Mr. Clarence Cannon's Precedents of the House of Representatives (VI, 308-311) describes the vote on the previous question on the rule as "a motion to direct or control the consideration of the subject before the House being made by the Member in charge." To defeat the previous question is to give the opposition a chance to decide the subject before the House. Cannon cites the Speaker's ruling of January 13, 1920, to the effect that "the refusal of the House to sustain the demand for the previous question passes the control of the resolution to the opposition' in order to offer an amendment. On March 15, 1909, a member of the majority party offered a rule resolution. The House defeated the previous question and a member of the opposition rose to a parliamentary inquiry, asking who was entitled to recognition. Speaker Joseph G. Cannon (R-Illinois) said: "The previous question having been refused, the gentleman from New York, Mr. Fitzgerald, who had asked the gentleman to vield to him for an amendment, is entitled to

the first recognition."

Because the vote today may look bad for the Democratic majority they will say "the vote on the previous question is simply a vote on whether to proceed to an immediate vote on adopting the resolution . . . [and] has no substantive legislative or policy implications whatsoever." But that is not what they have always said. Listen to the definition of the previous question used in the Floor Procedures Manual published by the Rules Committee in the 109th Congress (page 56). Here's how the Rules Committee described the rule using information from Congressional Quarterly's "American Congressional Dictionary": "If the previous question is defeated, control of debate shifts to the leading opposition member (usually the minority Floor Manager) who then manages an hour of debate and may offer a germane amendment to the pending business.

Deschler's Procedure in the U.S. House of Representatives, the subchapter titled "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. WELCH of Vermont. Mr. Speaker, my understanding is it is my opportunity now to yield back the balance of my time and move the previous question.

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. HAŜTINGS of Washington. 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.

AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER TO ENTERTAIN MOTIONS TO SUS-PEND THE RULES RELATING TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 1420 ON LEG-ISLATIVE DAY OF THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2008

Mr. WELCH of Vermont. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Speaker be authorized to entertain motions to suspend the rules relating to House Resolution 1420 on the legislative day of Thursday, September 11, 2008.

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

There was no objection.

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: ordering the previous question on H. Res. 1419, by the yeas and nays; adoption of H. Res. 1419, if ordered; motions to suspend the rules on H.R. 1527 and Senate bill 2617, by the yeas and nays.

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

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3667, MISSISQUOI AND TROUT RIVERS WILD AND SCE-NIC RIVER STUDY ACT OF 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 1419, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 224, nays 189, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 576]

YEAS-224

	1 EAS-224	
Abercrombie	Capps	DeFazio
Ackerman	Capuano	DeGette
Allen	Cardoza	Delahunt
Altmire	Carnahan	DeLauro
Andrews	Carney	Dicks
Arcuri	Carson	Dingell
Baca	Castor	Doggett
Baldwin	Chandler	Doyle
Barrow	Clarke	Edwards (MD)
Bean	Clay	Edwards (TX)
Becerra	Cleaver	Ellison
Berkley	Clyburn	Ellsworth
Berman	Cohen	Emanuel
Berry	Conyers	Engel
Bishop (GA)	Cooper	Eshoo
Bishop (NY)	Costa	Etheridge
Blumenauer	Costello	Farr
Boren	Courtney	Fattah
Boswell	Cramer	Filner
Boucher	Crowley	Foster
Boyd (FL)	Cuellar	Frank (MA)
Boyda (KS)	Cummings	Giffords
Brady (PA)	Davis (AL)	Gillibrand
Braley (IA)	Davis (CA)	Gonzalez
Brown, Corrine	Davis (IL)	Green, Al
Butterfield	Davis, Lincoln	Green, Gene

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McGovern McIntvre McNerney Meek (FL) Meeks (NY) Melancon Michaud Miller (NC) Miller, George Mitchell Mollohan Moore (KS) Moore (WI) Moran (VA) Murphy (CT) Murphy, Patrick Nadler Napolitano Neal (MA) Oberstar Obev Olver Ortiz Pallone Pascrell Pastor Pavne Perlmutter Pomerov Porter Price (NC) Rahall Rangel Reichert Reves Richardson Rodriguez Ros-Lehtinen Ross Rothman Roybal-Allard Ruppersberger Rush Ryan (OH) Salazar Sánchez, Linda T. Sanchez, Loretta Sarbanes

Schakowsky Schiff Schwartz Scott (GA) Serrano Sestak Shays Shea-Porter Sherman Shuler Sires Skelton Slaughter Smith (WA) Snyder Solis Space Speier ${\tt Spratt}$ Stark Stupak Sutton Tanner Tauscher Taylor Thompson (CA) Thompson (MS) Tierney Towns Tsongas Udall (CO) Udall (NM) Van Hollen Velázquez Visclosky Walz (MN) Wasserman Schultz Waters Watson Watt Waxman Weiner Welch (VT) Wexler Wilson (OH) Woolsey

Varmuth

NAYS—189

Aderholt Akin Donnelly Alexander Doolittle Bachmann Drake Bachus Dreier Barrett (SC) Duncan Bartlett (MD) Ehlers Emerson Barton (TX) English (PA) Biggert. Bilbray Everett Bilirakis Fallin Bishop (UT) Feenev Blackburn Flake Blunt Forbes Boehner Fortenberry Bonner Fossella Bono Mack Foxx Franks (AZ) Boozman Boustany Frelinghuysen Gallegly Brady (TX) Garrett (NJ) Broun (GA) Brown (SC) Gerlach Brown-Waite, Gilchrest Ginny Gingrev Buchanan Gohmert Burton (IN) Goode Goodlatte Buver Calvert Granger Camp (MI) Graves Hall (TX) Campbell (CA) Hastings (WA) Cantor Capito Haves Carter Hensarling Castle Herger Chabot Hill. Childers Hobson Coble Cole (OK) Hoekstra Hunter Inglis (SC) Conaway Crenshaw Issa Johnson (IL) Cubin Culberson Johnson, Sam Davis (KY) Jones (NC) Davis, David Jordan Deal (GA) Keller Dent. King (IA) Diaz-Balart, L. King (NY)

Diaz-Balart, M. Kingston Kline (MN) Knollenberg Kuhl (NY) LaHood Lamborn Lampson Latham LaTourette Latta Lewis (CA) Lewis (KY) Linder LoBiondo Lucas Lungren, Daniel E. Mack Manzullo Marchant McCarthy (CA) McCaul (TX) McCotter McCrery McHenry McHugh McKeon McMorris Rodgers Mica Miller (FL) Miller (MI) Miller, Gary Moran (KS) Murphy, Tim Musgrave Myrick Neugebauer Nunes Paul Pearce Pence

Peterson (PA)

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Platts

Pickering

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—HOUSE

Tiberi Saxton Price (GA) Scalise Turner Pryce (OH) Schmidt Upton Putnam Sessions Walberg Radanovich Shadegg Walden (OR) Shimkus Walsh (NY) Regula Rehberg Shuster Wamp Weldon (FL) Simpson Renzi Reynolds Smith (NE) Weller Smith (NJ) Westmoreland Rogers (AL) Smith (TX) Whitfield (KY) Rogers (KY) Rogers (MI) Souder Wilson (NM) Stearns Wilson (SC) Rohrabacher Wittman (VA) Roskam Sullivan Royce Tancredo Wolf Ryan (WI) Young (AK) Terry Young (FL)

NOT VOTING-20

Hinojosa Baird Peterson (MN) Burgess Hodes Pitts Cannon Hulshof Ramstad Kennedy Cazavoux Scott (VA) Davis, Tom Sensenbrenner Ferguson Levin Thornberry McNulty Gordon

□ 1325

Messrs. KINGSTON, WITTMAN of Virginia, HALL of Texas, and EHLERS changed their vote from nav.

So the previous question was ordered. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

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

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. 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 223, nays 190, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 577]

YEAS-223 Abercrombie Conyers Grijalva Ackerman Cooper Gutierrez Hall (NY) Allen Costa Altmire Costello Hare Andrews Courtney Harman Arcuri Cramer Hastings (FL) Crowley Herseth Sandlin Baldwin Cuellar Higgins Barrow Cummings Hinchey Davis (AL) Davis (CA) Hirono Bean Becerra Holden Berkley Davis (IL) Holt Berman Davis, Lincoln Honda DeFazio Hoolev Berry DeGette Bishop (GA) Hoyer Bishop (NY) Delahunt Inslee DeLauro Blumenauer Israel Boren Jackson (IL) Boswell Dingell Jackson-Lee Boucher (TX) Doggett Boyd (FL) Donnelly Jefferson Boyda (KS) Dovle Johnson (GA) Edwards (MD) Brady (PA) Johnson, E. B. Edwards (TX) Braley (IA) Kagen Kaniorski Brown, Corrine Ellison Butterfield Ellsworth Kaptur Capps Emanuel Kildee Capuano Kilpatrick Engel Cardoza Eshoo Kind Carnahan Etheridge Kirk Klein (FL) Carnev Farr Fattah Carson Kucinich Castor Filner Lampson Chandler Foster Langevin Childers Frank (MA) Larsen (WA) Clarke Giffords Gillibrand Larson (CT) Clay Lewis (GA) Cleaver Gonzalez Lipinski

Green, Al Green, Gene

Loebsack

Lofgren, Zoe

Clyburn

Cohen

Pascrell Lowey Lvnch Pastor Mahoney (FL) Payne Maloney (NY) Perlmutter Markey Pomeroy Marshall Price (NC) Matheson Rahall Matsui Rangel McCarthy (NY) Reyes McCollum (MN) Richardson McDermott Rodriguez McGovern Ross McIntyre Rothman McNerney Roybal-Allard Meek (FL) Ruppersberger Meeks (NY) Rush Melancon Ryan (OH) Michaud Salazar Miller (NC) Sánchez, Linda Miller, George Mitchell Sanchez, Loretta Mollohan Sarbanes Moore (KS) Moore (WI) Schiff Moran (VA) Schwartz Murphy (CT) Murphy, Patrick Serrano Murtha Nadler Napolitano Sherman Neal (MA) Shuler Oberstar Sires Obev Skelton Olver Slaughter Ortiz Smith (WA)

Pallone

Aderholt

Alexander

Bachmann

Barrett (SC)

Barton (TX)

Bartlett (MD)

Bachus

Biggert

Bilbray

Blunt

Boehner

Bonner

Bilirakis

Bishop (UT)

Blackburn

Bono Mack

Brady (TX)

Broun (GA)

Brown (SC)

Ginny

Buchanan

Buyer

Calvert

Cantor

Capito

Carter

Castle

Coble

Cubin

Chabot

Cole (OK)

Conaway

Crenshaw

Culberson

Davis (KY)

Davis, Tom

Deal (GA)

Doolittle

Drake

Dreier

Duncan

Ehlers

Everett

Fallin

Feeney

Flake

Forbes

Ferguson

Emerson English (PA)

Dent

Davis, David

Diaz-Balart, L.

Diaz-Balart, M.

Camp (MI)

Campbell (CA)

Burton (IN)

Brown-Waite

Boozman

Boustany

Akin

NAYS-190

Schakowsky

Scott (GA)

Shea-Porter

Sestak

Snyder

Fortenberry Mica Miller (FL) Fossella Foxx Miller (MI) Franks (AZ) Miller, Gary Frelinghuysen Moran (KS) Gallegly Murphy, Tim Garrett (NJ) Musgrave Gerlach Myrick Gilchrest Neugebauer Nunes Gingrey Gohmert Paul Goode Pearce Goodlatte Pence Granger Petri Pickering Graves Hall (TX) Platts Hastings (WA) Poe Porter Hayes Heller Price (GA) Hensarling Pryce (OH) Herger Putnam Hill Radanovich Hobson Regula Rehberg Hoekstra Inglis (SC) Reichert Renzi Johnson (IL) Reynolds Johnson, Sam Jones (NC) Rogers (AL) Rogers (KY) Jordan Rogers (MI) Keller King (IA) Rohrabacher Ros-Lehtinen King (NY) Roskam Kingston Royce Kline (MN) Ryan (WI) Knollenberg Sali Kuhl (NY) Saxton LaHood Scalise Lamborn Schmidt Latham Sessions LaTourette Shadegg Shays Lewis (CA) Shimkus Lewis (KY Shuster Linder Simpson LoBiondo Smith (NE) Smith (NJ) Lucas Lungren, Daniel Smith (TX) Souder Mack Stearns Manzullo Sullivan Marchant Tancredo McCarthy (CA) Terry McCaul (TX) McCotter Tiahrt Tiberi McCrery Turner McHenry Upton Walberg McHugh McKeon Walden (OR) McMorris Walsh (NY)

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Weldon (FL) Weller Baird Burgess Cannon

Tanner Tauscher Thompson (CA) Thompson (MS) Tiernev Tsongas Udall (CO)

Udall (NM) Van Hollen Velázquez Visclosky Walz (MN) Wasserman Schultz Waters Watson

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Taylor

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Watt Waxman Weiner Welch (VT) Wexler Wilson (OH) Woolsev Wu

Yarmuth

Westmoreland Whitfield (KY)

Wilson (NM) Wilson (SC) Wittman (VA) Wolf

Young (AK) Young (FL)

NOT VOTING--20

Hulshof Peterson (PA) Hunter Pitts Kennedy Ramstad Cazayoux Lee Levin Scott (VA) Gordon Sensenbrenner Hinojosa McNulty Thornberry Peterson (MN)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1335

Mr. WELLER of Illinois changed his vote from "yea" to "nay.

Mr. KIRK changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 577 and 576, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on 577 and "yea" on 576.

RURAL VETERANS ACCESS TO CARE ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1527, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1527, as amended.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 417, nays 0, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 578]

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	YEAS-417	
Abercrombie	Blunt	Capps
Ackerman	Boehner	Capuano
Aderholt	Bonner	Cardoza
Akin	Bono Mack	Carnahan
Alexander	Boozman	Carney
Allen	Boren	Carson
Altmire	Boswell	Carter
Andrews	Boucher	Castle
Arcuri	Boustany	Castor
Baca	Boyd (FL)	Chabot
Bachmann	Boyda (KS)	Chandler
Bachus	Brady (PA)	Childers
Baldwin	Brady (TX)	Clarke
Barrett (SC)	Braley (IA)	Clay
Barrow	Broun (GA)	Cleaver
Bartlett (MD)	Brown (SC)	Clyburn
Barton (TX)	Brown, Corrine	Coble
Bean	Brown-Waite,	Cohen
Becerra	Ginny	Cole (OK)
Berkley	Buchanan	Conaway
Berman	Burgess	Conyers
Berry	Burton (IN)	Cooper
Biggert	Butterfield	Costa
Bilbray	Buyer	Costello
Bilirakis	Calvert	Courtney
Bishop (GA)	Camp (MI)	Cramer
Bishop (NY)	Campbell (CA)	Crenshaw
Bishop (UT)	Cantor	Crowley
Blumenauer	Capito	Cubin