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Emerson Lee (NY)
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Etheridge Lewis (GA)
Fallin Linder
Farr Lipinski
Fattah LoBiondo
Filner Loebach
Flake Lofgren, Zoe
Fleming Lowey
Forbes Lucas
Fortenberry Luetkemeyer
Foster Luján
Foxy Lummis
Frank (MA) Lungren, Daniel
Franks (AZ) E.
Frelinghuysen Lynch
Fudge Mack
Gallegly Maffei
Garamendi Maloney
Gerlach Manzullo
Giffords Marchant
Gingrey (GA) Markey (CO)
Gohmert Markey (MA)
Gonzalez Marshall
Goodlatte Massa
Gordon (TN) Matheson
Granger Matsui
Graves McCarthy (CA)
Grayson McCarthy (NY)
Green, Al McCaul
Green, Gene McClintock
Griffith McCollum
Guthrie McCotter
Gutierrez McDermott
Hall (NY) McGovern
Hall (TX) McHenry
Halvorson McIntyre
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Hastings (FL) Rodgers
Hastings (WA) McNERNEY
Heinrich Meek (FL)
Heller Meeks (NY)
Hensarling Mica
Herger Michaud
Herseht Sandlin Miller (FL)
Higgins Miller (MI)
Hill Miller (NC)
Himes Miller, Gary
Hinchev Miller, George
Hinojosa Minnick
Hirono Mitchell
Hodes Mollohan
Holden Moore (KS)
Holt Moore (WI)
Honda Moran (KS)
Hunter Murphy (CT)
Inglis Murphy (NY)
Inslee Murphy, Patrick
Israel Murphy, Tim
Issa Myrick
Jackson (IL) Nadler (NY)
Jackson-Lee Napolitano
(TX) Neal (MA)
Jenkins Nunes
Johnson (GA) Nye
Johnson (IL) Oberstar
Johnson, E. B. Obey
Johnson, Sam Olson
Jones Oliver
Jordan (OH) Ortiz
Kanjorski Owens
Kaptur Pallone
Kennedy Pascrell
Kildee Pastor (AZ)
Kilpatrick (MI) Paul
Kilroy Paulsen
King (IA) Pence
King (NY) Perlmutter
Kingston Perriello
Kirk Peters
Kirkpatrick (AZ) Peterson
Kissel Petri
Klein (FL) Pingree (ME)
Kline (MN) Pitts
Kosmas Platts
Kratovil Poe (TX)

Westmoreland
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Whitfield
Wilson (OH)

Wilson (SC)
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Wolf
Woolsey

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Young (AK)
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NOT VOTING—29

Abercrombie
Arcuri
Barrett (SC)
Berman
Boehner
Bono Mack
Boucher
Broun (GA)
Capuano
Carney

Culberson
Davis (AL)
Garrett (NJ)
Grijalva
Hoekstra
Hoyer
Kagen
Kind
Melancon
Moran (VA)

Murtha
Neugebauer
Payne
Radanovich
Reichert
Roybal-Allard
Smith (WA)
Tsongas
Waters

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 1643

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. BROUN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 937, H. Res. 915, encouraging the Republic of Hungary to respect the rule of law, treat foreign investors fairly, and promote a free and independent press, and rollcall No. 938, H. Res. 907, recognizing the Grand Concourse on its 100th anniversary as the pre-eminent thoroughfare in the borough of the Bronx and an important nexus of commerce and culture for the City of New York, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

JOBS BILL

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

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss the importance of jobs and our economy, and the importance of putting Americans back to work to really spur the economic growth that I think we all desire.

I was pleased that the mayor of Fresno last week was one of the five mayors to participate in the jobs forum in the White House since she and I represent a region that has suffered severe economic hardships, including a drought, a devastating drought, that has impacted much of the San Joaquin Valley and other aspects of California, the collapse of the dairy market, and the precipitous drop in housing markets that has put housing and foreclosures of the utmost concern. We need to do everything we can to invest in our infrastructure and transportation, schools, and water.

California is in the midst of a water crisis, and I urge the administration to use all of the flexibility within its power to get water flowing for next year's growing season to allow tens of thousands of hardworking farmworkers, farmers, to return to work, to putting food on America's dinner table. Water equals jobs, equals food. That's what we need to do.

I'd like to submit a letter for the RECORD that I wrote to the President concerning this crisis.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 3, 2009.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: Today, as the White House convenes its jobs summit and examines ways to speed job growth in a slow-moving economy, please accept my sincere appreciation and best wishes for a successful event. I am pleased to hear that Mayor Ashley Swearengin of Fresno, CA is one of five U.S. mayors invited to participate today, since the region that she and I represent has suffered from severe economic hardships including a crippling drought, a collapse of the dairy market and precipitous drop in the housing market. Mayor Swearengin's presence is especially timely as she navigates unprecedented fiscal challenges in the city's operating budget which include employee furloughs, fire station closures and over one hundred employee layoffs.

As you are well aware from our prior meetings and my correspondence, California is in the midst of a water supply crisis and likely heading into the fourth consecutive year of a crippling drought. I urge you to keep California's San Joaquin Valley in the forefront of your economic recovery dialogue. I would be remiss if I did not point out that one way to bring people back to work in the San Joaquin Valley immediately is to use all the discretion within your power under the law to get water flowing this growing season. This action alone would allow tens of thousands of hard-working farmers, farm workers, and farm communities to return to the honest work of putting food on America's dinner table.

Water is the lifeblood of the Valley, and without it, our cities and towns have literally been withering and drying out. Unless Mother Nature intervenes and you take action now to implement short, mid, and long-term solutions to alleviate the crisis, all of California will have to prepare for the devastating impacts of the drought. On Tuesday of this week, the California Department of Water Resources announced its projected allocation for water deliveries to two-thirds of Californians at 5 percent of contracted totals. For your reference, this is the lowest initial allocation in State Water Project history. It is my understanding that the announcement from the Bureau of Reclamation will not be far behind. Mr. President, farmers cannot get bank loans to sustain their businesses with water supply delivery allocations this low. Many communities throughout the Valley are facing unemployment levels that rival any in recent memory—up to forty percent. I believe that every region of California deserves a sustainable water supply, and your direct commitment and leadership is necessary to help with California's short-term water needs.

In addition, I am disappointed that the released list of attendees at your jobs summit today did not include community bankers from a diverse cross-section of the country. As you know, community bankers have continued to lend to consumers and small businesses in communities where the largest banks have closed branches or reduced access to credit. The ability to obtain credit is essential to any sustainable growth in the small business sector, and I urge you to invite community bankers to share their solutions for growth with your administration.

The San Joaquin Valley can benefit from additional investments in our highway infrastructure. Just yesterday, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Jim Oberstar held a press conference

with The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) regarding infrastructure investment. They identified 120 ready-to-go highway projects in California worth \$4.012 billion. Investment in our highways will put people back to work immediately, and improve transit in the San Joaquin Valley.

In addition, a renewed focus on high-speed rail would greatly impact the local economy in the San Joaquin Valley. Top economists have indicated that direct investment in infrastructure projects is the best way to create jobs and stimulate the economy. The short-term and long-term economic impacts of a high-speed rail system would be tremendous for California's economy. Construction of the system is estimated to generate almost 300,000 jobs, and following construction, the system will provide 450,000 permanent jobs in California. These jobs will have a huge ripple effect into other areas of California's economy such as the service and manufacturing industries. Overall, for every dollar spent on this system, we will see two dollars in return. I urge you and Secretary LaHood to approve California's Track 2 application for federal high-speed rail funds, and would be happy to join you when this funding is announced next year.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests, and I look forward to continue working with your administration to bring jobs and long-term economic growth to California's San Joaquin Valley.

Sincerely,

JIM COSTA,
Member of Congress.

□ 1645

THE "TREAT TERRORISTS NICE GANG" AND THE NAVY SEALS

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, Navy SEALs were in court yesterday accused of punching a terrorist. The SEALs are Matthew McCabe, Jonathan Keefe, and Julio Huertas. In a nighttime raid last September, they were part of SEAL Team 10 that captured the most wanted terrorist in Iraq.

Ahmed Hashim Abed planned the barbaric ambush of four Blackwater security guards in 2004. Madam Speaker, the Americans were murdered. They were drug through the streets, mutilated, burned, and hung from a bridge in Fallujah. During the public executions, our enemies cheered in front of news cameras. Abed didn't say he was allegedly assaulted until he was turned over to Iraqi authorities, however. The al Qaeda manual tells members when captured to complain of torture and mistreatment; it doesn't matter if it's true or not. And besides killing, these folks lie. Now SEALs are being court-martialed on the word of a braggadocios murderer.

Al Qaeda has learned to play the "Treat Terrorists Nice Gang" like useful misfits. One word from a killer and the accusers become the accused. The military should try the terrorist for murder and give the SEALs medals for capturing him.

And that's just the way it is.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. FUDGE). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. WOOLSEY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

IT'S TIME FOR A NEW ATTITUDE DOWNTOWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, America's infrastructure is in an extraordinarily sad state of disrepair, in fact, endangering and killing Americans. We need a new attitude in terms of rebuilding our infrastructure and bringing it up to a state of good repair at the White House.

There seems to be some reluctance. The President said after his jobs summit that he just had to admit that shovel ready wasn't always shovel ready, and he seemed to be referring to infrastructure. But actually, the infrastructure money is already 60 percent spent and underway and the other 40 percent will be obligated before spring to begin to catch up with that deficit.

Now, the Department of Energy has already spent about 8 percent of their money; HUD, I don't know if they've spent any of it. There are all sorts of fantasy programs out there that were in the stimulus where money hasn't been expended, but in transportation and infrastructure it has been invested and it is going to save lives and it is going to get people to work with less congestion and less damage to their vehicles by bringing the infrastructure up to date.

I would like to try and bring this home to the White House because they just don't seem to be listening. This was—or is—a lag bolt; it's about 60 years old. You can see it's kind of missing the bottom. Well, this lag bolt was involved in an accident on the Chicago Transit Authority. This is what holds down the metal plates that hold down the rail. They have a life span of about 40 years. There are thousands of them on the system waiting to fail.

Now, when the Chicago Transit Authority got \$250 million—that's a lot of money—under the stimulus bill, they spent the money in 30 days. Thirty days. These aren't just your old public works construction jobs; these are, first off, almost all private sector jobs bid out on contract. Secondly, much of it was invested in sophisticated equipment and manufactured goods. So that \$250 million produced a huge multiplier

effect. They were buying new buses because their buses are decrepit. People who build buses were getting good wages. The people who build things to go on buses—tires, brakes, all that because of "Made in America"—they were getting jobs, too. So actually, the shovel-ready stuff was ready and is underway when it comes to transit and highway infrastructure.

Like this failed bolt in Chicago, the Chicago Transit Authority could spend another \$6.5 billion just to bring their system up to a state of good repair, and they can spend that money very quickly with a huge multiplier effect. Why can't the economic team at the White House understand that? Their pointy-head theories about, oh, infrastructure takes so long and it doesn't have a good multiplier, unlike giving people a little bit of money in withholding—or green grid, whatever that is, where a penny hasn't been spent. Somehow this is just too old school for them, fixing up our country, putting people to work, manufacturing and construction jobs.

We have 160,000 bridges on the Federal system that should be posted. The American people should see a big sign saying, "Danger, the bridge over which you are about to drive is either weight limited, structurally deficient, or functionally obsolete." One hundred sixty thousand bridges. Now, if we began a program to replace those, it doesn't take long, look how quickly we replaced the bridge in Minnesota. It doesn't require lengthy environmental impact statements or planning, it's replace and fix the bridges, it's concrete, it's steel, it's workers, it's aggregate, it's made in America. You can't export those jobs.

But somehow the people on the President's economic team don't get that, or maybe from the back seat of their limousines they can't see that the bridges and the infrastructure are deteriorated, and they sure as heck aren't on the creaky public transit systems that are falling apart and here in D.C. killing people because the infrastructure is so outmoded and so substandard.

It is embarrassing for the greatest nation on Earth to be devolving toward a fourth-world infrastructure—we're not even third world. We are investing less of our GDP in our infrastructure than are many third-world countries. We are formerly first world, formerly world leader. Now we are watching our competitors around the world vault ahead of us with high-speed rail, with modern transit, with beautiful new highways, with safe bridges that are designed to current standards. But no, we can't afford it. And even if we could afford it, like taking some of that unspent TARP money or maybe some of the other unspent stimulus money, they don't want to do it downtown.

It's time for a new attitude downtown. Don't jeopardize the people of America with this kind of outmoded infrastructure anymore. Get it, guys. This means jobs, and it's something the American people believe in.