

that even under an open rule, his amendments would have been ruled out of order because they're legislating on an appropriations bill.

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my colleague from New York for raising the issue of the plight of dairy farmers in particular. All across my district, we see farmers of all types going out of business, but particularly hard hit are the dairy farmers. And there is no tougher type of farming than dairy farming in this country. My husband and I have done a lot of farming in our lives. We've never had a lot of cows, but we both grew up milking cows. And believe me, that is the toughest work in the world. You've got to be there every day, all day, and these folks are really struggling to stay in business. And the sad part about it is that with the cap-and-tax bill that passed last week and so many of the other policies of this administration and this Congress, we are going headlong into putting a lot of our farmers out of business, particularly the dairy farmers.

Again, the implication here is that we ought not to be spending a lot of time talking about the problems that we're facing in this country and that agriculture is facing, that all of our citizens are facing. But the Democrats in charge want to limit what ideas can be debated on the floor and what constituents can be represented in this House.

Our constituents in both Republican districts and Democrat districts are struggling to make ends meet, are facing unemployment, and yet are being shut out of participating in a debate over how their hard-earned taxpayer dollars are being borrowed and spent by the Federal Government.

It is a mystery as to why the majority is blocking debate on such important legislation. What are they afraid of? Are they protecting their Members from tough votes? Are they afraid of the democratic process? It's hard to know why they're doing it.

The Speaker has gone back on her word about making this the most open process in the world. Is she afraid that the American people will disagree with her? Is she keeping other Democrats from having to make tough decisions on difficult votes? Is she afraid of the very principles upon which our country is founded? We are very concerned, again, with the direction in which this Congress is going as far as the rules are concerned.

During the Independence Day break, I was at home. I went to a lot of functions. I spoke to my constituents. I spoke to hundreds of them. They told me over and over and over again how concerned they are about the direction this country is going. They used the word "frightened" over and over again. I talked to my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, and they say they are hearing the very same things from

their constituents at home. They are concerned about the amount of money that's being spent by this Congress, the policies that this administration is taking, and the direction in which they are moving.

We know that the Democrats have proposed spending \$1.89 trillion of American taxpayer money for discretionary government programs in the 2010 fiscal year. When all appropriation spending is combined, the Democrats have increased nondefense, nonveteran discretionary spending by 85 percent over the last 2 fiscal years. With millions of jobs lost since the passage of the stimulus, the President said this morning "there is nothing we would have done differently concerning the \$787 billion spending bill."

But that spending bill, which is really a trillion-dollar spending bill because of the cost of the bill, isn't creating the jobs Democrats promised. Even the Vice President said over the weekend this regarding the bill's poor returns: "The truth is we and everyone else misread the economy."

Well, no, not everyone else did that because Republicans all voted against the stimulus bill. You aren't going to hang that around our necks, Mr. Vice President.

House Democrats now want to spend another trillion dollars on a government-run health care bill after they have just crammed through a national energy tax.

At the same time, House Republicans are being denied the opportunity to offer cost-cutting amendments to save taxpayer money. Many Republican proposals could save billions in wasteful government spending and better prioritize how Washington spends taxpayer funds. But these ideas are being shut down. This is not the way to operate the greatest deliberative body in the world.

I am going again to suggest to my colleagues that they vote "no" on this rule because this is not the way we should be going.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I reserve the balance of my time.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

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

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 35, nays 368, not voting 29, as follows:

[Roll No. 490]

YEAS—35

Bartlett	Halvorson	Paul
Boehner	Hensarling	Pence
Broun (GA)	Inglis	Price (GA)
Campbell	Johnson (IL)	Rangel
Chaffetz	Johnson, Sam	Shadegg
Clay	King (IA)	Shimkus
Coffman (CO)	Kingston	Taylor
Connolly (VA)	Lamborn	Thornberry
Flake	Marchant	Tiahrt
Foxx	McHenry	Westmoreland
Garrett (NJ)	Miller, Gary	Young (AK)
Gutierrez	Olson	

NAYS—368

Abercrombie	Davis (IL)	Johnson, E. B.
Aderholt	Davis (KY)	Jones
Adler (NJ)	Davis (TN)	Jordan (OH)
Akin	Deal (GA)	Kagen
Alexander	DeFazio	Kanjorski
Altmire	DeGette	Kaptur
Arcuri	Delahunt	Kennedy
Austria	DeLauro	Kildee
Baca	Dent	Kilpatrick (MI)
Bachmann	Diaz-Balart, L.	Kilroy
Bachus	Diaz-Balart, M.	Kind
Baird	Dicks	King (NY)
Baldwin	Dingell	Kirk
Barrett (SC)	Doggett	Kirkpatrick (AZ)
Barrow	Donnelly (IN)	Kissell
Becerra	Dreier	Klein (FL)
Berkley	Driehaus	Kline (MN)
Berman	Duncan	Kosmas
Berry	Edwards (MD)	Kratovil
Biggert	Edwards (TX)	Kucinich
Bilbray	Ehlers	Lance
Bilirakis	Ellison	Langevin
Bishop (NY)	Ellsworth	Larsen (WA)
Bishop (UT)	Emerson	Larson (CT)
Blackburn	Engel	Latham
Blumenauber	Eshoo	LaTourrette
Blunt	Etheridge	Latta
Boccheri	Fallin	Lee (CA)
Bonner	Farr	Lee (NY)
Bono Mack	Fattah	Levin
Boozman	Filmer	Lewis (CA)
Boren	Fleming	Lewis (GA)
Boswell	Forbes	Linder
Boucher	Fortenberry	Lipinski
Boustany	Foster	LoBiondo
Boyd	Frank (MA)	Loeb sack
Brady (PA)	Frelinghuysen	Logren, Zoe
Brady (TX)	Galleghy	Lowey
Braley (IA)	Gerlach	Lucas
Bright	Giffords	Luetkemeyer
Brown (SC)	Gingrey (GA)	Lujan
Brown, Corrine	Gonzalez	Lummis
Brown-Waite,	Goodlatte	Lungren, Daniel
Ginny	Gordon (TN)	E.
Buchanan	Graves	Lynch
Burgess	Grayson	Mack
Burton (IN)	Green, Al	Maffei
Butterfield	Green, Gene	Maloney
Buyer	Griffith	Manzullo
Calvert	Grijalva	Markey (CO)
Camp	Guthrie	Markey (MA)
Cantor	Hall (NY)	Marshall
Cao	Hall (TX)	Massa
Capito	Hare	Matheson
Capps	Harman	Matsui
Capuano	Harper	McCarthy (CA)
Cardoza	Hastings (FL)	McCarthy (NY)
Carnahan	Hastings (WA)	McCaul
Carney	Heinrich	McClintock
Carson (IN)	Heller	McCollum
Carter	Herger	McCotter
Castle	Herseth Sandlin	McDermott
Castor (FL)	Higgins	McGovern
Chandler	Hill	McHugh
Cleaver	Himes	McIntyre
Clyburn	Hinchesy	McKeon
Coble	Hirono	McMahon
Cohen	Hodes	McMorris
Cole	Hoekstra	Rodgers
Conaway	Holden	McNerney
Conyers	Holt	Meek (FL)
Cooper	Honda	Meeks (NY)
Costa	Hoyer	Melancon
Costello	Hunter	Mica
Courtney	Inslee	Michaud
Crenshaw	Israel	Miller (FL)
Crowley	Issa	Miller (MI)
Cuellar	Jackson (IL)	Miller (NC)
Culberson	Jackson-Lee	Miller, George
Dahlkemper	(TX)	Minnick
Davis (AL)	Jenkins	Mitchell
Davis (CA)	Johnson (GA)	Mollohan

Moore (KS)	Reichert	Smith (NJ)
Moore (WI)	Reyes	Smith (TX)
Moran (KS)	Richardson	Smith (WA)
Murphy (CT)	Rodriguez	Snyder
Murphy (NY)	Roe (TN)	Space
Murphy, Patrick	Rogers (AL)	Spratt
Murphy, Tim	Rogers (KY)	Stark
Murtha	Rogers (MI)	Stupak
Myrick	Rohrabacher	Tanner
Nadler (NY)	Rooney	Teague
Napolitano	Ros-Lehtinen	Terry
Neal (MA)	Roskam	Thompson (CA)
Neugebauer	Ross	Thompson (MS)
Nunes	Rothman (NJ)	Thompson (PA)
Nye	Roybal-Allard	Tiberi
Oberstar	Royce	Tierney
Obey	Ruppersberger	Titus
Olver	Ryan (WI)	Tonko
Ortiz	Salazar	Towns
Pallone	Sanchez, Loretta	Tsongas
Pascrell	Sarbanes	Turner
Pastor (AZ)	Scalise	Upton
Paulsen	Schakowsky	Van Hollen
Payne	Schauer	Velázquez
Perlmutter	Schiff	Visclosky
Petriello	Schmidt	Walden
Peters	Schrader	Walz
Peterson	Schwartz	Wamp
Petri	Scott (GA)	Waters
Pingree (ME)	Scott (VA)	Watson
Pitts	Sensenbrenner	Waxman
Platts	Serrano	Welch
Poe (TX)	Sessions	Wexler
Polis (CO)	Shea-Porter	Whitfield
Pomeroy	Sherman	Wilson (OH)
Posey	Shuler	Wilson (SC)
Price (NC)	Shuster	Wittman
Putnam	Simpson	Wolf
Quigley	Sires	Woolsey
Radanovich	Skelton	Wu
Rahall	Slaughter	Yarmuth
Rehberg	Smith (NE)	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—29

Ackerman	Fudge	Souder
Andrews	Gohmert	Speier
Barton (TX)	Granger	Stearns
Bean	Hinojosa	Sullivan
Bishop (GA)	Moran (VA)	Sutton
Cassidy	Rush	Wasserman
Childers	Ryan (OH)	Schultz
Clarke	Sánchez, Linda	Watt
Cummings	T.	Weiner
Doyle	Schock	
Franks (AZ)	Sestak	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 5 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1805

Messrs. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, TIERNEY, HASTINGS of Florida, LEE of New York, and LATHAM changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2997, AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

The SPEAKER pro tempore. There are 17½ minutes remaining in debate.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I would now like to yield 2 minutes to my colleague from Florida (Mr. MICA).

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, I just want to take a couple of minutes of the House’s attention on this rule. I’m not a happy camper tonight because my amendment was not accepted as part of this rule.

I have the honor and privilege of representing not only suburban and urban areas in central Florida, but I have some rural areas. Maybe you have some rural areas. I asked for a simple amendment to assist my potato farmers. Now you wouldn’t think in Florida of potato farming being a big industry; but in part of my district and rural area, we had an incredible disaster hit several months ago. We had 25 to 30 inches of rain over several days, and it wiped out the potato crop. Have you ever seen rotten water-sogged potatoes? These are rotten water-sogged potatoes.

Now this may not mean a lot to many of the folks on the Rules Committee, but we’ve had a custom in the House of helping Members when they have a disaster in their district. I had a disaster in my district. This isn’t affecting me personally. We’re talking about \$45 million not that I even need appropriated, just that I need a small adjustment to get to these potato farmers, who are losing their livelihoods, who are closing down their farms.

Again, we had a disaster in my district. I asked for an amendment—one of many that were rejected—to give a little bit of leeway to farmers in central Florida who will lose their businesses, not be able to employ people, not to be able to have the money to plant the crops so next year they won’t be in business. That amendment was rejected summarily by the Rules Committee. So I’m not a happy camper.

Now I thought of coming out here and calling a motion to adjourn after every bit of business that went on here in the House. I didn’t do that. I still may take that option, I’m telling you, because I have people that don’t have jobs, don’t have the possibility of continuing their farm business. I have asked for a simple change, not more money—the money’s there—but to allocate money through some of the existing programs so they can get the money now to put people to work, save their crops and save the next crop. I didn’t get that cooperation, so I’m not a happy camper.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

I appreciate that the gentleman is not a happy camper, and my sympathies go to his district for what it’s going through. But as he knows, this is an appropriations bill. What he was doing was attempting to legislate on an appropriations bill, which would have been subject to a point of order under any circumstances. So maybe the gentleman could work with the appropriate committee to try to resolve this issue. I surely would be willing to try to help him. But on this bill his amendment would have been made out of order under any circumstance.

I have no further speakers other than me. I would yield to the gentelady to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from North Carolina has 3 minutes remaining.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, the American people know that in these tough economic times, they should save, not spend money. However, the Federal Government does not reflect the common sense I see throughout my district. Instead, the Democrats in charge continue to borrow more and spend more, increasing our Federal deficit on the backs of our children and grandchildren. The bill facing us after this rule is a 12 percent overall increase in funding from last year’s bill. The U.S. national deficit is currently \$11.5 trillion. With over 300 million people in the U.S. today, each citizen’s share of this debt right now is \$37,500. This bill will increase the deficit even more by borrowing and spending money we do not have. The majority can no longer blame the deficit and economic difficulties today on the previous administration. The Democrats in charge have shown they do not care about the deficit by continuing to dig America into a bigger and bigger hole with more reckless spending. This borrowed money is all being spent by Speaker PELOSI, the Obama administration; and as a result, the unemployment rate continues to rise, and the deficit continues to skyrocket. There are 322 earmarks tucked into this bill, totaling \$220 million in borrowed money for pet projects. The bill contains \$1.3 billion in grant funding, awarded solely at the discretion of the administration.

Mr. Speaker, there is an article today in Politico that says that we have a train wreck in this country because of out-of-control Federal budget deficits. I would like to include that in the RECORD today.

I’m going to urge my colleagues to vote “no” on the previous question so I can amend the rule to allow all Members of Congress the opportunity to offer his or her amendment to the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies appropriations bill under an open rule.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the amendment and extraneous material be placed in the RECORD prior to the vote on the previous question.

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

There was no objection.

Ms. FOXX. Again, I urge my colleagues to vote “no” on the previous question and “no” on the rule.

I yield back the balance of my time.

□ 1815

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, we need to pass this rule and we need to pass this bill. This is a bill that provides funds to protect public health, moneys for the Food and Drug Administration, and it funds hunger and nutrition programs including fully funding WIC. There is money in here for rural development, conservation, oversight, and enforcement.