

Marchant	Petri	Shimkus
Marshall	Pitts	Shuster
Matheson	Platts	Simpson
McCarthy (CA)	Poe (TX)	Smith (NE)
McCaul	Posey	Smith (NJ)
McClintock	Price (GA)	Smith (TX)
McCotter	Putnam	Souder
McHenry	Radanovich	Speier
McKeon	Rehberg	Stearns
McMorris	Roe (TN)	Sullivan
Rodgers	Rogers (AL)	Tanner
Mica	Rogers (KY)	Taylor
Miller (FL)	Rogers (MI)	Terry
Minnick	Rohrabacher	Thompson (PA)
Mitchell	Rooney	Thornberry
Moran (KS)	Ros-Lehtinen	Tiahrt
Myrick	Roskam	Tiberi
Neugebauer	Royce	Turner
Nunes	Ryan (WI)	Walden
Nye	Scalise	Wamp
Olson	Schmidt	Westmoreland
Paul	Schock	Wilson (SC)
Paulsen	Sensenbrenner	Wittman
Pence	Sessions	Wolf
Peterson	Shadegg	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—8

Bachus	Frank (MA)	Rush
Campbell	Miller, Gary	Stark
Cassidy	Perriello	

□ 1550

Messrs. HOEKSTRA, ROGERS of Michigan, BLUNT and HILL changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, I offer a question of the privileges of the House previously noticed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Whereas, Roll Call reported on February 9, 2008, that the offices of a prominent lobbying firm had been raided by the FBI in November;

Whereas, The New York Times reported on February 10, 2009, that “Federal prosecutors are looking into the possibility that a prominent lobbyist may have funneled bogus campaign contributions” to Members of Congress;

Whereas, the Washington Post reported on February 14, 2009, that they “examined contributions that were reported as being made by the firm’s employees and consultants, and found several people who were not registered lobbyists and did not work for the lobbying firm”;

Whereas, Roll Call reported on February 11, 2009, that “the defense-appropriations-focused lobbying shop that the FBI raided this November” had in recent years “spread millions of campaign contributions to lawmakers”;

Whereas, The Hill reported on February 10, 2009, that the raided firm “earned more than \$14 million in lobbying revenue” and “specializes in obtaining earmarks in the defense budget for a long list of clients”;

Whereas, The Hill reported on February 10, 2009, that the 2008 clients of this firm had “received \$299 million worth of earmarks, according to Taxpayers for Common Sense”;

Whereas, CQ Today reported on February 19, 2009, that “104 House Members got earmarks for projects sought by clients of the firm in the 2008 defense appropriations bills,”

and that 87 percent of this bipartisan group of Members received campaign contributions from the raided firm;

Whereas, CQ Today also reported that “Members who took responsibility for the firm’s earmarks in that spending bill have, since 2001, accepted a cumulative \$1,815,138 in campaign contributions from the firm’s political action committee and employees”;

Whereas, Roll Call reported on February 19, 2009, that a bipartisan group of four Members have made plans to divest themselves of campaign contributions received from the raided firm;

Whereas, Politico reported on February 12, 2009, that “several sources said FBI agents have spent months laying the groundwork for their current investigation, including conducting research on earmarks and campaign contributions”;

Whereas, numerous press reports and editorials have alleged several cases of influence peddling between Members of Congress and outside interests seeking Federal funding;

Whereas, such reports and editorials reflect public distrust and have raised inquiries and criticism about the integrity of congressional proceedings and the dignity of the institution; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives should respond to such claims and demonstrate integrity in its proceedings:

Now, therefore, be it Resolved That—

(a) The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, or a subcommittee of the committee designated by the committee and its members appointed by the chairman and ranking member, is instructed to investigate the relationship between earmark requests already made by Members and the source and timing of past campaign contributions.

(b) The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct shall submit a report of its findings to the House of Representatives within 2 months after the date of adoption of this resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution qualifies.

MOTION TO TABLE

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I move to lay the resolution on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to lay on the table.

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

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 226, noes 182, answered “present” 12, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 87]
AYES—226

Abercrombie	Boren	Cohen
Ackerman	Boswell	Connolly (VA)
Adler (NJ)	Boyd	Conyers
Altmire	Brady (PA)	Costa
Andrews	Brady (IA)	Costello
Arcuri	Bright	Courtney
Baca	Brown, Corrine	Crowley
Baird	Capps	Cuellar
Baldwin	Capuano	Cummings
Barrow	Cardoza	Dahlkemper
Becerra	Carnahan	Davis (AL)
Berkley	Carney	Davis (CA)
Berman	Carson (IN)	Davis (IL)
Berry	Childers	Davis (TN)
Bishop (GA)	Clarke	DeFazio
Bishop (NY)	Cleaver	DeGette
Blumenauer	Clyburn	Delahunt

DeLauro	Larson (CT)	Rodriguez
Dicks	Lee (CA)	Ross
Dingell	Levin	Rothman (NJ)
Doyle	Lewis (GA)	Royal-Allard
Driehaus	Lipinski	Ruppersberger
Edwards (MD)	Lowey	Ryan (OH)
Edwards (TX)	Lujan	Salazar
Ellison	Lynch	Sanchez, Linda T.
Engel	Maffei	Sanchez, Loretta
Eshoo	Maloney	Sarbanes
Etheridge	Markey (CO)	Schakowsky
Farr	Markey (MA)	Schauer
Fattah	Marshall	Schiff
Filner	Massa	Schrader
Foster	Matheson	Schwartz
Fudge	Matsui	Scott (GA)
Gonzalez	McCarthy (NY)	Scott (VA)
Gordon (TN)	McCollum	Serrano
Grayson	McDermott	Sestak
Green, Al	McGovern	Shea-Porter
Green, Gene	McIntyre	Sherman
Griffith	McMahon	Shuler
Grijalva	Meek (FL)	Sires
Gutierrez	Meeks (NY)	Skelton
Hall (NY)	Melancon	Slaughter
Hare	Michaud	Smith (WA)
Harman	Miller (NC)	Snyder
Hastings (FL)	Miller, George	Space
Heinrich	Minnick	Speier
Herseth Sandlin	Mollohan	Spratt
Higgins	Moore (KS)	Stupak
Hill	Moore (WI)	Sutton
Hinchey	Moran (VA)	Tanner
Hinojosa	Murphy (CT)	Tauscher
Hirono	Murphy, Patrick	Taylor
Holden	Murphy, Tim	Thompson (CA)
Holt	Murtha	Thompson (MS)
Honda	Nadler (NY)	Tierney
Hoyer	Napolitano	Titus
Inslee	Neal (MA)	Tonko
Israel	Nye	Towns
Jackson (IL)	Oberstar	Tsongas
Jackson-Lee	Obey	Van Hollen
(TX)	Olver	Velázquez
Johnson (GA)	Ortiz	Visclosky
Johnson, E. B.	Pallone	Wasserman
Jones	Pascrell	Schultz
Kagen	Pastor (AZ)	Waters
Kanjorski	Payne	Watson
Kaptur	Perlmutter	Watt
Kennedy	Peters	Waxman
Kildee	Peterson	Weiner
Kilpatrick (MI)	Pingree (ME)	Wexler
Kilroy	Polis (CO)	Wilson (OH)
Klein (FL)	Pomeroy	Woolsey
Kosmas	Price (NC)	Wu
Kratovil	Rahall	Yarmuth
Kucinich	Rangel	
Langevin	Reyes	
Larsen (WA)	Richardson	

NOES—182

Aderholt	Coffman (CO)	Hensarling
Akin	Cole	Herger
Alexander	Crenshaw	Himes
Austria	Culberson	Hodes
Bachmann	Davis (KY)	Hoekstra
Bartlett	Deal (GA)	Hunter
Barton (TX)	Diaz-Balart, L.	Inglis
Bean	Diaz-Balart, M.	Issa
Biggert	Doggett	Jenkins
Bilbray	Donnelly (IN)	Johnson (IL)
Bilirakis	Dreier	Johnson, Sam
Bishop (UT)	Duncan	Jordan (OH)
Blackburn	Ehlers	Kind
Blunt	Ellsworth	King (IA)
Bocchieri	Emerson	King (NY)
Boehner	Fallin	Kingston
Bono Mack	Flake	Kirk
Boozman	Fleming	Kirkpatrick (AZ)
Boustany	Forbes	Kissell
Brady (TX)	Fortenberry	Lamborn
Brown (GA)	Fox	Lance
Brown (SC)	Franks (AZ)	Latham
Brown-Waite,	Frelinghuysen	LaTourette
Ginny	Gallely	Latta
Buchanan	Garrett (NJ)	Lee (NY)
Burgess	Gerlach	Lewis (CA)
Burton (IN)	Giffords	Linder
Buyer	Gingrey (GA)	LoBiondo
Calvert	Gohmert	Loeback
Camp	Goodlatte	Lucas
Cantor	Granger	Luetkemeyer
Cao	Graves	Lummis
Capito	Guthrie	Lungren, Daniel E.
Carter	Hall (TX)	Mack
Castle	Halvorson	Manzullo
Chaffetz	Harper	Marchant
Coble	Heller	

McCarthy (CA)	Poe (TX)	Simpson
McCaul	Posey	Smith (NE)
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McHenry	Radanovich	Souder
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McMorris	Roe (TN)	Teague
Rodgers	Rogers (AL)	Terry
McNerney	Rogers (KY)	Thompson (PA)
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Mitchell	Ros-Lehtinen	Turner
Moran (KS)	Roskam	Upton
Myrick	Royce	Walden
Neugebauer	Ryan (WI)	Walz
Nunes	Scalise	Wamp
Olson	Schmidt	Westmoreland
Paul	Schock	Wilson (SC)
Paulsen	Sensenbrenner	Wittman
Pence	Sessions	Wolf
Petri	Shadegg	Young (AK)
Pitts	Shimkus	Young (FL)
Platts	Shuster	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—12

Barrett (SC)	Chandler	Hastings (WA)
Bonner	Clay	Lofgren, Zoe
Butterfield	Conaway	Welch
Castor (FL)	Dent	Whitfield

NOT VOTING—11

Bachus	Cooper	Perriello
Boucher	Frank (MA)	Rush
Campbell	Kline (MN)	Stark
Cassidy	Miller, Gary	

□ 1615

Messrs. KISSELL, LEWIS of California, and DOGGETT changed their vote from "aye" to "no."

So the motion to table 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. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, on February 25, 2009, I missed rollcall votes 86 and 87 while attending a meeting at the White House with President Obama concerning the state of our Nation's economy and financial system. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall 86 and "no" on rollcall 87.

DISCHARGE AND RE-REFERRAL OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 183

Mr. ARCURI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of House Resolution 183 and that the resolution be re-referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NYE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on the motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record vote on the postponed question will be taken tomorrow.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO FAMILIES OF VICTIMS OF CRASH OF CONTINENTAL CONNECTION FLIGHT 3407

Mr. ARCURI. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 183) expressing condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the victims of the crash of Continental Connection Flight 3407, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 183

Whereas the people of New York have experienced a terrible tragedy with the loss of 50 lives in the crash of Continental Connection Flight 3407 in Clarence Center, New York, on February 12, 2009;

Whereas many of the victims of the crash were residents of New York, particularly of the close-knit Western New York community; and

Whereas Federal, State, and local officials have cooperated to respond to the emergency, investigate the accident, and provide assistance to families devastated by the loss of loved ones: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) expresses condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the victims of the crash of Continental Connection Flight 3407;

(2) honors those who lost their lives, including David Borner, Linda Davidson, Ronald Davidson, Alison Des Forges, Beverly Eckert, John J. Fiore, Ronald Gonzalez, Brad S. Green, Sr., Zhaofang Guo, Kevin Johnston, Ellyce Kausner, Goerges Karm, Nicole Korczykowski, Jerome Krasuski, Brian Kuklewicz, Beth Kushner, Madeline Loftus, Lorin Maurer, Donald McDonald, Coleman Mellett, Dawn Monachino, Jennifer Neill, Gerry Niewood, Johnathan Perry, Mary E. Pettys, Donna Prisco, Matilda Quintero, Marvin Renslow, Julie M. Ries, John G. Roberts III, Kristin Safran, Rebecca Shaw, Ms. Jean Marie Sreecz, Darren Tolsma, Susan Wehle, Ernest W. West, Douglas Wielinski, Shubin Yao, Clay Yarber, and Joseph Zuffoletto, as well as 10 others;

(3) expresses sympathies to the people of Clarence Center, the entire State of New York, and the Nation who grieve for the victims;

(4) commends the heroic actions of the first responders, emergency services personnel, and air traffic controllers; and

(5) commends the hundreds of volunteers who worked together to respond to the tragedy with tremendous courage.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. ARCURI) and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. PETRI) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ARCURI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H. Res. 183.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. ARCURI. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I want to express my deepest sympathies to the families who lost loved ones in the tragic crash of Continental Connection Flight 3407. I can say, as an upstate New Yorker and as an American, the families and friends of those who were lost are in our thoughts and in our prayers.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in very strong support of this resolution today that's being introduced by my colleague from New York, Mr. CHRIS LEE. This resolution, House Resolution 183, expresses condolences to the families, friends and loved ones of the victims of the February 12, 2009, accident of Flight 3407 which took place in Clarence Center, New York.

There were 50 people on board Flight 3407, including passengers and crew. Sadly, all lives were lost. Our sympathy goes out to the victims and to each and every one of their families, friends and loved ones.

Losing a loved one is tragic, but the loss is compounded when it's the result of an unfortunate and unforeseen situation. I'm hopeful that this resolution will, in some small way, comfort the families and friends of all of those who lost their lives on Flight 3407.

I also want to thank the first responders and those who are providing support and assistance to the families of the victims. Their efforts are appreciated.

The National Transportation Safety Board is thoroughly investigating every aspect of this accident. The Board is responsible for determining the circumstances and cause of this accident, and they will report back to Congress. In the meantime, I want to assure the families, the public, the Members of Congress, that those charged with the investigation of this tragedy will not rest until the cause of this aviation accident has been determined. The loss of even one life in an aviation accident is unacceptable, but the American public should know that our commercial airlines today are both safe and reliable.

The National Airspace System handles almost 50,000 flights per day and more than 7 million passengers annually. Since 2007, the commercial airline industry has maintained the lowest fatality accident rate in commercial aviation history. Up until this accident, the FAA reported no on-board fatalities in passenger operations in the past 2 years and now approaching almost 3 years with about 1.6 billion people transported during that period.

Despite the amazing safety record, I wish we lived in a world where we could eliminate all accidents and risks. While I don't believe that we can do