

The IRS estimates it takes over 37 hours to complete the 1040 short form, the most basic income tax form we have. Why does it take this long? Because our Tax Code today runs over 67,000 pages.

This is a disgraceful state of affairs. We need a simpler and fairer Tax Code that rewards, not punishes, hard work and success. Small business creates 70 percent of all new jobs in America. Small business can lead us out of this economic recession and back into recovery if Congress gives them a chance.

Let's start by overhauling our broken tax system.

HONORING CHRISTOPHER CAINE

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

Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, today I would like to honor Christopher Caine's 25 years of service to one of Vermont's most important and valued businesses, IBM.

The largest private employer in Vermont, IBM has long served as a bedrock in Essex Junction in the greater Burlington community. It has proven itself to be a strong corporate citizen and has shown the world that Vermonters can compete for quality high-tech jobs.

For the past 25 years, Christopher Caine has made a major contribution to that success in such positions as public policy director and, most recently, as vice president of governmental affairs.

Like thousands of Vermonters who earn their livelihoods at IBM, Christopher has worked diligently to ensure the success of this great American company, and, in so doing, he has contributed to a key part of Vermont's economy.

Upon his retirement this year from IBM, I want to salute Christopher for his contribution to IBM and to the State of Vermont.

CERTIFY YUCCA MOUNTAIN AS PERMANENT NUCLEAR WASTE DEPOSITORY

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

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, nuclear power is an environmentally friendly way to meet our energy needs. Fortunately, we have a safe and ready option for permanent storage for the waste generated by this clean power at Yucca Mountain in Nevada.

But despite the fact that energy ratepayers in my State have contributed over \$375 million to the Nuclear Waste Fund, the Federal Government has refused to keep its end of the bargain and store the nuclear waste.

Nationwide, this fund has now collected over \$350 billion in fees and interest since its inception. Minnesotans

and all Americans should not have to pay for government inaction.

I have introduced legislation that would require the President to certify Yucca Mountain as a permanent nuclear waste depository; and if it's not certified, the bill would return billions of dollars from the Nuclear Waste Fund to ratepayers across the country.

Madam Speaker, let's quickly pass the Rebating America's Deposits Act.

DO BETTER TO GIVE VETERANS SUPPORT

(Mrs. DAHLKEMPER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. DAHLKEMPER. Madam Speaker, we owe our Nation's brave men and women in uniform a debt of gratitude. However, after speaking with so many families, it's obvious that we must do better to give veterans the support that they have earned. None of our troops should end up on the streets after serving their country, and all of our troops should have access to treatment for conditions such as posttraumatic stress syndrome.

This is why I rise today to announce my strong support for the Veterans Bill of Rights. This new bill of rights pledges three things.

One, we will increase the Veterans Administration's direct support for homeless veterans. No veteran should ever go hungry.

Two, we will make counseling services for PTSD available in every veterans center in America.

And, most importantly, three, we in Congress will make veterans a number one priority in all public policy decisions. We owe this to them and much, much more.

I urge my colleagues to join me in support of Veterans Bill of Rights.

ENERGY

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, during the campaign, President Obama pledged 95 percent of taxpayers would not see their taxes increased one single dime. Unfortunately, the President has broken this promise.

The President's budget included a cap-and-trade policy, otherwise known as cap-and-tax, that will hit every home utility bill and inflict more pain at the pump. Every American will be impacted by this dangerous policy. American households, on average, can expect to pay an additional \$3,100 a year in energy costs.

The American people still live with the memory of \$4 a gallon for gas and the hardship it inflicted on their family budgets. Even our Democrat colleagues say this.

Mr. BUTTERFIELD from North Carolina is quoted today in Roll Call as saying, "The cost of everything is going to go up."

The cost of everything is going to go up. This is the wrong direction for this country.

VISIT LAS VEGAS

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

Ms. BERKLEY. Madam Speaker, this week is National Tourism Week. Tourism is the sixth biggest industry in America.

As the congresswoman from the entertainment and tourism capital of the world, fabulous Las Vegas, I want to encourage all of my fellow citizens to enjoy the remarkable diversity of options the tourism industry provides.

Come to Las Vegas. Enjoy our great hotels, fabulous shows, superb restaurants, water sports, Grand Canyon tours, great shopping, and our other wholesome family entertainment. Memorial Day weekend is right around the corner. Make your reservations now.

I promise you will have slots of fun.

SALUTE TO ROBBIE BEANE

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

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute a sheriff's department veteran from Beauregard Parish in my Louisiana district who was recently killed in the line of duty.

Detective Robbie Beane had dedicated 14 years of his life protecting and serving the good people of Beauregard Parish. On May 5, he died in an accident while on duty with three of his fellow officers.

During his 14 years as a member of the Beauregard Parish Sheriff's Department, Robbie Beane worked his way up to detective and had become a volunteer member of the SWAT team and the SWAT diving team.

Detective Beane was an active member of his church and volunteered in civic organizations. He was slated to be the next president of the Deridder Lion's Club.

Detective Beane is the first member of the Beauregard Sheriff's Department to be killed in the line of duty.

He leaves behind his wife, Nikki, and their daughter, Joslynn. This is a tragic loss, and I want to express my sincere condolences to his family and thank Robbie Beane for his service to our State.

21ST CENTURY GREEN HIGH-PERFORMING PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KRATOVIL). Pursuant to House Resolution 427 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2187.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2187) to direct the Secretary of Education to make grants to State educational agencies for the modernization, renovation, or repair of public school facilities, and for other purposes, with Mrs. TAUSCHER (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole House rose on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, amendment No. 5 printed in House Report 111-106, offered by the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. ELLSWORTH), had been disposed of.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, proceedings will now resume on those amendments printed in House Report 111-106 on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

Amendment No. 7 by Ms. GIFFORDS of Arizona.

Amendment No. 10 by Mr. BRIGHT of Alabama.

Amendment No. 11 by Mr. GRIFFITH of Alabama.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first vote in this series.

AMENDMENT NO. 7 OFFERED BY MS. GIFFORDS

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Arizona (Ms. GIFFORDS) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment No. 7 offered by Ms. GIFFORDS:

In the table of contents in section 1(b) of the bill, add at the end the following:

Sec. 314. Education regarding projects.

At the end of the bill, add the following:

SEC. 314. EDUCATION REGARDING PROJECTS

A local educational agency receiving funds under this Act may encourage schools at which projects are undertaken with such funds to educate students about the project, including, as appropriate, the functioning of the project and its environmental, energy, sustainability, and other benefits.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 334, noes 97, not voting 8, as follows:

[Roll No. 255]

AYES—334

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| Abercrombie | Baca | Berkley |
| Ackerman | Bachus | Berman |
| Adler (NJ) | Baird | Berry |
| Alexander | Baldwin | Biggert |
| Altmore | Barrow | Bilirakis |
| Andrews | Bartlett | Bishop (GA) |
| Arcuri | Bean | Bishop (NY) |
| Austria | Becerra | Blumenauer |

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| Bocchieri | Hall (NY) | Murphy (CT) |
| Bono Mack | Hall (TX) | Murphy (NY) |
| Boren | Halvorson | Murphy, Patrick |
| Boswell | Hare | Murphy, Tim |
| Boucher | Harman | Murtha |
| Boustany | Hastings (FL) | Myrick |
| Boyd | Heinrich | Nadler (NY) |
| Brady (PA) | Hereth Sandlin | Napolitano |
| Braley (IA) | Higgins | Neal (MA) |
| Bright | Hill | Norton |
| Brown (SC) | Himes | Nye |
| Brown, Corrine | Hinchey | Oberstar |
| Brown-Waite, | Hinojosa | Obey |
| Ginny | Hirono | Olson |
| Buchanan | Hodes | Olver |
| Butterfield | Holden | Ortiz |
| Calvert | Holt | Pallone |
| Cao | Honda | Pascrell |
| Capito | Hoyer | Pastor (AZ) |
| Capps | Inglis | Paulsen |
| Capuano | Inslee | Payne |
| Cardoza | Israel | Perlmutter |
| Carnahan | Jackson (IL) | Perriello |
| Carney | Jackson-Lee | Peters |
| Carson (IN) | (TX) | Peterson |
| Castle | Johnson (GA) | Pierluisi |
| Castor (FL) | Johnson (IL) | Pingree (ME) |
| Chandler | Johnson, E. B. | Pitts |
| Childers | Jones | Platts |
| Christensen | Kagen | Polis (CO) |
| Clarke | Kanjorski | Pomeroy |
| Clay | Kaptur | Price (NC) |
| Cleaver | Kennedy | Putnam |
| Clyburn | Kildee | Quigley |
| Coble | Kilpatrick (MI) | Rahall |
| Cohen | Kilroy | Rangel |
| Connolly (VA) | King (NY) | Rehberg |
| Conyers | Kirk | Reichert |
| Cooper | Kirkpatrick (AZ) | Reyes |
| Costa | Kissell | Richardson |
| Costello | Klein (FL) | Rodriguez |
| Courtney | Kline (MN) | Roe (TN) |
| Crenshaw | Kosmas | Rogers (AL) |
| Crowley | Kratovil | Rogers (KY) |
| Cuellar | Kucinich | Ros-Lehtinen |
| Culberson | Lance | Ross |
| Cummings | Langevin | Rothman (NJ) |
| Dahlkemper | Larsen (WA) | Roybal-Allard |
| Davis (CA) | Larson (CT) | Ruppersberger |
| Davis (IL) | Latham | Rush |
| Davis (KY) | LaTourette | Ryan (OH) |
| Davis (TN) | Lee (CA) | Sablan |
| DeFazio | Lee (NY) | Salazar |
| DeGette | Levin | Sanchez, Loretta |
| Delahunt | Lewis (CA) | Sarbanes |
| DeLauro | Lewis (GA) | Schakowsky |
| Dent | Lipinski | Schauer |
| Diaz-Balart, L. | LoBiondo | Schiff |
| Diaz-Balart, M. | Loeb sack | Schmidt |
| Dicks | Lofgren, Zoe | Schrader |
| Dingell | Lowe y | Schwartz |
| Doggett | Lujan | Scott (GA) |
| Donnelly (IN) | Lummis | Scott (VA) |
| Doyle | Lynch | Serrano |
| Dreier | Maffei | Sestak |
| Driehaus | Maloney | Shea-Porter |
| Edwards (MD) | Manzullo | Sherman |
| Edwards (TX) | Markey (CO) | Shuler |
| Ehlers | Markey (MA) | Sires |
| Ellison | Marshall | Skelton |
| Ellsworth | Massa | Slaughter |
| Emerson | Matheson | Smith (NE) |
| Eshoo | Matsui | Smith (NJ) |
| Etheridge | McCarthy (NY) | Smith (TX) |
| Faleomavaega | McCaul | Smith (WA) |
| Farr | McCollum | Snyder |
| Fattah | McDermott | Space |
| Filner | McGovern | Speier |
| Fleming | McHenry | Spratt |
| Forbes | McHugh | Stupak |
| Fortenberry | McIntyre | Sutton |
| Foster | McKeon | Tauscher |
| Frank (MA) | McMahon | Taylor |
| Frelinghuysen | McNerney | Teague |
| Fudge | Meek (FL) | Terry |
| Gallegly | Meeks (NY) | Thompson (CA) |
| Gerlach | Melancon | Thompson (MS) |
| Giffords | Michaud | Tiberi |
| Gonzalez | Miller (MI) | Titus |
| Goodlatte | Miller (NC) | Tonko |
| Gordon (TN) | Miller, Gary | Towns |
| Grayson | Miller, George | Tsongas |
| Green, Al | Minnick | Turner |
| Green, Gene | Mitchell | Upton |
| Griffith | Mollohan | Van Hollen |
| Grijalva | Moore (KS) | Velázquez |
| Guthrie | Moore (WI) | Visclosky |
| Gutierrez | Moran (VA) | Walz |
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| Wasserman | Weiner | Wu |
| Schultz | Wexler | Yarmuth |
| Waters | Wilson (OH) | Young (AK) |
| Watson | Wittman | Young (FL) |
| Watt | Wolf | |
| Waxman | Woolsey | |

NOES—97

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| Aderholt | Gohmert | Neugebauer |
| Akin | Granger | Nunes |
| Bachmann | Graves | Paul |
| Barrett (SC) | Harper | Pence |
| Barton (TX) | Hastings (WA) | Petri |
| Bilbray | Heller | Poe (TX) |
| Blackburn | Hensarling | Posey |
| Blunt | Herger | Price (GA) |
| Boehner | Hoekstra | Rogers (MI) |
| Bonner | Hunter | Rohrabacher |
| Boozman | Issa | Rooney |
| Brady (TX) | Jenkins | Roskam |
| Broun (GA) | Johnson, Sam | Royce |
| Burgess | Jordan (OH) | Ryan (WI) |
| Burton (IN) | King (IA) | Scalise |
| Buyer | Kingston | Schock |
| Camp | Lamborn | Sensenbrenner |
| Campbell | Latta | Sessions |
| Cantor | Linder | Shadegg |
| Carter | Lucas | Shimkus |
| Cassidy | Luetkemeyer | Shuster |
| Chaffetz | Lungren, Daniel | Simpson |
| Choffman (CO) | E. | Souder |
| Cole | Mack | Stearns |
| Conaway | Marchant | Sullivan |
| Deal (GA) | McCarthy (CA) | Thompson (PA) |
| Duncan | McClintock | Thornberry |
| Fallin | McCotter | Tiahrt |
| Flake | McMorris | Tierney |
| Foxx | Rodgers | Walden |
| Franks (AZ) | Mica | Westmoreland |
| Garrett (NJ) | Miller (FL) | Whitfield |
| Gingrey (GA) | Moran (KS) | Wilson (SC) |

NOT VOTING—8

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| Bishop (UT) | Radanovich | Stark |
| Bordallo | Sánchez, Linda | Tanner |
| Engel | T. | Welch |

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Messrs. JORDAN of Ohio, CARTER, MCCARTHY of California, FLAKE, COLE, LUCAS, BONNER, WALDEN, BURGESS, BARRETT of South Carolina, ROSKAM, WHITFIELD, GRAVES, Ms. GRANGER, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS changed their vote from “aye” to “no.”

Mr. JONES changed his vote from “no” to “aye.”

So the amendment was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 10 OFFERED BY MR. BRIGHT

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BRIGHT) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment No. 10 offered by Mr. BRIGHT:

In section 102(a), add at the end the following:

(3) DISTRESSED AREAS AND NATURAL DISASTERS.—From the amount appropriated to carry out this title for each fiscal year pursuant to section 311(a), the Secretary shall reserve 5 percent of such amount for grants to—

(a) local educational agencies serving geographic areas with significant economic distress, to be used consistent with the purpose described in section 101 and the allowable uses of funds described in section 103; and

(B) local educational agencies serving geographic areas recovering from a natural disaster, to be used consistent with the purpose

described in section 201 and the allowable uses of funds described in section 203.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIR. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 433, noes 0, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 256]

AYES—433

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| Abercrombie | Coffman (CO) | Hare |
| Ackerman | Cohen | Harman |
| Aderholt | Cole | Harper |
| Adler (NJ) | Conaway | Hastings (FL) |
| Akin | Connolly (VA) | Hastings (WA) |
| Alexander | Conyers | Heinrich |
| Altmire | Cooper | Heller |
| Andrews | Costa | Hensarling |
| Arcuri | Costello | Hergert |
| Austria | Courtney | Herseth Sandlin |
| Baca | Crenshaw | Higgins |
| Bachmann | Crowley | Hill |
| Bachus | Cuellar | Himes |
| Baird | Culberson | Hinchee |
| Baldwin | Cummings | Hinojosa |
| Barrett (SC) | Dahlkemper | Hirono |
| Barrow | Davis (AL) | Hodes |
| Bartlett | Davis (CA) | Hoekstra |
| Barton (TX) | Davis (IL) | Holden |
| Bean | Davis (KY) | Holt |
| Becerra | Davis (TN) | Honda |
| Berkley | Deal (GA) | Hoyer |
| Berman | DeFazio | Hunter |
| Berry | DeGette | Inglis |
| Biggert | Delahunt | Inslee |
| Bilbray | DeLauro | Israel |
| Bilirakis | Dent | Issa |
| Bishop (GA) | Diaz-Balart, L. | Jackson (IL) |
| Bishop (NY) | Diaz-Balart, M. | Jackson-Lee |
| Bishop (UT) | Dicks | (TX) |
| Blackburn | Dingell | Jenkins |
| Blumenauer | Doggett | Johnson (GA) |
| Blunt | Donnelly (IN) | Johnson (IL) |
| Bocchieri | Doyle | Johnson, E. B. |
| Boehner | Dreier | Johnson, Sam |
| Bonner | Driehaus | Jones |
| Bono Mack | Duncan | Jordan (OH) |
| Boozman | Edwards (MD) | Kagen |
| Boren | Edwards (TX) | Kanjorski |
| Boswell | Ehlers | Kaptur |
| Boucher | Ellison | Kennedy |
| Boustany | Ellsworth | Kildee |
| Boyd | Emerson | Kilpatrick (MI) |
| Brady (PA) | Engel | Kilroy |
| Brady (TX) | Eshoo | Kind |
| Brale (IA) | Etheridge | King (IA) |
| Bright | Faleomavaega | King (NY) |
| Broun (GA) | Fallin | Kingston |
| Brown (SC) | Farr | Kirk |
| Brown, Corrine | Fattah | Kirkpatrick (AZ) |
| Brown-Waite, | Filner | Kissell |
| Ginny | Flake | Klein (FL) |
| Buchanan | Fleming | Kline (MN) |
| Burgess | Forbes | Kosmas |
| Burton (IN) | Fortenberry | Kratovil |
| Butterfield | Fudge | Kucinich |
| Buyer | Foxx | Lamborn |
| Calvert | Frank (MA) | Lance |
| Camp | Franks (AZ) | Langevin |
| Campbell | Frelinghuysen | Larsen (WA) |
| Cantor | Fudge | Larson (CT) |
| Cao | Gallely | Latham |
| Capito | Garrett (NJ) | LaTourette |
| Capps | Gerlach | Latta |
| Capuano | Giffords | Lee (CA) |
| Cardoza | Gingrey (GA) | Lee (NY) |
| Carnahan | Gohmert | Levin |
| Carson (IN) | Gonzalez | Lewis (CA) |
| Carter | Goodlatte | Lewis (GA) |
| Cassidy | Gordon (TN) | Linder |
| Castle | Granger | Lipinski |
| Castor (FL) | Graves | LoBiondo |
| Chaffetz | Grayson | Loebsack |
| Chandler | Green, Al | Lofgren, Zoe |
| Childers | Green, Gene | Lowe |
| Christensen | Griffith | Lucas |
| Clarke | Grijalva | Luetkemeyer |
| Clay | Guthrie | Lujan |
| Cleaver | Gutierrez | Lummis |
| Clyburn | Hall (NY) | Lungren, Daniel |
| Coble | Hall (TX) | E. |
| | Halvorson | Lynch |

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| Mack | Pastor (AZ) | Shea-Porter |
| Maffei | Paul | Sherman |
| Maloney | Paulsen | Shimkus |
| Manzullo | Payne | Shuler |
| Marchant | Pence | Shuster |
| Markey (CO) | Perlmutter | Simpson |
| Markey (MA) | Perriello | Sires |
| Marshall | Peters | Skelton |
| Massa | Peterson | Slaughter |
| Matheson | Petri | Smith (NE) |
| Matsui | Pierluisi | Smith (NJ) |
| McCarthy (CA) | Pingree (ME) | Smith (TX) |
| McCarthy (NY) | Pitts | Smith (WA) |
| McCaul | Platts | Snyder |
| McClintock | Poe (TX) | Souder |
| McCollum | Polis (CO) | Space |
| McCotter | Pomeroy | Speier |
| McDermott | Posey | Spratt |
| McGovern | Price (GA) | Stearns |
| McHenry | Price (NC) | Stupak |
| McHugh | Putnam | Sullivan |
| McIntyre | Quigley | Sutton |
| McKeon | Rahall | Tauscher |
| McMahon | Rangel | Taylor |
| McMorris | Rehberg | Teague |
| McRogers | Reichert | Terry |
| McNerney | Reyes | Thompson (CA) |
| Meek (FL) | Richardson | Thompson (MS) |
| Meeks (NY) | Rodriguez | Thompson (PA) |
| Melancon | Roe (TN) | Thornberry |
| Mica | Rogers (AL) | Tiahrt |
| Michaud | Rogers (KY) | Tiberi |
| Miller (FL) | Rogers (MI) | Tierney |
| Miller (MI) | Rohrabacher | Titus |
| Miller (NC) | Rooney | Tonko |
| Miller, Gary | Ros-Lehtinen | Towns |
| Miller, George | Roskam | Tsongas |
| Minnick | Ross | Turner |
| Mitchell | Rothman (NJ) | Upton |
| Mollohan | Roybal-Allard | Van Hollen |
| Moore (KS) | Royce | Velázquez |
| Moore (WI) | Ruppersberger | Visclosky |
| Moran (KS) | Rush | Walden |
| Moran (VA) | Ryan (OH) | Walz |
| Murphy (CT) | Ryan (WI) | Wamp |
| Murphy (NY) | Sablan | Wasserman |
| Murphy, Patrick | Salazar | Schultz |
| Murphy, Tim | Sanchez, Loretta | Waters |
| Murtha | Sarbanes | Watson |
| Myrick | Scalise | Watt |
| Nadler (NY) | Schakowsky | Waxman |
| Napolitano | Schauer | Weiner |
| Neal (MA) | Schiff | Welch |
| Neugebauer | Schmidt | Westmoreland |
| Norton | Schock | Wexler |
| Nunes | Schrader | Wilson (OH) |
| Nye | Schwartz | Wilson (SC) |
| Oberstar | Scott (GA) | Wittman |
| Obey | Scott (VA) | Wolf |
| Olson | Sensenbrenner | Woolsey |
| Olver | Serrano | Wu |
| Ortiz | Sessions | Yarmuth |
| Pallone | Sestak | Young (AK) |
| Pascarella | Shadegg | Young (FL) |

NOT VOTING—6

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| Bordallo | Sánchez, Linda | Tanner |
| Radanovich | T. | Whitfield |
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So the amendment was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 11 OFFERED BY MR. GRIFFITH

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. GRIFFITH) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment No. 11 offered by Mr. GRIFFITH:

In section 102(b)(2)(C)(v) of the bill, strike “air quality,” and insert “air quality (including with reference to reducing the incidence and effects of asthma and other respiratory illnesses),”.

In section 103(12), strike “through (11)” and insert “through (12)”.

In section 103, redesignate paragraphs (11) and (12) as paragraphs (12) and (13), respectively.

In section 103, insert after paragraph (10) the following:

(11) measures designed to reduce or eliminate human exposure to airborne particles such as dust, sand, and pollens;

In section 310(a)(5)(D) of the bill, after “quality,” insert “student and staff health (including with reference to reducing the incidence and effects of asthma and other respiratory illnesses),”.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIR. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 433, noes 0, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 257]

AYES—433

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| Abercrombie | Carnahan | Fleming |
| Ackerman | Carney | Forbes |
| Aderholt | Carson (IN) | Fortenberry |
| Adler (NJ) | Carter | Foster |
| Akin | Cassidy | Foxx |
| Alexander | Castle | Frank (MA) |
| Altmire | Castor (FL) | Franks (AZ) |
| Andrews | Chaffetz | Frelinghuysen |
| Arcuri | Chandler | Fudge |
| Austria | Childers | Gallely |
| Baca | Christensen | Garrett (NJ) |
| Bachmann | Clarke | Gerlach |
| Bachus | Clay | Giffords |
| Baird | Cleaver | Gingrey (GA) |
| Baldwin | Clyburn | Gohmert |
| Barrett (SC) | Coble | Gonzalez |
| Barrow | Coffman (CO) | Goodlatte |
| Bartlett | Cohen | Gordon (TN) |
| Barton (TX) | Cole | Granger |
| Bean | Conaway | Graves |
| Becerra | Connolly (VA) | Grayson |
| Berkley | Conyers | Green, Al |
| Berman | Cooper | Green, Gene |
| Berry | Costa | Griffith |
| Biggert | Costello | Grijalva |
| Bilbray | Courtney | Guthrie |
| Bilirakis | Crenshaw | Gutierrez |
| Bishop (GA) | Crowley | Hall (NY) |
| Bishop (NY) | Cuellar | Hall (TX) |
| Bishop (UT) | Culberson | Halvorson |
| Blackburn | Cummings | Hare |
| Blumenauer | Dahlkemper | Harman |
| Blunt | Davis (AL) | Harper |
| Bocchieri | Davis (CA) | Hastings (FL) |
| Boehner | Davis (IL) | Hastings (WA) |
| Bonner | Davis (KY) | Heinrich |
| Bono Mack | Davis (TN) | Heller |
| Boozman | Deal (GA) | Hensarling |
| Bordallo | DeFazio | Hergert |
| Boren | DeGette | Herseth Sandlin |
| Boswell | Delahunt | Higgins |
| Boucher | DeLauro | Hill |
| Boustany | Dent | Himes |
| Boyd | Diaz-Balart, L. | Hinchee |
| Brady (PA) | Diaz-Balart, M. | Hinojosa |
| Brady (TX) | Dicks | Hirono |
| Brale (IA) | Dingell | Hodes |
| Bright | Doggett | Hoekstra |
| Broun (GA) | Donnelly (IN) | Holden |
| Brown (SC) | Doyle | Holt |
| Brown, Corrine | Dreier | Honda |
| Brown-Waite, | Driehaus | Hoyer |
| Ginny | Duncan | Hunter |
| Buchanan | Edwards (MD) | Inglis |
| Burgess | Edwards (TX) | Inslee |
| Burton (IN) | Ehlers | Israel |
| Butterfield | Ellison | Issa |
| Buyer | Ellsworth | Jackson (IL) |
| Calvert | Emerson | Jackson-Lee |
| Camp | Engel | (TX) |
| Campbell | Eshoo | Jenkins |
| Cantor | Etheridge | Johnson (GA) |
| Cao | Fallin | Johnson (IL) |
| Capito | Farr | Johnson, E. B. |
| Capps | Fattah | Johnson, Sam |
| Capuano | Filner | Jones |
| Cardoza | Flake | Jordan (OH) |

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| Kagen | Miller (NC) | Shakowsky |
| Kanjorski | Miller, Gary | Schauer |
| Kaptur | Miller, George | Schiff |
| Kennedy | Minnick | Schmidt |
| Kildee | Mitchell | Schock |
| Kilpatrick (MI) | Mollohan | Schrader |
| Kilroy | Moore (KS) | Schwartz |
| Kind | Moore (WI) | Scott (GA) |
| King (IA) | Moran (KS) | Scott (VA) |
| King (NY) | Moran (VA) | Sensenbrenner |
| Kingston | Murphy (CT) | Serrano |
| Kirk | Murphy (NY) | Sessions |
| Kirkpatrick (AZ) | Murphy, Patrick | Sestak |
| Kissell | Murphy, Tim | Shadegg |
| Klein (FL) | Murtha | Shea-Porter |
| Kline (MN) | Myrick | Sherman |
| Kosmas | Nadler (NY) | Shimkus |
| Kratovil | Napolitano | Shuler |
| Kucinich | Neal (MA) | Shuster |
| Lamborn | Neugebauer | Simpson |
| Lance | Norton | Sires |
| Langevin | Nunes | Skelton |
| Larsen (WA) | Nye | Slaughter |
| Larson (CT) | Oberstar | Smith (NE) |
| Latham | Obey | Smith (NJ) |
| LaTourette | Olson | Smith (TX) |
| Latta | Olver | Smith (WA) |
| Lee (CA) | Ortiz | Snyder |
| Lee (NY) | Pallone | Souder |
| Levin | Pascrell | Space |
| Lewis (CA) | Pastor (AZ) | Speier |
| Lewis (GA) | Paul | Spratt |
| Linder | Paulsen | Stearns |
| Lipinski | Payne | Stupak |
| LoBiondo | Pence | Sullivan |
| Loeback | Perlmutter | Sutton |
| Lofgren, Zoe | Perriello | Tauscher |
| Lowe | Peters | Taylor |
| Lucas | Peterson | Teague |
| Luetkemeyer | Petri | Terry |
| Lujan | Pierluisi | Thompson (CA) |
| Lummis | Pingree (ME) | Thompson (MS) |
| Lungren, Daniel E. | Pitts | Thompson (PA) |
| | Platts | Thornberry |
| Lynch | Poe (TX) | Tiaht |
| Mack | Polis (CO) | Tiberi |
| Maffei | Pomeroy | Tierney |
| Maloney | Posey | Titus |
| Manzullo | Price (GA) | Tonko |
| Marchant | Price (NC) | Towns |
| Markey (CO) | Quigley | Tsongas |
| Markey (MA) | Rahall | Turner |
| Marshall | Rangel | Upton |
| Massa | Rehberg | Van Hollen |
| Matheson | Reichert | Velázquez |
| Matsui | Reyes | Visclosky |
| McCarthy (CA) | Richardson | Walden |
| McCarthy (NY) | Rodriguez | Walz |
| McCaul | Roe (TN) | Wamp |
| McClintock | Rogers (AL) | Wasserman |
| McCollum | Rogers (KY) | Schultz |
| McCotter | Rogers (MI) | Waters |
| McDermott | Rohrabacher | Watson |
| McGovern | Rooney | Watt |
| McHenry | Ros-Lehtinen | Waxman |
| McHugh | Roskam | Weiner |
| McIntyre | Ross | Welch |
| McKeon | Rothman (NJ) | Westmoreland |
| McMahon | Roybal-Allard | Wexler |
| McMorris | Royce | Whitfield |
| Rodgers | Ruppersberger | Wilson (OH) |
| McNerney | Rush | Wilson (SC) |
| Meek (FL) | Ryan (OH) | Wittman |
| Meeks (NY) | Ryan (WI) | Wolf |
| Melancon | Sablan | Woolsey |
| Mica | Salazar | Wu |
| Michaud | Sanchez, Loretta | Yarmuth |
| Miller (FL) | Sarbanes | Young (AK) |
| Miller (MI) | Scalise | Young (FL) |

NOT VOTING—6

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| Faleomavaega | Sánchez, Linda | Tanner |
| Putnam | T. | |
| Radanovich | Stark | |

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR. There are 2 minutes remaining on this vote.

□ 1114

So the amendment was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Chair, on rollcall No. 257 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended.

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, was agreed to.

The Acting CHAIR. Under the rule, the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. BALDWIN) having assumed the chair, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2187) to direct the Secretary of Education to make grants to State educational agencies for the modernization, renovation, or repair of public school facilities, and for other purposes, pursuant to House Resolution 427, she reported the bill back to the House with an amendment adopted by the Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

Is a separate vote demanded on any amendment to the amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole? If not, the question is on the amendment.

The amendment was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

MOTION TO RECOMMIT

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I offer a motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is the gentleman opposed to the bill?

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. I am.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion to recommit.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. Thompson of Pennsylvania moves to recommit the bill, H.R. 2187, to the Committee on Education and Labor with instructions to report the bill back to the House forthwith with the following amendment:

In section 311, add at the end the following:

(c) LIMITATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) and any other provision of this Act, for any fiscal year for which funds are authorized to be appropriated under this Act that immediately follows a fiscal year in which the Federal Government has a deficit in excess of \$500,000,000,000, the amount authorized to be appropriated under this Act shall be \$0.

(2) DEFINITION.—For the purpose of this subsection, the term "deficit" means a fiscal year during which outlays of the Federal Government exceed receipts of the Federal Government.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Pennsylvania is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

We all know our Nation is drowning in a sea of red ink, but earlier this week we learned that the sea is even

deeper than we knew. On Monday we learned that this year's deficit is now projected to be \$1.84 trillion, about \$90 billion higher than we were told in February. And what's the majority's answer to record-setting deficit spending? Of course it's more spending.

The bill we're debating today would add an estimated \$40 billion in new spending. And despite the majority's hollow promises of fiscal responsibility, there's nothing in the legislation to offset this hefty price tag with spending reductions elsewhere. This is just more of the same borrow and spend, spend and borrow policy that we've seen under this majority and this administration.

This motion to recommit is a small but meaningful step to reverse that trend. It allows this bill to take effect exactly as the majority has drafted it as long as the Federal deficit is below \$500 billion. We're not cutting the bill. We're not damaging the schools. We're not doing any of the other things that the majority would surely accuse us of. We're keeping this bill exactly as it is now. The only difference is that when our Nation's deficit exceeds \$500 billion, we will not authorize the funding for this particular new program.

Half a trillion dollars is an awfully high bar. In fact, the entire time George W. Bush was President—in fact, the entire history of our great Nation, our deficit has never exceeded \$500 billion, that is until this year in which we're facing a deficit of \$1.84 trillion.

I urge Members to vote yes on this motion to recommit and send a signal to the American people that we're serious about taming the deficit.

Maybe one day the Federal Government will be able to afford \$40 billion to tell schools how to maintain their facilities, but that day is not today.

This motion to recommit ensures that this new program will wait until we can afford it, until the American people can afford it.

Before I close, I'd like to point out that the Obama administration may feel the same way. The administration did not issue a statement of administration policy on H.R. 2187. That's a deliberate decision not to endorse the bill, and that is conspicuous. I can't help but wonder if President Obama agrees that now is simply the wrong time to swipe a \$40 billion charge on the government charge card and send the bill to our children and our grandchildren.

I urge a "yes" vote on the motion to recommit.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to the motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker and Members of the House, this legislation last year had bipartisan support as it passed this House overwhelmingly. Why did it have that support? Because this legislation

NOT VOTING—4

Cassidy Sánchez, Linda Stark Tanner

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining on this vote.

□ 1145

Messrs. TEAGUE and MAFFEI changed their vote from "aye" to "no." Messrs. SHUSTER and NEUGEBAUER changed their vote from "no" to "aye."

So the motion to recommit was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

Mr. CASSIDY. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 258 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

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

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 275, noes 155, not voting 3, as follows:

[Roll No. 259]

AYES—275

Abercrombie Ackerman Adler (NJ) Altmore Andrews Arcuri Baca Baird Baldwin Barrow Bean Becerra Berkley Berman Berry Bishop (GA) Bishop (NY) Blumenauer Boccheri Boren Boswell Boucher Boyd Brady (PA) Braley (IA) Bright Brown, Corrine Brown-Waite, Ginny Butterfield Cao Capps Capuano Cardoza Carnahan Carney Carson (IN) Castor (FL) Chandler Chandler Clarke Clay Cleaver Clyburn Cohen Connolly (VA) Conyers Cooper Costa

LoBiondo Loeb sack Lofgren, Zoe Lowey Lujan Lynch Maffei Maloney Markey (CO) Markey (MA) Marshall Massa Matheson Matsui McCarthy (NY) McCaul McCollum McCotter McDermott McGovern McHugh McIntyre McMahon McNeerney Meek (FL) Meeks (NY) Melancon Michaud Miller (MI) Miller (NC) Miller, George Minnick Mitchell Mollohan Moore (KS) Moore (WI) Moran (VA) Murphy (CT) Murphy (NY) Murphy, Patrick Murphy, Tim Murtha Nadler (NY) Napolitano Neal (MA) Nye Oberstar Obey Oliver Ortiz Pallone Pascrell Pastor (AZ) Payne Perlmutter Perriello Peters Peterson Pingree (ME) Platts Polis (CO) Pomeroy Posey Price (NC) Quigley Rahall Rangel Reichert Reyes Richardson Rodriguez Ros-Lehtinen Ross Rothman (NJ) Roybal-Allard Ruppelberger Rush Ryan (OH) Salazar Sanchez, Loretta Sarbanes Schakowsky Schauer Schiff Schrader Schwartz Scott (GA) Scott (VA)

NOES—155

Aderholt Akin Alexander Austria Bachmann Bachus Barrett (SC) Bartlett Barton (TX) Biggart Bilbray Bilirakis Bishop (UT) Blackburn Blunt Boehner Bonner Bono Mack Boozman Boustany Brady (TX) Broun (GA) Brown (SC) Buchanan Burgess Burton (IN) Buyer Calvert Camp Campbell Cantor Capito Carter Cassidy Castle Chaffetz Coble Coffman (CO) Cole Conaway Crenshaw Culberson Davis (KY) Deal (GA) Dreier Duncan Emerson Fallon Flake Fleming Forbes Fortenberry Foxx

Serrano Sestak Shea-Porter Sherman Shuler Sires Skelton Slaughter Smith (NJ) Smith (WA) Snyder Space Speier Spratt Stupak Sutton Tauscher Teague Thompson (CA) Thompson (MS) Tierney Titus Tonko Towns Tsongas Van Hollen Velázquez Visclosky Walz Wasserman Schultz Waters Watson Watt Waxman Weiner Welch Wexler Wilson (OH) Woolsey Wu Yarmuth Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—3

Sánchez, Linda Stark Tanner

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members have 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1154

So the bill was passed. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT TO THE TITLE OFFERED BY MR. KLINE OF MINNESOTA

Mr. KLINE of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I have an amendment at the desk.

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

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment to the title offered by Mr. KLINE of Minnesota:

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill to saddle future generations with billions in debt, and for other purposes."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 6 of rule XVI, the amendment is not debatable.

The question is on the amendment.

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

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. KLINE of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 149, noes 257, not voting 27, as follows:

[Roll No. 260]

AYES—149

Nunes Olson Paul Paulsen Pence Petri Pitts Poe (TX) Price (GA) Putnam Radanovich Rehberg Roe (TN) Rogers (AL) Rogers (KY) Rogers (MI) Rohrabacher Rooney Roskam Royce Ryan (WI) Scalise Schmidt Schock Sensenbrenner Sessions Shadegg Shimkus Shuster Simpson Smith (NE) Smith (TX) Souder Stearns Sullivan Taylor Terry Thompson (PA) Thornberry Tiahrt Tiberi Turner Upton Walden Wamp Westmoreland Whitfield Wilson (SC) Wittman Wolf Young (AK)

Flake Fleming Forbes Fortenberry Foxx Franks (AZ) Frelinghuysen Gallegly Garrett (NJ) Gerlach Gingrey (GA) Gohmert Goodlatte Granger Graves Guthrie Hall (TX) Harper Hastings (WA) Heller Hensarling Herger Hoekstra Jordan (OH) King (IA) Kingston Kline (MN) Lamborn Latham Latta Lee (NY) Lewis (CA) Linder Lucas Luetkemeyer Lummis Lungren, Daniel E. Mack Manzano Marchant McCarthy (CA) McClintock McHenry Deal (GA) McKeon McMorris Rodgers Mica Miller, Gary Moran (KS) Myrick Neugebauer Olson Paul Paulsen Petri Pitts Poe (TX) Posey Price (GA) Putnam Radanovich Rehberg Roe (TN) Rogers (AL) Rogers (KY) Rohrabacher Rooney Roskam Ryan (WI) Scalise Schmidt Schock Sensenbrenner Sessions Shadegg Shimkus Shuster Simpson Smith (NE) Smith (TX) Souder Stearns

Sullivan
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Thornberry
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Turner
Upton
Walden
Wamp
Westmoreland
Whitfield

Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Wolf
Young (AK)

Doyle
Gordon (TN)
Hall (NY)
Kagen
Kilpatrick (MI)
Matsui
McDermott
Moore (KS)

Moore (WI)
Moran (VA)
Pence
Rush
Sánchez, Linda
T.
Sarbanes
Serrano

Smith (WA)
Stark
Tanner
Van Hollen
Velázquez
Wexler

NOES—257

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Adler (NJ)
Altmire
Andrews
Arcuri
Baca
Baird
Baldwin
Barrow
Bean
Becerra
Berkley
Berman
Berry
Bishop (GA)
Bishop (NY)
Blumenauer
Bocchieri
Boren
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Brady (PA)
Brady (TX)
Braley (IA)
Bright
Brown, Corrine
Brown-Waite,
Ginny
Butterfield
Cao
Capps
Capuano
Cardoza
Carnahan
Carson (IN)
Castle
Castor (FL)
Chandler
Childers
Clarke
Clay
Clever
Clyburn
Cohen
Connolly (VA)
Conyers
Cooper
Costa
Costello
Courtney
Crowley
Cuellar
Cummings
Davis (AL)
Davis (CA)
Davis (IL)
Davis (TN)
DeFazio
Delahunt
DeLauro
Dent
Dicks
Dingell
Doggett
Donnelly (IN)
Driehaus
Edwards (MD)
Edwards (TX)
Ehlers
Ellison
Ellsworth
Engel
Eshoo
Etheridge
Farr
Fattah
Filner
Foster
Frank (MA)
Fudge
Giffords
Gonzalez
Grayson
Green, Al
Green, Gene

NOT VOTING—27

Carney
Carter

Dahlkemper
DeGette

Murphy, Tim
Murtha
Nadler (NY)
Napolitano
Neal (MA)
Nye
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Pallone
Pascarell
Pastor (AZ)
Payne
Perlmutter
Perriello
Peters
Peterson
Pingree (ME)
Platts
Polis (CO)
Pomeroy
Price (NC)
Quigley
Rahall
Rangel
Reichert
Reyes
Richardson
Rodriguez
Rogers (MI)
Ros-Lehtinen
Ross
Rothman (NJ)
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Ruppersberger
Ryan (OH)
Salazar
Sanchez, Loretta
Schakowsky
Schauer
Schiff
Schrader
Schwartz
Scott (GA)
Scott (VA)
Sestak
Shea-Porter
Sherman
Shuler
Sires
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (NJ)
Snyder
Space
Speier
Spratt
Stupak
Sutton
Tauscher
Taylor
Teague
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Tierney
Titus
Tonko
Towns
Tsongas
Visclosky
Walz
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watson
Watt
Waxman
Weiner
Welch
Wilson (OH)
Woolsey
Wu
Yarmuth
Young (FL)

□ 1217

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. SPEIER, Messrs. DeFAZIO and RANGEL, and Ms. MARKEY of Colorado changed their vote from “aye” to “no.”

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated against:

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I regret missing rollcall vote No. 260 today on the dilatory motion offered by the Minority to change the title of H.R. 2187. I was necessarily detained in important meetings and receiving briefings on the FY 2009 supplemental to prepare for the very serious vote on that legislation scheduled for later today.

Simply looking at the motion offered by the Minority, it is clear at face value that it was not a serious legislative effort to improve the Green Schools bill's focus on helping rebuild our nation's schools but was instead a dilatory tactic and a childish effort meant simply to embarrass and delay. We are not children and this is not a game. If I had been present, I would have voted “no.”

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN EN-GROSSMENT OF H.R. 2187, 21ST CENTURY GREEN HIGH-PERFORMING PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES ACT

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 2187, to include corrections in spelling, punctuation, section numbering and cross-referencing, and the insertion of appropriate headings.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HOLDEN). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2346, SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 434 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 434

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 2346) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All

points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations; and (2) one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Colorado is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER). All time yielded is for debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PERLMUTTER. I also ask unanimous consent that all Members be given 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on House Resolution 434.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. PERLMUTTER. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 434 provides for consideration of H.R. 2346, the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2009. No Member of Congress takes today's vote lightly. In my two terms in Congress, I've had many late nights thinking about our troops who protect all us around the globe—ones who I have met, ones from my district, and others—thinking about how to bring them home safely and responsibly.

Today, we vote to fund them and their efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan. It is not a perfect bill, and it is not the silver bullet which will end the wars within the next year. But it is a responsible plan to support our servicemen and -women and assist them as much as possible.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot fully understand the next steps in Iraq and Afghanistan without looking at the steps our Nation has taken to get here.

In 2001, following the September 11 attacks, Congress authorized President Bush to take action against Afghanistan for harboring and enabling al Qaeda to attack us. We were greeted as liberators for the most part and even had Osama bin Laden cornered in the mountains of Tora Bora.

But in 2002 and 2003, President Bush and others changed the country's focus from the biggest threat to American security to a country which actually posed little threat—that being Iraq.

Ever since that moment, we have been playing catchup in both countries, trying to defeat insurgencies while promoting democracy and economic development, which are precarious at best. Even experts concede achieving these missions simultaneously is difficult.

Last November, Barack Obama and JOHN MCCAIN outlined two very different visions of our future involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan. In Iraq, President Obama's plan involved expeditiously transitioning authority to