

DTV DELAY ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 328, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BOUCHER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 328, as amended.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 258, nays 168, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 41]

YEAS—258

Abercrombie	Engel	Markey (CO)
Ackerman	Eshoo	Markey (MA)
Aderholt	Etheridge	Marshall
Andrews	Farr	Massa
Arcuri	Fattah	Matheson
Baca	Filner	Matsui
Baird	Fortenberry	McCarthy (NY)
Baldwin	Foster	McClintock
Barrow	Frank (MA)	McCollum
Bean	Fudge	McDermott
Becerra	Giffords	McGovern
Berman	Gonzalez	McHugh
Berry	Gordon (TN)	McIntyre
Bilirakis	Grayson	McMahon
Bishop (GA)	Green, Al	McNerney
Bishop (NY)	Green, Gene	Meek (FL)
Blumenauer	Griffith	Meeks (NY)
Boccheri	Grijalva	Michaud
Boren	Gutierrez	Miller (NC)
Boswell	Hall (NY)	Miller, George
Boucher	Halvorson	Minnick
Boyd	Hare	Mitchell
Brady (PA)	Harman	Mollohan
Braley (IA)	Hastings (FL)	Moore (KS)
Bright	Heinrich	Moore (WI)
Brown, Corrine	Herseth Sandlin	Moran (VA)
Buchanan	Higgins	Murphy (CT)
Butterfield	Hill	Murphy, Patrick
Capps	Himes	Murtha
Capuano	Hinchey	Nadler (NY)
Cardoza	Hinojosa	Napolitano
Carnahan	Hirono	Neal (MA)
Carney	Hodes	Nye
Carson (IN)	Holt	Oberstar
Castor (FL)	Honda	Obey
Chandler	Hoyer	Olver
Childers	Inslee	Ortiz
Clarke	Israel	Pallone
Clay	Jackson (IL)	Pascarell
Cleaver	Jackson-Lee	Pastor (AZ)
Clyburn	(TX)	Perriello
Cohen	Johnson (GA)	Peters
Connolly (VA)	Johnson, E. B.	Petri
Conyers	Jones	Pingree (ME)
Cooper	Kagen	Polis (CO)
Costa	Kanjorski	Pomeroy
Costello	Kaptur	Posey
Courtney	Kennedy	Price (NC)
Crowley	Kildee	Rahall
Cuellar	Kilpatrick (MI)	Rangel
Cummings	Kilroy	Reyes
Dahlkemper	Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Richardson
Davis (AL)	Kissell	Rodriguez
Davis (CA)	Klein (FL)	Roe (TN)
Davis (IL)	Kosmas	Rogers (AL)
Davis (TN)	Kratovil	Rogers (KY)
DeFazio	Kucinich	Ros-Lehtinen
DeGette	Langevin	Ross
DeLauro	Larson (CT)	Rothman (NJ)
Diaz-Balart, L.	LaTourette	Roybal-Allard
Diaz-Balart, M.	Lee (CA)	Ruppersberger
Dicks	Levin	Rush
Dingell	Lewis (GA)	Ryan (OH)
Donnelly (IN)	Lipinski	Salazar
Doyle	LoBiondo	Sánchez, Linda
Driehaus	Loeb sack	T.
Duncan	Lofgren, Zoe	Sanchez, Loretta
Edwards (MD)	Lowey	Sarbanes
Edwards (TX)	Luján	Schakowsky
Ellison	Lynch	Schauer
Ellsworth	Maffei	Schiff
Emerson	Maloney	Schrader

Schwartz	Speier
Scott (GA)	Spratt
Scott (VA)	Stark
Sensenbrenner	Stupak
Serrano	Sutton
Sestak	Tanner
Shea-Porter	Tauscher
Sherman	Taylor
Sires	Teague
Skelton	Thompson (MS)
Slaughter	Tierney
Smith (NJ)	Titus
Smith (WA)	Tonko
Snyder	Tsongas
Space	Turner

Van Hollen
Velázquez
Visclosky
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watson
Watt
Waxman
Weiner
Welch
Wexler
Woolsey
Wu
Yarmuth

ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 96

Resolved, That the following named Members be and are hereby elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

(1) COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY.—Ms. Loretta Sanchez of California, Ms. Harman, Mr. DeFazio, Ms. Norton, Ms. Zoe Lofgren of California, Ms. Jackson-Lee of Texas, Mr. Cuellar, Mr. Carney, Ms. Clarke, Ms. Richardson, Ms. Kirkpatrick of Arizona, Mr. Luján, Mr. Pascrell, Mr. Cleaver, Mr. Al Green of Texas, Mr. Himes, Ms. Kilroy, Mr. Massa, Ms. Titus.

(2) COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM.—Mr. Kanjorski, Mrs. Maloney, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Kucinich, Mr. Tierney, Mr. Clay, Ms. Watson, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Connolly of Virginia, Ms. Norton, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Davis of Illinois, Mr. Van Hollen, Mr. Cuellar, Mr. Hodes, Mr. Murphy of Connecticut, Mr. Welch, Mr. Foster, Ms. Speier, Mr. Driehaus.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut (during the reading). Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

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

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, reserving the right to object, we weren't able to hear on this side what the gentleman asked unanimous consent for.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will continue to read.

The Clerk continued to read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentleman from Georgia withdraw his objection?

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Further reserving, Madam Speaker, I would just point out that the ratio on the floor of the House is approximately 59 percent majority party, 41 percent minority party. However, in committees, many committees, that ratio is not adhered to.

We on the minority side have asked the Speaker to make certain that the committees reflect the percentages on the floor of the House. It was impossible to discern from the names read, but we would reiterate our concern to the Speaker regarding the percentages on committees reflecting majority and minority party.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentleman from Georgia withdraw his objection?

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. I withdraw my objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NAYS—168

Adler (NJ)	Garrett (NJ)	Moran (KS)
Akin	Gerlach	Murphy, Tim
Alexander	Gingrey (GA)	Myrick
Altmire	Gohmert	Neugebauer
Austria	Goodlatte	Nunes
Bachmann	Granger	Olson
Bachus	Graves	Paul
Barrett (SC)	Guthrie	Paulsen
Bartlett	Hall (TX)	Pence
Barton (TX)	Harper	Perlmutter
Berkley	Hastings (WA)	Peterson
Biggert	Heller	Pitts
Bilbray	Hensarling	Platts
Bishop (UT)	Herger	Poe (TX)
Blackburn	Hoekstra	Price (GA)
Blunt	Holden	Putnam
Boehner	Hunter	Radanovich
Bonner	Inglis	Rehberg
Bono Mack	Issa	Reichert
Boozman	Jenkins	Rogers (MI)
Boustany	Johnson (IL)	Rohrabacher
Brady (TX)	Johnson, Sam	Rooney
Broun (GA)	Jordan (OH)	Roskam
Brown (SC)	Kind	Royce
Burgess	King (IA)	Ryan (WI)
Burton (IN)	King (NY)	Scalise
Buyer	Kirk	Schmidt
Calvert	Kline (MN)	Schock
Camp	Lamborn	Sessions
Campbell	Lance	Shadegg
Cantor	Larsen (WA)	Shimkus
Cao	Latham	Shuler
Capito	Latta	Shuster
Carter	Lee (NY)	Simpson
Cassidy	Lewis (CA)	Smith (NE)
Castle	Linder	Smith (TX)
Chaffetz	Lucas	Souder
Coble	Lucas	Stearns
Coffman (CO)	Luetkemeyer	Sullivan
Cole	Lummis	Terry
Conaway	Lungren, Daniel	Thompson (CA)
Crenshaw	E.	Thompson (PA)
Culberson	Mack	Thornberry
Davis (KY)	Manzullo	Tiahrt
Deal (GA)	Marchant	Tiberi
Dent	McCarthy (CA)	Upton
Doggett	McCaul	Walden
Dreier	McCotter	Walz
Ehlers	McHenry	Wamp
Fallin	McKeon	Westmoreland
Flake	McMorris	Whitfield
Fleming	Rodgers	Wilson (SC)
Forbes	Melancon	Wittman
Foxx	Mica	Wolf
Franks (AZ)	Miller (FL)	Young (AK)
Frelinghuysen	Miller (MI)	Young (FL)
Gallegrly	Miller, Gary	

NOT VOTING—6

Brown-Waite,	Payne	Wilson (OH)
Ginny	Solis (CA)	
Delahunt	Towns	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Two minutes remain on this vote.

□ 1253

So (two-thirds not being in the affirmative) the motion was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND
REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 92 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. 1.

□ 1256

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. 1) making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes, with Mr. TIERNEY in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Tuesday, January 27, 2009, all time for general debate pursuant to House Resolution 88 had expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 92, further general debate shall be confined to the bill and amendments specified in that resolution and shall not exceed 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) and the gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Chairman, I yield to the gentlewoman from New York for a unanimous consent request.

(Mrs. MALONEY asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MALONEY. I thank the gentleman for yielding and for his leadership on this tremendously important bill, and I place in the RECORD my statement in strong support of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Mr. Chair, the current economic crisis requires bold solutions that address the enormity of our economic woes, and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan will do just that.

The \$825 billion recovery package that we are voting on will create or save an estimated 4 million jobs and will make key investments in our future.

But first and foremost, the economic recovery package focuses on blunting the effects of the recession and helping families in need.

In addition to increasing food stamp benefits and expanding unemployment benefits, our plan protects health care coverage for roughly 20 million Americans during this recession by increasing the Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage (FMAP) so that no state has to cut eligibility for Medicaid and SCHIP, the children's health insurance program, because of budget shortfalls.

For my home state of New York it more than doubles the FMAP match resulting in roughly \$10.42 billion over 9 quarters. This is critical funding for our state which is seeing an increase in caseloads as a result of the recession.

The recovery plan also invests in important needs that have been neglected over the past eight years. America's school, roads, bridges, and water systems are in disrepair and this is creating a drag on economic growth.

Our plan will spread job creation out over the next two years, which will soften the downturn and foster a solid economic recovery.

We have an historic opportunity to make the investments necessary to modernize our public infrastructure, transition to a clean energy economy, and make us more competitive in the 21st century.

It's time to get our economy back on track. I urge my colleagues to support the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself 5 minutes.

Mr. Chairman, this economy is in crisis. The financial system of the country is in crisis. Retirement plans of millions of Americans have been destroyed. Families are angered and terrified. They see layoffs happening all around them. They and their friends are not only losing their jobs, they are losing health coverage. They are losing their ability to help their kids pay for college education.

President Bush, when he saw the initial stages of the problem, got Congress to give him \$750 billion to try to calm the chaos on Wall Street.

□ 1300

President Obama is now looking for action to help Main Street. This package is designed to create jobs through construction and through changing the way we do business in the field of energy. It attempts to try to help victims of the recession by providing unemployment insurance, by increasing their ability to get Medicaid coverage if they lose their health care coverage and by increasing their ability to be able to afford COBRA payments if they lose their health insurance. This proposal is also aimed at rebuilding the economy, especially by changing the way this economy works in the energy area, in the science area and in the technology area. And I think we need to be about getting that done.

This bill is hugely expensive. But it is not nearly so costly as continuing business as usual. It has a big price tag because we are dealing with a big problem.

Unfortunately, the debate has been incredibly trivialized. Last night, for instance, we heard speaker after speaker discuss the need to act. But then they would say, "Well, I can't vote for this package because it contains money for the arts or money for the Mall." I would like to put those two items in perspective.

The arts funding in this bill is a tiny fraction of this entire bill. The arts expenditure in this bill represents about 6 cents out of every \$1,000 contained in this legislation. People ask, well, what does funding for the arts have to do with jobs? It is very simple. People in the arts field are losing their jobs just like anybody else. You have local arts agencies, you have local orchestras, local symphonies and local arts groups of all kinds who are shutting down, laying people off, and in a number of instances going bankrupt. This is a small, tiny effort to keep some of those people employed over the next 2 years. I make no apology for it. We have an obligation to salvage as many jobs as we can regardless of the fields in which people work.

The second issue is the Mall. People say, "Well, goodness gracious, what on Earth does spending for the Mall have to do with creating jobs?" Well, Mr. Chairman, I would point out that, again, the funding for the Mall represents about 25 cents of every \$1,000 in this bill, a tiny, tiny fraction. Three-quarters of that amount was directed at trying to preserve the Jefferson Memorial which is slowly sinking into the Tidal Basin and needs to be salvaged. But because these items have become such distractions, we've decided to take several items out. So the Mall is gone. We don't have to worry about refurbishing the Mall any more. That will have to wait for another time.

My point in discussing these two items is to simply express my regret at the way this debate has been trivialized. But I also think that it is revealing because I think it tells us what is really going on. And in my view, what is going on is this. At least one of the leaders in the Republican Caucus advised his caucus members that the way for the Republican minority to behave was to behave "like a thousand mosquitoes" to harass the majority. That may suit somebody's legislative style. It would not suit mine.

The CHAIR. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. OBEY. I yield myself 3 additional minutes.

But I think that comment is revelatory because that, for all practical purposes, is what we saw last night, many Members behaving like mosquitoes, focusing on trivia and ignoring the big picture. Some people will say, "Oh, you're moving too fast." I would point out, this work should have been done 3 and 4 months ago. Some of us tried in September to pass a very small economic recovery package. The then-Bush White House would have no part of it. They were not interested. So we've had to wait until now. But it is now essential for us to move. We've got to get this job on the road. Every week that we delay is another 100,000 or more people unemployed. I don't think we want that on any of our consciences.

This package is aimed at creating jobs. It's aimed at helping people who