

hours or under, as has long been the goal of Mr. MICA and Ms. BROWN and Mr. CUMMINGS and so many others. We can do these things. We can put our best efforts forward.

Mr. MICA has already mentioned committee staff who have contributed so many hours and efforts, and I just supplement that with additional names that I will submit for the RECORD, but especially Jennifer Esposito, who has given birth to three children: Lexi, Amtrak, and rail safety.

I will not ask for a recorded vote on this bill because we already have a vote of 311-104 on Amtrak and on rail safety 377-38.

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of this historic and forward looking legislation. Freight and passenger rail play an incredibly important role in our Nation's transportation system and our economy. The legislation before us will serve to strengthen that important contribution, and I was proud to have worked on it with Chairman OBERSTAR, Ranking Member MICA, Chairwoman BROWN, Ranking Member SHUSTER, and all the members of the Transportation Committee.

Today's legislation will foster introduction of new intelligent transportation systems technologies at highway-rail grade crossings. New technologies being researched now will one day provide the ability to use an in-vehicle warning of danger at highway-rail crossings and, perhaps, even provide the means to intervene before a collision occurs. H.R. 2095 will speed up the development and deployment of these technologies by allowing innovative partnerships between the private sector, State DOTs and the Federal Government.

Even more important, this legislation contains a new commitment to high-speed rail for our country. High-speed rail can play an important role in reducing congestion in places like the Grand Strand, which sees 14 million tourists a year and Charleston, which is the most congested small city in the country. By engaging the private sector along with public partners, H.R. 2095 calls for more than just paper plans for high-speed rail projects—it calls for action.

Our constituents are paying record high prices for gasoline and spending \$78 billion a year due to highway congestion. The time is now to make progress on high speed rail for our country, and this bill will do just that. H.R. 2095 sets the foundation for a privately-funded high speed rail line along the eastern seaboard connecting the population centers of the north to the tourism centers of the South, including Charleston and Myrtle Beach in my district. This is not only a sound business decision, it is a sound public policy decision that will benefit our nation.

Madam Speaker, I will proudly be voting "yes" on H.R. 2095, and I ask all my colleagues to join me in support of this legislation.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1492.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the

rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 7005, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 7006, by the yeas and nays;

S. 2606, 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.

#### ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 7005, 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 Massachusetts (Mr. NEAL) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 7005.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 393, nays 30, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 634]  
YEAS—393

Abercrombie  
Ackerman  
Aderholt  
Akin  
Alexander  
Allen  
Altmire  
Andrews  
Arcuri  
Baca  
Bachmann  
Bachus  
Baldwin  
Barrett (SC)  
Barrow  
Bartlett (MD)  
Barton (TX)  
Bean  
Berkley  
Berman  
Biggert  
Bilbray  
Bilirakis  
Bishop (GA)  
Bishop (NY)  
Blackburn  
Blumenauer  
Blunt  
Boehner  
Bonner  
Bono Mack  
Boozman  
Boren  
Boswell  
Boucher  
Boustany  
Brady (PA)  
Brady (TX)  
Braley (IA)  
Broun (GA)  
Brown (SC)  
Brown, Corrine  
Brown-Waite,  
Ginny  
Buchanan

Burgess  
Burton (IN)  
Butterfield  
Buyer  
Calvert  
Camp (MI)  
Campbell (CA)  
Cannon  
Cantor  
Capito  
Capps  
Capuano  
Carnahan  
Carney  
Carson  
Carter  
Castle  
Castor  
Cazayoux  
Chabot  
Childers  
Clarke  
Clay  
Cleaver  
Clyburn  
Coble  
Cohen  
Cole (OK)  
Conaway  
Conyers  
Courtney  
Cramer  
Crenshaw  
Crowley  
Culberson  
Cummings  
Davis (AL)  
Davis (CA)  
Davis (IL)  
Davis (KY)  
Davis, David  
Davis, Tom  
Deal (GA)  
DeGette  
DeLauro

Dent  
Diaz-Balart, L.  
Diaz-Balart, M.  
Dicks  
Dingell  
Donnelly  
Doolittle  
Doyle  
Drake  
Dreier  
Duncan  
Edwards (MD)  
Edwards (TX)  
Ehlers  
Ellison  
Ellsworth  
Emanuel  
Emerson  
Engel  
English (PA)  
Eshoo  
Etheridge  
Everett  
Fallin  
Farr  
Fattah  
Feeney  
Ferguson  
Filner  
Flake  
Forbes  
Fortenberry  
Fossella  
Foster  
Foxy  
Frank (MA)  
Franks (AZ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Gallegly  
Garrett (NJ)  
Gerlach  
Giffords  
Gilchrest  
Gillibrand  
Gingrey

Gohmert  
Gonzalez  
Goode  
Goodlatte  
Gordon  
Granger  
Graves  
Green, Al  
Green, Gene  
Grijalva  
Gutierrez  
Hall (NY)  
Hall (TX)  
Hare  
Hastings (FL)  
Hastings (WA)  
Hayes  
Heller  
Hensarling  
Herger  
Higgins  
Hinchey  
Hinojosa  
Hirono  
Hobson  
Hodes  
Hoekstra  
Holden  
Holt  
Honda  
Hooley  
Hulshof  
Hunter  
Inglis (SC)  
Inslee  
Israel  
Issa  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson-Lee  
(TX)  
Jefferson  
Johnson (GA)  
Johnson (IL)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Johnson, Sam  
Jones (NC)  
Jordan  
Kagen  
Kanjorski  
Kaptur  
Keller  
Kennedy  
Kildee  
Kilpatrick  
Kind  
King (IA)  
King (NY)  
Kingston  
Kirk  
Klein (FL)  
Kline (MN)  
Knollenberg  
Kucinich  
Kuhl (NY)  
LaHood  
Lamborn  
Lampson  
Langevin  
Larsen (WA)  
Latham  
LaTourette  
Latta  
Lee  
Levin  
Lewis (CA)  
Lewis (GA)  
Lewis (KY)  
Linder  
Lipinski  
LoBiondo  
Loebbeck  
Lofgren, Zoe  
Lowey  
Lucas  
Lungren, Daniel  
E.  
Lynch  
Mack

Mahoney (FL)  
Maloney (NY)  
Manzullo  
Marchant  
Markey  
Marshall  
Matheson  
Matsui  
McCarthy (CA)  
McCarthy (NY)  
McCaul (TX)  
McCollum (MN)  
McCotter  
McCrery  
McDermott  
McGovern  
McHenry  
McHugh  
McIntyre  
McKeon  
McMorris  
Rodgers  
McNerney  
McNulty  
Meek (FL)  
Meeks (NY)  
Mica  
Miller (FL)  
Miller (MI)  
Miller (NC)  
Miller, Gary  
Miller, George  
Mitchell  
Mollohan  
Moore (KS)  
Moore (WI)  
Moran (KS)  
Murphy (CT)  
Murphy, Patrick  
Murphy, Tim  
Murtha  
Musgrave  
Myrick  
Nadler  
Napolitano  
Neal (MA)  
Neugebauer  
Nunes  
Oberstar  
Obey  
Oliver  
Ortiz  
Pallone  
Pascarella  
Pastor  
Paul  
Payne  
Pearce  
Pence  
Perlmutter  
Peterson (PA)  
Petri  
Pickering  
Pitts  
Platts  
Poe  
Walsh (NY)  
Wamp  
Wasserman  
Schultz  
Waters  
Watson  
Watt  
Waxman  
Weiner  
Weller  
Westmoreland  
Wexler  
Whitfield (KY)  
Wilson (NM)  
Wilson (OH)  
Wilson (SC)  
Wittman (VA)  
Wolf  
Woolsey  
Wu  
Yarmuth  
Young (AK)  
Young (FL)

Ross  
Rothman  
Roybal-Allard  
Royce  
Ruppersberger  
Rush  
Ryan (OH)  
Ryan (WI)  
Sali  
Sánchez, Linda  
T.  
Sarbanes  
Saxton  
Scalise  
Schakowsky  
Schiff  
Schmidt  
Schwartz  
Scott (GA)  
Sensenbrenner  
Serrano  
Sessions  
Sestak  
Shadegg  
Shays  
Shea-Porter  
Sherman  
Shimkus  
Shuster  
Simpson  
Sires  
Skeltton  
Slaughter  
Smith (NE)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX)  
Snyder  
Solis  
Souder  
Space  
Speier  
Spratt  
Stearns  
Stupak  
Sullivan  
Sutton  
Tauscher  
Terry  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Thornberry  
Tiahrt  
Tiberi  
Tierney  
Towns  
Tsongas  
Turner  
Udall (CO)  
Udall (NM)  
Upton  
Van Hollen  
Velázquez  
Visclosky  
Walberg  
Walden (OR)  
Walsh (NY)  
Wamp  
Wasserman  
Schultz  
Waters  
Watson  
Watt  
Waxman  
Weiner  
Weller  
Westmoreland  
Wexler  
Whitfield (KY)  
Wilson (NM)  
Wilson (OH)  
Wilson (SC)  
Wittman (VA)  
Wolf  
Woolsey  
Wu  
Yarmuth  
Young (AK)  
Young (FL)

#### NAYS—30

Baird  
Becerra  
Berry  
Boyd (FL)  
Boyd (KS)  
Cardoza  
Chandler  
Cooper

Costa  
Costello  
Cuellar  
Davis, Lincoln  
DeFazio  
Doggett  
Harman  
Hill

Hoyer  
Larson (CT)  
Melancon  
Michaud  
Peterson (MN)  
Salazar  
Sanchez, Loretta  
Scott (VA)

Smith (WA) Tanner Walz (MN)  
Stark Taylor Welch (VT)

## NOT VOTING—10

Bishop (UT) Moran (VA) Tancredo  
Cubin Pryce (OH) Weldon (FL)  
Delahunt Renzi  
Herseht Sandlin Shuler

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1857

Messrs. COSTA, BECERRA, WELCH of Vermont, LARSON of Connecticut, SCOTT of Virginia, DOGGETT, SMITH of Washington and STARK changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## DISASTER TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 7006, 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 New York (Mr. RANGEL) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 7006.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 419, nays 4, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 635]

## YEAS—419

Abercrombie Braley (IA) Cramer  
Ackerman Broun (GA) Crenshaw  
Aderholt Brown (SC) Crowley  
Akin Brown, Corrine Cuellar  
Alexander Brown-Waite, Culberson  
Allen Ginny Cummings  
Altmire Buchanan Davis (AL)  
Andrews Burgess Davis (CA)  
Arcuri Burton (IN) Davis (IL)  
Baca Buyer Davis (KY)  
Bachmann Calvert Davis, David  
Bachus Camp (MI) Davis, Lincoln  
Baird Campbell (CA) Davis, Tom  
Baldwin Cannon Deal (GA)  
Barrett (SC) Cantor DeFazio  
Barrow Capito DeGette  
Bartlett (MD) Capps Delahunt  
Barton (TX) Capuano DeLauro  
Bean Cardoza Dent  
Becerra Carnahan Diaz-Balart, L.  
Berkley Carney Diaz-Balart, M.  
Berman Carson Dicks  
Biggert Carter Doggett  
Bilbray Castle Donnelly  
Bilirakis Castor Doolittle  
Bishop (GA) Cazayoux Doyle  
Bishop (NY) Chabot Drake  
Blackburn Chandler Dreier  
Blumenauer Childers Duncan  
Blunt Clarke Edwards (MD)  
Boehner Clay Edwards (TX)  
Bonner Cleaver Ehlers  
Bono Mack Clyburn Ellison  
Boozman Coble Ellsworth  
Boren Cohen Emanuel  
Boswell Cole (OK) Emerson  
Boucher Conaway Engel  
Boustany Conyers English (PA)  
Boyd (KS) Costa Eshoo  
Brady (PA) Costello Etheridge  
Brady (TX) Courtney Everett

Fallin Farr  
Fattah Feeney  
Ferguson Filner  
Flake Forbes  
Fortenberry Fossella  
Lofgren, Zoe Foster  
Foxy Frank (MA)  
Franks (AZ) Frelinghuysen  
Gallegly Garrett (NJ)  
Gerlach Giffords  
Gilchrest Gillibrand  
Gingrey Gohmert  
Gonzalez Goode  
Goodlatte Gordon  
Granger Graves  
Green, Al Green, Gene  
Grijalva Gutierrez  
Hall (NY) Hall (TX)  
Hare Harman  
Hastings (FL) Hastings (WA)  
Hayes Heller  
Hensarling Herger  
Herseht Sandlin Higgins  
Hill Hinchey  
Hinojosa Hirono  
Hobson Hodes  
Hoekstra Holden  
Holt Honda  
Hooley Hoyle  
Hoyer Hulshof  
Hunter Inglis (SC)  
Inslee Israel  
Issa Jackson (IL)  
Jackson-Lee (TX)  
Jefferson Johnson (GA)  
Johnson (IL) Johnson, E. B.  
Johnson, Sam Jones (NC)  
Jordan Kagen  
Kanjorski Kaptur  
Keller Kennedy  
Kildee Kilpatrick  
Kind King (IA)  
King (NY) Kingston  
Kirk Klein (FL)  
Kline (MN) Knollenberg  
Kucinich Kuhl (NY)  
LaHood Lamborn  
Lampson Langevin  
Larsen (WA) Larson (CT)  
Latham LaTourette  
Latta Lee Levin  
Lewis (CA) Lewis (GA)  
Lewis (KY) Linder  
Lipinski LoBiondo  
Loebbeck Lofgren, Zoe  
Lowey Lucas  
Lungren, Daniel E.  
Lynch Mack  
Mahoney (FL) Maloney (NY)  
Manzullo Marchant  
Markey Marshall  
Matheson Matsui  
McCarthy (CA) McCarthy (NY)  
McCaul (TX) McCollum (MN)  
McCotter McCrery  
McDermott McGovern  
McHenry McHugh  
McIntyre McKeon  
McMorris Rodgers  
McNerney McNulty  
Meek (FL) Meeks (NY)  
Melancon Mica  
Michaud Miller (FL)  
Miller (MI) Miller (NC)  
Miller, Gary Miller, George  
Mitchell Mollohan  
Moore (KS) Moore (WI)  
Moran (KS) Murphy (CT)  
Murphy, Patrick Murphy, Tim  
Murtha Musgrave  
Myrick Nadler  
Napolitano Neal (MA)  
Neugebauer Nunes  
Oberstar Obey  
Oliver Ortiz  
Pallone Pascarell  
Pastor Paul  
Payne Pearce  
Pence Perlmutter  
Peterson (MN) Peterson (PA)  
Petri Pickering  
Pitts Platts  
Poe Pomeroy  
Porter Price (GA)  
Price (NC) Putnam  
Radanovich Rahall  
Ramstad Rangel  
Regula Rehberg  
Reichert Reyes  
Reynolds

Richardson Rodriguez  
Rogers (AL) Rogers (KY)  
Rogers (MI) Rohrabacher  
Ros-Lehtinen Roskam  
Ross Rothman  
Roybal-Allard Royce  
Ruppersberger Rush  
Ryan (OH) Ryan (WI)  
Salazar Sali  
Sanchez, Linda T.  
Sanchez, Loretta Sarbanes  
Saxton Scalise  
Schakowsky Schiff  
Schmidt Schwartz  
Scott (GA) Scott (VA)  
Sensenbrenner Serrano  
Sessions Sestak  
Shadegg Shays  
Shea-Porter Sherman  
Shimkus Shuster  
Simpson Sires  
Skellton Slaughter  
Smith (NE) Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX) Snyder  
Solis Souder  
Space Speier  
Spratt Stark  
Stearns Stupak  
Sullivan Sutton  
Tanner Tauscher  
Taylor Terry  
Thompson (CA) Thompson (MS)  
Thornberry Tiahrt  
Tiberi Tierney  
Towns Tsongas  
Turner Udall (CO)  
Udall (NM) Upton  
Van Hollen Velázquez  
Visclosky Walberg  
Walden (OR) Walsh (NY)  
Walz (MN) Wamp  
Wasserman Schultz  
Waters Watson  
Watt Waxman  
Weiner Welch (VT)  
Weller Westmoreland  
Wexler Whitfield (KY)  
Wilson (NM) Wilson (OH)  
Wilson (SC) Wittman (VA)

Wolf Wu  
Woolsey Yarmuth

## NAYS—4

Berry Cooper  
Boyd (FL) Smith (WA)

## NOT VOTING—10

Bishop (UT) Moran (VA) Tancredo  
Butterfield Pryce (OH) Weldon (FL)  
Cubin Renzi  
Dingell Shuler

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 1906

Mr. SMITH of Washington changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## UNITED STATES FIRE ADMINISTRATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 2606, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Maryland (Ms. EDWARDS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 2606.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 418, nays 2, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 636]

## YEAS—418

Abercrombie Boucher Clay  
Ackerman Boustany Cleaver  
Aderholt Boyd (FL) Clyburn  
Akin Boyda (KS) Coble  
Alexander Brady (PA) Cohen  
Allen Brady (TX) Cole (OK)  
Altmire Braley (IA) Conaway  
Andrews Broun (GA) Conyers  
Arcuri Brown (SC) Cooper  
Baca Brown, Corrine Costa  
Bachmann Brown-Waite, Costello  
Bachus Ginny Courtney  
Baird Buchanan Cramer  
Baldwin Burgess Crenshaw  
Barrett (SC) Burton (IN) Crowley  
Barrow Butterfield Cuellar  
Bartlett (MD) Buyer Culberson  
Barton (TX) Calvert Cummings  
Bean Camp (MI) Davis (AL)  
Becerra Campbell (CA) Davis (CA)  
Berkley Cannon Davis (IL)  
Berman Cantor Davis (KY)  
Berry Capito Davis, David  
Biggert Capps Davis, Lincoln  
Bilbray Capuano Davis, Tom  
Bilirakis Cardoza Deal (GA)  
Bishop (GA) Carnahan DeGette  
Bishop (NY) Carney Delahunt  
Blackburn Carson DeLauro  
Blumenauer Carter Dent  
Blunt Castle Diaz-Balart, L.  
Boehner Castor Diaz-Balart, M.  
Bonner Cazayoux Dicks  
Bono Mack Chabot Doggett  
Boozman Chandler Donnelly  
Boren Childers Doolittle  
Boswell Clarke Doyle