

Watt  
Waxman  
Welch  
Westmoreland  
Whitfield

Wilson (OH)  
Wilson (SC)  
Wittman  
Wolf  
Woolsey

Wu  
Yarmuth  
Young (AK)  
Young (FL)

Burton (IN)  
Butterfield  
Buyer  
Calvert  
Camp  
Campbell  
Cantor  
Cao  
Capito  
Capps  
Cardoza  
Carnahan  
Carson (IN)  
Carter  
Cassidy  
Castle  
Castor (FL)  
Chaffetz  
Chandler  
Childers  
Chu  
Clay  
Cleaver  
Clyburn  
Coble  
Coffman (CO)  
Cohen  
Cole  
Conaway  
Connolly (VA)  
Cooper  
Costa  
Costello  
Courtney  
Crowley  
Cuellar  
Culberson  
Cummings  
Dahlkemper  
Davis (CA)  
Davis (KY)  
DeGette  
Delahunt  
DeLauro  
Dent  
Diaz-Balart, L.  
Diaz-Balart, M.  
Dicks  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Donnelly (IN)  
Dreier  
Driehaus  
Duncan  
Edwards (MD)  
Edwards (TX)  
Ehlers  
Ellison  
Ellsworth  
Emerson  
Engel  
Eshoo  
Etheridge  
Fallin  
Farr  
Fattah  
Filner  
Fleming  
Forbes  
Fortenberry  
Foster  
Fox  
Frank (MA)  
Franks (AZ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Fudge  
Gallegly  
Garrett (NJ)  
Giffords  
Gohmert  
Gonzalez  
Goodlatte  
Graves  
Grayson  
Green, Al  
Green, Gene  
Griffith  
Guthrie  
Hall (TX)  
Halvorson  
Hare  
Harman  
Harper  
Heinrich  
Heller  
Hensarling  
Herger  
Herse  
Higgins

Murphy, Tim  
Murtha  
Myrick  
Nadler (NY)  
Napolitano  
Neugebauer  
Nye  
Oberstar  
Obey  
Olson  
Olver  
Ortiz  
Pastor (AZ)  
Paul  
Paulsen  
Pence  
Perlmutter  
Perriello  
Peters  
Peterson  
Petri  
Pingree (ME)  
Pitts  
Platts  
Polls (CO)  
Pomeroy  
Posey  
Price (GA)  
Price (NC)  
Putnam  
Quigley  
Rahall  
Rangel  
Rehberg  
Reichert  
Reyes  
Richardson  
Rodriguez  
Roe (TN)  
Rogers (AL)  
Rogers (KY)  
Rogers (MI)  
Rohrabacher  
Rooney  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Roskam  
Ross  
Rothman (NJ)  
Roybal-Allard  
Royce  
Ruppersberger  
Ryan (WI)  
Sanchez, Linda  
T.  
Sanchez, Loretta  
Lujan  
Schakowsky  
Schauer  
Schiff  
Schmidt  
Schrader  
Schwartz  
Scott (GA)  
Scott (VA)  
Sensenbrenner  
Serrano  
Sessions  
Sestak  
Shadegg  
Shea-Porter  
Sherman  
Shuler  
Simpson  
Skelton  
Slaughter  
Smith (NE)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX)  
Snyder  
Space  
Speier  
Stearns  
Sullivan  
Sutton  
Tanner  
Terry  
Thompson (MS)  
Thompson (PA)  
Thornberry  
Tierney  
Titus  
Tonko  
Townsend  
Tsongas  
Turner  
Upton  
Van Hollen  
Visclosky  
Walden

NOT VOTING—81

Abercrombie  
Ackerman  
Barrett (SC)  
Becerra  
Blumenauer  
Bonner  
Boren  
Brady (PA)  
Brady (TX)  
Broun (GA)  
Brown, Corrine  
Buchanan  
Capuano  
Carney  
Cassidy  
Clarke  
Conyers  
Crenshaw  
Davis (AL)  
Davis (IL)  
Davis (TN)  
Deal (GA)  
DeFazio  
Doyle  
Ellsworth  
Gerlach  
Gingrey (GA)  
Gordon (TN)

Granger  
Grijalva  
Gutierrez  
Hall (NY)  
Hastings (WA)  
Himes  
Hinchee  
Hoekstra  
Holden  
Johnson (IL)  
Kanjorski  
Kind  
King (NY)  
Lamborn  
Linder  
Lipinski  
Lucas  
Maloney  
McCaul  
McMorris  
Rodgers  
Meeks (NY)  
Moran (VA)  
Murphy, Patrick  
Neal (MA)  
Nunes  
Pallone  
Pascrell

Payne  
Poe (TX)  
Rangel  
Rush  
Ryan (OH)  
Salazar  
Sarbanes  
Schock  
Shimkus  
Shuster  
Sires  
Smith (WA)  
Souder  
Spratt  
Stark  
Stupak  
Taylor  
Teague  
Thompson (CA)  
Tiahrt  
Tiberi  
Velázquez  
Wamp  
Waters  
Weiner  
Wexler

□ 1908

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and 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:

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 833, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 509, 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 Minnesota (Mr. WALZ) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 509.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 352, nays 0, not voting 80, as follows:

[Roll No. 834]

YEAS—352

Aderholt  
Adler (NJ)  
Akin  
Alexander  
Altmire  
Andrews  
Arcuri  
Austria  
Baca  
Bachmann  
Bachus  
Baird  
Baldwin  
Barrow

Bartlett  
Barton (TX)  
Bean  
Berkley  
Berman  
Berry  
Biggert  
Bilbray  
Bilirakis  
Bishop (GA)  
Bishop (NY)  
Blackburn  
Blunt  
Bocchieri

Boehner  
Bono Mack  
Boozman  
Boswell  
Boucher  
Boustany  
Boyd  
Braley (IA)  
Bright  
Brown (SC)  
Brown-Waite,  
Ginny  
Buchanan  
Burgess

Hill  
Hinojosa  
Hirono  
Hodes  
Holt  
Honda  
Hoyer  
Hunter  
Inglis  
Insee  
Israel  
Issa  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson-Lee  
(TX)  
Jenkins  
Johnson (GA)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Johnson, Sam  
Jones  
Jordan (OH)  
Kagen  
Kanjorski  
Kaptur  
Kennedy  
Kildee  
Kilpatrick (MI)  
Kilroy  
King (IA)  
Kingston  
Kirk  
Kirkpatrick (AZ)  
Kissell  
Klein (FL)  
Kline (MN)  
Kosmas  
Kratovil  
Kucinich  
Lance  
Langevin  
Larsen (WA)  
Larson (CT)  
Latham  
LaTourette  
Latta  
Lee (CA)  
Lee (NY)  
Levin  
Lewis (CA)  
Lewis (GA)  
LoBiondo  
Loeback  
Lofgren, Zoe  
Lowe  
Luetkemeyer  
Lujan  
Lummis  
Lungren, Daniel  
E.  
Lynch  
Mack  
Maffei  
Manzullo  
Marchant  
Markey (CO)  
Markey (MA)  
Marshall  
Massa  
Matheson  
Matsui  
McCarthy (CA)  
McCarthy (NY)  
McClintock  
McCollum  
McCotter  
McDermott  
McGovern  
McHenry  
McIntyre  
McKeon  
McMahon  
McNerney  
Meek (FL)  
Melancon  
Mica  
Michaud  
Miller (FL)  
Miller (MI)  
Miller (NC)  
Miller, Gary  
Miller, George  
Minnick  
Mitchell  
Mollohan  
Moore (KS)  
Moore (WI)  
Moran (KS)  
Murphy (CT)  
Murphy (NY)

NOT VOTING—80

Abercrombie  
Ackerman  
Barrett (SC)  
Becerra  
Bishop (UT)  
Blumenauer  
Bonner  
Boren  
Brady (PA)  
Brady (TX)  
Broun (GA)  
Brown, Corrine  
Capuano  
Carney  
Clarke  
Conyers  
Crenshaw  
Davis (AL)  
Davis (IL)  
Davis (TN)  
Deal (GA)  
DeFazio  
Doyle  
Flake  
Gerlach  
Gingrey (GA)  
Gordon (TN)

Granger  
Grijalva  
Gutierrez  
Hall (NY)  
Hastings (FL)  
Hastings (WA)  
Himes  
Hinchee  
Hoekstra  
Holden  
Johnson (IL)  
Kind  
King (NY)  
Lamborn  
Linder  
Lipinski  
Lucas  
Maloney  
McCaul  
McMorris  
Rodgers  
Meeks (NY)  
Moran (VA)  
Murphy, Patrick  
Neal (MA)  
Nunes  
Pallone

Pascrell  
Payne  
Poe (TX)  
Radanovich  
Rush  
Ryan (OH)  
Salazar  
Sarbanes  
Schock  
Shimkus  
Shuster  
Sires  
Smith (WA)  
Souder  
Spratt  
Stark  
Stupak  
Taylor  
Teague  
Thompson (CA)  
Tiahrt  
Tiberi  
Velázquez  
Wamp  
Waters  
Weiner  
Wexler

□ 1915

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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, on November 2, 2009, I was unable to cast votes due to personal reasons. I was not present for rollcall votes 832 through 834. Had I been present, I would have cast a “yea” vote for final passage of H.R. 1168. I would have cast a “yea” vote for final passage of H. Res. 291. Also, I would have cast a “yea” vote for the final passage of S. 509.

CONGRATULATING NEVADA ON THE 145TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS STATEHOOD

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

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Nevada on the 145th anniversary of its statehood.

On October 31, 1864, President Abraham Lincoln admitted Nevada into the Union as the 36th State, which is an anniversary that is celebrated today throughout the State as Nevada Day.

Over the past 145 years, Nevadans have exemplified their State motto: “All for our country.” Their patriotism and sense of duty have made critical contributions to our Nation’s security in times of war and peace. During World War II and the Cold War, Basic Magnesium Mines and the Nevada Test Site played key roles in United States’ victories.

Today, Nevada is a premier destination for tourists, business travelers,

family vacationers, and outdoor enthusiasts throughout the United States and around the globe. They are attracted by Nevada's many unique features, including the fabulous Las Vegas Strip, the Hoover Dam and beautiful outdoor settings ranging from vibrant desert landscapes to grand ski slopes.

Nevada exemplifies the independence, opportunity and pioneering spirit of the West. So I join my fellow Nevadans in celebrating our 145th anniversary.

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#### THE ATHALIE RANGE CULTURAL ARTS FOUNDATION

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to recognize the Athalie Range Cultural Arts Foundation and its upcoming annual Celebration of Life event honoring those who have made significant contributions to the African American community. This year, Miami-Dade County Commissioner Audrey Edmonson, WHQT General Manager Jerry Rushin, and retired Bacardi Heritage Foundation president Jose Bacardi will be honored.

The Athalie Range Cultural Arts Foundation helps to encourage the appreciation and the enrichment of arts, especially of African American arts, in south Florida. The foundation was named after one of south Florida's most dedicated and courageous residents.

Athalie Range was a pioneer in our community, first as a civil rights activist and later as a public official. As the PTA president of Liberty City Elementary, she became a champion for the students of Miami-Dade County. She informed the school board about the deplorable conditions of Liberty City schools, and she demanded better resources for those schools.

Athalie became the first African American to serve on the Miami City Commission, and she also became the first African American and the first woman to head the Florida Department of Community Affairs. Athalie Range lived a life of humility that underscored her deep commitment to civil rights, justice and opportunity for all.

I commend the Athalie Range Cultural Arts Foundation for continuing in Athalie's footsteps, for helping to support the arts and for enriching the lives of all of south Florida residents.

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#### ENERGY

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

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, in January, President Obama took office while facing the worst economic crisis in generations.

Faced with that tremendous challenge, President Obama and the Democratic Congress responded with the

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, an aggressive plan to jump-start our economy and to create jobs.

As we look back on the Recovery Act's first 8 months, its success in averting catastrophe is clear. We are not out of the woods yet, and much more work remains to create good jobs and to lower unemployment; but there are positive signs that the recession is over and that the economic policies pursued by the Democrats are starting to work.

Just last week, the Obama administration made important announcements to invest \$3.4 billion into the smart energy grid and into the first round of awards under the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Energy, or the ARPA-E program. These announcements by the administration show that the Recovery Act is working, giving investors the confidence they need to leverage private funds to create new clean-energy jobs to put people back to work and to revolutionize the way we power our economy and drive American innovation.

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#### PELOSI'S TAKEOVER IS BAD FOR JOBS

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the Pelosi takeover bill is nearly 2,000 pages of regulations and tax hikes that will strangle small businesses across America. At the same time we celebrate the new jobs being created by Boeing in South Carolina, the Pelosi takeover will destroy jobs, and we must stop it.

Senior citizens are under attack by squeezing Medicare. The Pelosi takeover will impose \$135 billion in taxes on small businesses. In addition, this bill includes nearly \$500 billion in other taxes, including a surtax on small businesses. The Nation's largest small business association, the National Federation of Independent Business, NFIB, reports that this employer mandate will negatively impact small businesses, eliminating 1.6 million jobs.

I encourage Speaker PELOSI to scrap her health care takeover and to work across the aisle with Republicans to adopt elements of H.R. 3400 and to give small businesses the opportunity to pull together to receive competitive rates.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

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#### HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, this weekend, when I went home, I went to the laundry.

A gentleman came up to me and said, You know, we've been friends for 40

years, and you're more liberal than I am—I'm a conservative—but let me tell you that I had a heart attack last month. Do you know what it cost? It cost \$100,000. He said, Y'all have got to pass something with this health care. It's just too expensive, and if I were in a different situation, I might lose my health care and might not be able to get it.

I had a Halloween party at a friend's house. I'm 60, and my friends are within the margin of error. They're about the same age. Several of them had had cancer, and they talked about how they couldn't get out of their health policies. The premiums were going up. The deductibles were going up, and it was costing them more and more; and they weren't authorizing certain treatments that they needed.

They said, You need to pass that health care bill. It's important.

I went to my local pharmacy, and a lady came up to me, and she told me about what the cost of prescription drugs was doing to her. I told her we were going to close the doughnut hole, that we were going to help her with her prescription drug prices.

We need to get this country's health care policy where it doesn't destroy the financial condition of people's lives. We need to allow them to move on.

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#### THANKING THE AIRMEN OF BARKSDALE

(Mr. FLEMING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, this past weekend, my district in northwest Louisiana was hit with severe storms and tornadoes which left neighborhoods tattered, families without homes, and thousands threatened by levees that were threatening to break.

On Friday night, Bossier Parish officials had exhausted all options to save this levee when many citizens and especially the airmen of Barksdale Air Force Base mobilized to protect this community. Colonel Steven Basham assembled 140 airmen; and through their efforts, the levees were saved that night.

Over the days that followed, over 400 airmen worked around the clock to protect the levees, the homes and the families that surrounded it. Enlisted, officers and even generals worked side by side in an effort to make sure that floodwaters did not destroy Bossier Parish.

I want to extend my sincere gratitude for their dedication and work during this natural disaster; and I want to say that the efforts of these airmen prove, once again, why the United States military is the greatest assemblage of outstanding men and women in the world.