

know that a good sound bite does not always make for good policy. Such is the case here.

In order to pay for these particular campaign promises, at least temporarily, for parents of college students, the majority replaced a functioning lending system with an untested, highly controversial auction scheme. At the time, we warned that an auction would undercut loan accessibility for parents. We warned that the U.S. Department of Education was ill-equipped to implement such a complex and convoluted system. We warned that lenders were unlikely to participate in such a system and that, if they did, only a few were likely to bid, giving them near-monopoly control of the market. I wish it were not the case, but unfortunately, our worst predictions are coming true.

Several large lenders are choosing not to participate in this troubled initiative. The National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators has weighed in with serious concerns. Financial aid administrators will soon be assembling financial aid packages for the coming academic year, and NASFAA warns that current economic conditions could cause the pilot program to harm parent borrowers.

If the Department were to move forward, the few willing participants would be a virtual monopoly, and with so few participants, they may not be able to handle all of the loan volume necessary to ensure that all parents who are eligible for loans actually receive them. We cannot allow this to happen, so we are postponing the auction for 1 year in order to ensure that parents will not fall victim to the shortsighted policy that was enacted just 2½ years ago.

I support this legislation because the changes are necessary, but I hope this will serve as a lesson in going forward. Undercutting a successful, long-standing student loan program in order to achieve political goals was not a good idea in 2006, and it is not a good idea today.

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the gentleman from Kentucky if he has any further speakers.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I do not have any further speakers.

Mr. HINOJOSA. In that case, Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

I support this legislation, and I urge my colleagues to do the same. We have worked with the majority to address pressing matters that impact students and families. This bill will ensure the smooth implementation of the bipartisan higher education reforms enacted last year. It will help student loan borrowers who have fallen behind to rebuild their damaged credit, and it will postpone a student loan auction that, whether or not it was a good idea 2½ years ago, simply does not make sense in the current economic climate.

I thank the majority for working with us. I have particularly enjoyed working with my colleague, Mr. HINOJOSA from Texas, and I appreciate him for working on these important matters and timely changes. I urge my colleagues to join me in voting "yes."

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HINOJOSA) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1777.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 42 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

□ 1845

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ROSS) at 6 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.

RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of the privileges of the House and offer the resolution previously noticed.

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

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 295

Whereas, The Hill reported that a prominent lobbying firm specializing in obtaining defense earmarks for its clients, the subject of a "federal investigation into potentially corrupt political contributions," has given \$3.4 million in political donations to no less than 284 members of Congress.

Whereas, multiple press reports have noted questions related to campaign contributions made by or on behalf of the firm; including questions related to "straw man" contributions, the reimbursement of employees for political giving, pressure on clients to give, a suspicious pattern of giving, and the timing of donations relative to legislative activity.

Whereas, Roll Call has taken note of the timing of contributions from employees of the firm and its clients when it reported that they "have provided thousands of dollars worth of campaign contributions to key Members in close proximity to legislative activity, such as the deadline for earmark request letters or passage of a spending bill."

Whereas, CQ Today specifically noted a Member getting "\$25,000 in campaign contribution money from [the founder of the firm] and his relatives right after his subcommittee approved its spending bill in 2005."

Whereas, the Associated Press noted that Members received campaign contributions

from employees of the firm "around the time they requested" earmarks for companies represented by the firm.

Whereas, the Associated Press highlighted the "huge amounts of political donations" from the firm and its clients to select members and noted that "those political donations have followed a distinct pattern: The giving is especially heavy in March, which is prime time for submitting written earmark requests."

Whereas, clients of the firm received at least three hundred million dollars worth of earmarks in fiscal year 2009 appropriations legislation, including several that were approved even after news of the FBI raid of the firm's offices and Justice Department investigation into the firm was well known.

Whereas, the Associated Press reported that "the FBI says the investigation is continuing, highlighting the close ties between special-interest spending provisions known as earmarks and the raising of campaign cash."

Whereas, the persistent media attention focused on questions about the nature and timing of campaign contributions related to the firm, as well as reports of the Justice Department conducting research on earmarks and campaign contributions, raise concern about the integrity of Congressional proceedings and the dignity of the institution.

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, shall immediately begin an investigation into the relationship between the source and timing of past campaign contributions to Members of the House related to the raided firm and earmark requests made by Members of the House on behalf of clients of the raided firm.

(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 the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution qualifies.

MOTION TO TABLE

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I move to lay the resolution on the table.

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

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

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, this 15-minute vote on laying House Resolution 295 on the table will be followed by 5-minute votes on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 20 and H.R. 479.

Remaining postponed votes will be taken later in the week.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 210, nays 173, answered "present" 13, not voting 35, as follows:

[Roll No. 163]

YEAS—210

Abercrombie	Grijalva	Ortiz
Ackerman	Gutierrez	Pallone
Adler (NJ)	Hall (NY)	Pastor (AZ)
Altmire	Hare	Payne
Andrews	Harman	Perlmutter
Arcuri	Hastings (FL)	Peters
Baca	Heinrich	Peterson
Baird	Higgins	Pingree (ME)
Baldwin	Hinojosa	Polis (CO)
Barrow	Hirono	Price (NC)
Becerra	Holden	Rahall
Berman	Holt	Rangel
Berry	Honda	Richardson
Bishop (GA)	Hoyer	Rodriguez
Bishop (NY)	Inslee	Rohrabacher
Blumenauer	Israel	Ross
Boren	Jackson (IL)	Rothman (NJ)
Boswell	Jackson-Lee	Roybal-Allard
Boucher	(TX)	Ruppersberger
Boyd	Johnson (GA)	Rush
Brady (PA)	Johnson, E. B.	Salazar
Braley (IA)	Jones	Sánchez, Linda
Capps	Kagen	T.
Capuano	Kanjorski	Sanchez, Loretta
Cardoza	Kaptur	Sarbanes
Carnahan	Kennedy	Shakowsky
Carney	Kildee	Schauer
Carson (IN)	Kilpatrick (MI)	Schiff
Childers	Kilroy	Schrader
Clarke	Kissell	Schwartz
Clay	Klein (FL)	Scott (GA)
Cleaver	Kratovil	Scott (VA)
Clyburn	Kucinich	Serrano
Cohen	Langevin	Sestak
Connolly (VA)	Larson (CT)	Shea-Porter
Conyers	Lee (CA)	Sherman
Cooper	Levin	Shuler
Costa	Lewis (GA)	Sires
Costello	Lipinski	Skelton
Courtney	Lowey	Slaughter
Crowley	Lujan	Snyder
Cuellar	Lynch	Space
Cummings	Maffei	Spratt
Dahlkemper	Markey (CO)	Stark
Davis (AL)	Markey (MA)	Stupak
Davis (CA)	Marshall	Sutton
Davis (IL)	Massa	Tanner
Davis (TN)	Matheson	Tauscher
DeFazio	Matsui	Taylor
Delahunt	McCarthy (NY)	Thompson (CA)
DeLauro	McDermott	Thompson (MS)
Dicks	McGovern	Tierney
Dingell	McMahon	Titus
Doggett	Meek (FL)	Tonko
Doyle	Meeks (NY)	Towns
Driehaus	Michaud	Tsongas
Edwards (MD)	Miller (NC)	Van Hollen
Edwards (TX)	Miller, George	Velázquez
Ellison	Mollohan	Wasserman
Engel	Moore (KS)	Schultz
Eshoo	Moore (WI)	Waters
Etheridge	Murphy (CT)	Watson
Farr	Murphy, Patrick	Watt
Fattah	Murphy, Tim	Waxman
Filner	Murtha	Weiner
Fudge	Nadler (NY)	Wexler
Gonzalez	Napolitano	Wilson (OH)
Gordon (TN)	Nye	Woolsey
Green, Al	Oberstar	Wu
Green, Gene	Obey	Yarmuth
Griffith	Olver	Young (AK)

NAYS—173

Aderholt	Brown-Waite,	Dreier
Akin	Ginny	Duncan
Alexander	Buchanan	Ehlers
Austria	Burgess	Ellsworth
Bachmann	Burton (IN)	Emerson
Bachus	Buyer	Fallin
Bartlett	Calvert	Flake
Barton (TX)	Camp	Fleming
Bean	Cantor	Forbes
Biggert	Cao	Fortenberry
Bilbray	Capito	Foster
Billirakis	Cassidy	Fox
Bishop (UT)	Castle	Franks (AZ)
Blackburn	Chaffetz	Frelinghuysen
Boccheri	Coble	Gallely
Boehner	Coffman (CO)	Garrett (NJ)
Bono Mack	Cole	Gerlach
Boozman	Crenshaw	Giffords
Boustany	Culberson	Gingrey (GA)
Brady (TX)	Davis (KY)	Goodlatte
Bright	Deal (GA)	Granger
Broun (GA)	Diaz-Balart, M.	Graves
Brown (SC)	Donnelly (IN)	Guthrie

Hall (TX)	McCaul	Ros-Lehtinen
Halvorson	McClintock	Roskam
Harper	McCotter	Royce
Heger	McHenry	Ryan (WI)
Herseth Sandlin	McHugh	Scalise
Hill	McIntyre	Schmidt
Himes	McKeon	Schock
Hodes	McMorris	Sensenbrenner
Hunter	Rodgers	Shadegg
Inglis	McNerney	Shimkus
Issa	Mica	Shuster
Jenkins	Miller (FL)	Simpson
Johnson, Sam	Miller (MI)	Smith (NE)
Jordan (OH)	Minnick	Smith (NJ)
Kind	Mitchell	Smith (TX)
King (IA)	Neugebauer	Smith (WA)
King (NY)	Nunes	Souder
Kirk	Olson	Stearns
Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Paul	Sullivan
Kosmas	Paulsen	Teague
Lamborn	Pence	Terry
Lance	Perriello	Thompson (PA)
LaTourette	Petri	Thornberry
Latta	Pitts	Tiahrt
Lee (NY)	Platts	Tiberi
Lewis (CA)	Posey	Turner
LoBiondo	Price (GA)	Upton
Loeb sack	Putnam	Visclosky
Lucas	Radanovich	Walz
Luetkemeyer	Rehberg	Wamp
Lummis	Reichert	Whitfield
Lungren, Daniel	Roe (TN)	Wilson (SC)
E.	Rogers (AL)	Wittman
Mack	Rogers (KY)	Wolf
Manzullo	Rogers (MI)	Young (FL)
McCarthy (CA)	Rooney	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—13

Bonner	Diaz-Balart, L.	Poe (TX)
Castor (FL)	Kline (MN)	Walden
Chandler	Latham	Welch
Conaway	Lofgren, Zoe	
Dent	Myrick	

NOT VOTING—35

Barrett (SC)	Heller	Miller, Gary
Berkley	Hensarling	Moran (KS)
Blunt	Hinchey	Moran (VA)
Brown, Corrine	Hoekstra	Neal (MA)
Butterfield	Johnson (IL)	Pascarell
Campbell	Kingston	Pomeroy
Carter	Larsen (WA)	Reyes
DeGette	Linder	Ryan (OH)
Frank (MA)	Maloney	Sessions
Gohmert	Marchant	Speier
Hastings (WA)	McCollum	Westmoreland
	Melancon	

□ 1911

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MELANIE BLOCKER STOKES MOM'S OPPORTUNITY TO ACCESS HEALTH, EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND SUPPORT FOR POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 20, 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 New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 20, as amended.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 391, nays 8, not voting 32, as follows:

[Roll No. 164]

YEAS—391

Abercrombie	DeLauro	Kissell
Ackerman	Dent	Klein (FL)
Aderholt	Diaz-Balart, L.	Kline (MN)
Adler (NJ)	Diaz-Balart, M.	Kosmas
Akin	Dicks	Kratovil
Alexander	Dingell	Kucinich
Altmire	Doggett	Lamborn
Andrews	Donnelly (IN)	Lance
Arcuri	Doyle	Langevin
Austria	Dreier	Larson (CT)
Baca	Driehaus	Latham
Bachmann	Duncan	LaTourette
Bachus	Edwards (MD)	Latta
Baird	Edwards (TX)	Lee (CA)
Baldwin	Ehlers	Lee (NY)
Barrow	Ellison	Levin
Bartlett	Ellsworth	Lewis (CA)
Barton (TX)	Emerson	Lewis (GA)
Bean	Engel	Lipinski
Becerra	Eshoo	LoBiondo
Berman	Etheridge	Loeb sack
Berry	Fallin	Lofgren, Zoe
Biggert	Farr	Lowey
Bilbray	Fattah	Lucas
Billirakis	Filner	Luetkemeyer
Bishop (GA)	Fleming	Lujan
Bishop (NY)	Forbes	Lummis
Bishop (UT)	Fortenberry	Lungren, Daniel
Blackburn	Foster	E.
Blumenauer	Fox	Lynch
Boccheri	Frank (MA)	Mack
Boehner	Franks (AZ)	Maffei
Bonner	Frelinghuysen	Manzullo
Bono Mack	Fudge	Markey (CO)
Boozman	Gallely	Markey (MA)
Boren	Garrett (NJ)	Marshall
Boswell	Gerlach	Massa
Boucher	Giffords	Matheson
Boustany	Gingrey (GA)	Matsui
Boyd	Gonzalez	McCarthy (CA)
Brady (PA)	Goodlatte	McCarthy (NY)
Brady (TX)	Gordon (TN)	McCaul
Braley (IA)	Granger	McCollum
Bright	Graves	McCotter
Brown (SC)	Green, Al	McDermott
Brown-Waite,	Green, Gene	McGovern
Ginny	Griffith	McHenry
Buchanan	Grijalva	McHugh
Burgess	Guthrie	McIntyre
Burton (IN)	Gutierrez	McKeon
Buyer	Hall (NY)	McMahon
Calvert	Hall (TX)	McMorris
Camp	Halvorson	Rodgers
Cantor	Hare	McNerney
Cao	Harman	Meek (FL)
Capito	Harper	Meeks (NY)
Capps	Hastings (FL)	Mica
Capuano	Heinrich	Michaud
Cardoza	Heger	Miller (FL)
Carnahan	Herseth Sandlin	Miller (MI)
Carney	Higgins	Miller (NC)
Carson (IN)	Hill	Miller, George
Cassidy	Himes	Minnick
Castle	Hinojosa	Mitchell
Castor (FL)	Hirono	Mollohan
Chaffetz	Hodes	Moore (KS)
Chandler	Holden	Moore (WI)
Childers	Holt	Murphy (CT)
Clarke	Honda	Murphy, Patrick
Clay	Hoyer	Murphy, Tim
Cleaver	Hunter	Murtha
Clyburn	Inglis	Myrick
Coble	Inslee	Nadler (NY)
Coffman (CO)	Israel	Napolitano
Cohen	Issa	Neugebauer
Cole	Jackson (IL)	Nunes
Conaway	Jackson-Lee	Nye
Connolly (VA)	(TX)	Oberstar
Conyers	Jenkins	Obey
Cooper	Johnson (GA)	Olson
Costa	Johnson, E. B.	Olver
Costello	Johnson, Sam	Ortiz
Courtney	Jones	Pallone
Crenshaw	Jordan (OH)	Pastor (AZ)
Crowley	Kagen	Paulsen
Cuellar	Kanjorski	Payne
Cummings	Kaptur	Pence
Dahlkemper	Kennedy	Perlmutter
Davis (AL)	Kildee	Perriello
Davis (CA)	Kilpatrick (MI)	Peters
Davis (IL)	Kilroy	Peterson
Davis (KY)	Kind	Petri
Davis (TN)	King (IA)	Pingree (ME)
Deal (GA)	King (NY)	Pitts
DeFazio	Kirk	Platts
Delahunt	Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Polis (CO)