious problems with subprime mortgages have pushed the housing market into its worst slump in decades, weakening the economy and making American families less secure. The package of bills we are presenting today will help stabilize the housing industry and give the American economy the boost it so sorely needs. And I urge every Member of the House to support these much-needed bills.

CALENDAR WEDNESDAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Today is the day of Calendar Wednesday. The Clerk will call the roll of committees. The Clerk called the committees.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. SESSIONS (during the call). Mr. Speaker, I have a point of parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his inquiry.

Mr. SESSIONS. I understand that this procedure that we are going through is known as Calendar Wednesday.

Is it correct that any bill reported by a committee and placed on the Union or House Calendar could have been called up by the chairman as the committee name was read?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Clause 2(b) of rule XIII is sufficient authority for the chairman of the committee to call up from the Calendar a non-privileged bill on Calendar Wednesday.

Mr. SESSIONS. Further point of parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his inquiry.

Mr. SESSIONS. Does the jurisdiction of the Energy and Commerce Committee, as provided under clause 1 of rule X of the rules of the House of Representatives, include exploration, production, storage, supply, marketing, pricing and regulation of energy resources, including all fossil fuels, which includes legislation to lower the price of gasoline which has increased to over \$3.60 a gallon under Speaker PELOSI's watch?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair believes that the gentleman correctly stated the rule up to the point where he embarked on commentary.

Mr. SESSIONS. I have a further point of parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his inquiry.

Mr. SESSIONS. H.R. 3236, introduced by Congressman BOUCHER of Virginia, to promote energy efficiency improvements in buildings and appliances was reported by the Energy and Commerce Committee on August 3, 2007, and placed on the Union Calendar.

Would it be possible for Mr. DINGELL, the chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee, to call up this bill under his committee's jurisdiction to help the Speaker to implement her secret plan to reduce gas prices by diverting less of America's energy supply to buildings and appliances, or for any other membership of the Democrat majority to help their leadership to call up the bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will respond to the Member's parliamentary inquiry but not his political commentary and repeat that clause 2(b) of rule XIII is sufficient authority for the chairman of the committee to call up from the Calendar a non-privileged bill on Calendar Wednesday.

Mr. SESSIONS. Further point of parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman may state his inquiry.

Mr. SESSIONS. Is it in order for any Member of the majority to call up H.R. 3239, also introduced by Mr. BOUCHER of Virginia and also available on the Union Calendar, to promote advancing plug-in hybrid vehicles and vehicle components through loan guarantees and grants, and if this would help the Speaker to implement her secret plan by reducing the demand for gasoline and bringing down the prices that have skyrocketed under this Democrat leadership?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Only the chairman or another member of the committee acting by its express direction may call up a bill.

Mr. SESSIONS. Final point of parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman may state his inquiry.

Mr. SESSIONS. Under the rules of Calendar Wednesday, is it in order for any Member of this body, including Speaker PELOSI, to call up H. Res. 1135, legislation drafted by Congressman DEAN HELLER of Nevada, which would call on Speaker PELOSI to reveal her secret commonsense plan to bring down gas prices since it's obviously not contained in the "no energy" energy bill passed by the Congress last December?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. No. To be considered under the Calendar Wednesday rule, a bill must be on the Calendar, be non-privileged, and be called up either by the committee

chairman or by another member of the committee having specific authorization of the committee to call it up.

Mr. SESSIONS. So in other words, Mr. Speaker, what you're saying is that the committee chairman and the Speaker have the ability to call up any bill that has been reported out.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. No, but that is not a parliamentary inquiry.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. SESSIONS. 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. 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, this 15-minute vote on the motion to adjourn will be followed by 5-minute votes on the approval of the Journal, and the motion to suspend the rules on H. Res. 1166.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 132, nays 269, not voting 31, as follows:

[Roll No. 267]

YEAS—132

Aderholt	Garrett (NJ)	Myrick
Akin	Gilchrest	Nunes
Alexander	Goode	Petri
Bachus	Goodlatte	Pickering
Barrett (SC)	Gordon	Pitts
Bartlett (MD)	Granger	Porter
Barton (TX)	Hall (TX)	Price (GA)
Biggert	Hastings (WA)	Pryce (OH)
Bilbray	Hayes	Putnam
Bishop (UT)	Heller	Radanovich
Blackburn	Hensarling	Regula
Blunt	Herger	Rehberg
Boehner	Hobson	Reichert
Bonner	Hoekstra	Renzi
Bono Mack	Hunter	Reynolds
Boozman	Inglis (SC)	Rogers (KY)
Brown (GA)	Issa	Rohrabacher
Calvert	Johnson (IL)	Roskam
Camp (MI)	Johnson, Sam	Royce
Cantor	Keller	Ryan (WI)
Capito	King (IA)	Saxton
Carter	King (NY)	Schmidt
Chabot	Kline (MN)	Sensenbrenner
Coble	Knollenberg	Sessions
Cole (OK)	LaHood	Shadegg
Crenshaw	Lamborn	Shays
Culberson	LaTourette	Shimkus
Davis, David	Latta	Shuster
Davis, Tom	Lewis (CA)	Simpson
Deal (GA)	Lewis (KY)	Smith (NE)
Diaz-Balart, L.	Linder	Smith (TX)
Diaz-Balart, M.	Lucas	Souder
Doggett	Lungren, Daniel	Stearns
Doolittle	E.	Sullivan
Drake	Mack	Tancred
Dreier	Marchant	Thornberry
Duncan	McCarthy (CA)	Tiberi
Emerson	McCaul (TX)	Turner
Everett	McCrery	Upton
Fallin	McKeon	Walsh (NY)
Flake	McMorris	Wamp
Forbes	Rodgers	Westmoreland
Foxx	Miller (FL)	Wilson (SC)
Franks (AZ)	Miller, Gary	Wittman (VA)
Galleghy	Musgrave	

NAYS—269

Abercrombie	Bachmann	Berkley
Ackerman	Baird	Berman
Allen	Baldwin	Berry
Altire	Barrow	Bilirakis
Arcuri	Bean	Bishop (GA)
Baca	Becerra	Blumenauer

Boren	Higgins	Pallone
Boswell	Hill	Pascarell
Boucher	Hinche	Pastor
Boustany	Hinojosa	Payne
Boyd (FL)	Hirono	Pearce
Boyda (KS)	Hodes	Pence
Brady (PA)	Holden	Perlmutter
Brady (TX)	Holt	Peterson (MN)
Braley (IA)	Honda	Platts
Brown (SC)	Hooley	Poe
Brown, Corrine	Hoyer	Pomeroy
Brown-Waite,	Hulshof	Price (NC)
Ginny	Inslee	Rahall
Buchanan	Israel	Ramstad
Burgess	Jackson (IL)	Rangel
Buyer	Jackson-Lee	Reyes
Cannon	(TX)	Rodriguez
Capps	Johnson (GA)	Rogers (MI)
Capuano	Johnson, E. B.	Ros-Lehtinen
Carnahan	Jordan	Ross
Carney	Kagen	Rothman
Castle	Kanjorski	Roybal-Allard
Castor	Kaptur	Ruppersberger
Cazayoux	Kildee	Ryan (OH)
Chandler	Kilpatrick	Salazar
Clarke	Kind	Sali
Clay	Kingston	Sanchez, Linda
Cleaver	Kirk	T.
Glyburn	Klein (FL)	Sanchez, Loretta
Cohen	Kucinich	Sarbans
Cooper	Kuhl (NY)	Schakowsky
Costa	Lampson	Schiff
Costello	Langevin	Schwartz
Courtney	Larsen (WA)	Scott (GA)
Cramer	Larson (CT)	Scott (VA)
Crowley	Latham	Serrano
Cuellar	Lee	Sestak
Cummings	Levin	Shea-Porter
Davis (AL)	Lewis (GA)	Sherman
Davis (CA)	Lipinski	Shuler
Davis (IL)	LoBiondo	Sires
Davis (KY)	Loebisack	Skelton
Davis, Lincoln	Lofgren, Zoe	Slaughter
DeFazio	Lowe	Smith (NJ)
DeGette	Lynch	Smith (WA)
Delahunt	Mahoney (FL)	Snyder
DeLauro	Maloney (NY)	Solis
Dent	Manzullo	Space
Dicks	Markey	Spratt
Dingell	Marshall	Stark
Donnelly	Matheson	Stupak
Doyle	Matsui	Sutton
Edwards	McCarthy (NY)	Tanner
Ehlers	McCarthy	Tauscher
Ellison	McDermott	Taylor
Ellsworth	McGovern	Terry
Emanuel	McHugh	Thompson (CA)
Engel	McIntyre	Thompson (MS)
English (PA)	McNerney	Tiahrt
Eshoo	McNulty	Tierney
Etheridge	Meek (FL)	Towns
Farr	Meeks (NY)	Tsongas
Fattah	Melancon	Udall (NM)
Feeney	Mica	Van Hollen
Finer	Michaud	Velázquez
Fortenberry	Miller (MI)	Visclosky
Foster	Miller (NC)	Walberg
Frank (MA)	Miller, George	Walden (OR)
Frelinghuysen	Mitchell	Walz (MN)
Gerlach	Mollohan	Wasserman
Giffords	Moore (KS)	Schultz
Gillibrand	Moore (WI)	Waters
Gingrey	Moran (KS)	Watson
Gohmert	Moran (VA)	Watt
Gonzalez	Murphy (CT)	Weiner
Graves	Murphy, Patrick	Welch (VT)
Green, Al	Murphy, Tim	Weller
Green, Gene	Murtha	Wilson (NM)
Grijalva	Nadler	Wilson (OH)
Gutierrez	Napolitano	Wolf
Hall (NY)	Neal (MA)	Woolsey
Hare	Neugebauer	Wu
Harman	Obey	Wynn
Hastings (FL)	Oliver	Yarmuth
Hersech Sandlin	Ortiz	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—31

Andrews	Fossella	Rogers (AL)
Bishop (NY)	Jefferson	Rush
Burton (IN)	Jones (NC)	Speier
Butterfield	Jones (OH)	Udall (CO)
Campbell (CA)	Kennedy	Waxman
Cardoza	McCollum (MN)	Weldon (FL)
Carson	McHenry	Wexler
Conaway	Oberstar	Whitfield (KY)
Conyers	Paul	Young (AK)
Cubin	Peterson (PA)	
Ferguson	Richardson	

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Mr. EMANUEL changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mrs. MYRICK changed her vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a facsimile copy of a letter received from the Honorable Jay Dardenne, Secretary of State, State of Louisiana, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held May 3, 2008, the Honorable STEVE SCALISE was elected Representative to Congress for the First Congressional District, State of Louisiana.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.

Enclosure.

Hon. LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk, House of Representatives, The Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. MILLER: This is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Saturday, May 3, 2008, for Representative in Congress from the First Congressional District of Louisiana, show that “STEVE” SCALISE received 33,867 or 75.13% of the total number of votes cast for that office.

It would appear from these unofficial results that “STEVE” SCALISE was elected as Representative in Congress from the First Congressional District of Louisiana.

To the best of our knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this election.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by all Parishes involved, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

If I can ever be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate contacting me.

With best wishes,

JAY DARDENNE,
Secretary of State, State of Louisiana.

ELECTION # 5/03/08 RESULTS FOR OFFICE

Office: U.S. Representative, 1st Congressional District (One to be Elected), Precincts reporting: 505 of 505, Total Votes: 45,075 100%

SPECIAL ELECTION

Votes	Percent	Candidate name	Pty
786	1.74	R.A. “Skip” Galan	N
280	0.62	Anthony “Tony G” Gentile	O
10,142	22.50	Gilda Reed	D
33,867	75.13	“Steve” Scalise	R

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE STEVE SCALISE, OF LOUISIANA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. MCCRERY. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Louisiana, the Honorable Steve Scalise, be permitted to take the oath of office today.