

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 290, nays 135, not voting 8, as follows:

[Roll No. 5]

YEAS—290

Abercrombie Giffords Mollohan
 Ackerman Gonzalez Moore (KS)
 Adler (NJ) Gordon (TN) Moore (WI)
 Altmire Grayson Moran (KS)
 Andrews Green, Al Moran (VA)
 Arcuri Green, Gene Murphy (CT)
 Austria Griffith Murphy, Patrick
 Baca Grijalva Murphy, Tim
 Baird Gutierrez Murtha
 Baldwin Hall (NY) Nadler (NY)
 Barrow Halvorson Napolitano
 Becerra Hare Neal (MA)
 Berkley Harman Nye
 Berman Hastings (FL) Oberstar
 Berry Heinrich Obey
 Bishop (GA) Herseht Sandlin Olver
 Bishop (NY) Higgins Ortiz
 Blumenauer Hill Pallone
 Boocieri Himes Pascrell
 Bono Mack Hinchey Pastor (AZ)
 Boren Hinojosa Paulsen
 Boswell Hirono Payne
 Boucher Hodes Pelosi
 Boyd Holden Perlmutter
 Brady (PA) Holt Perriello
 Braley (IA) Honda Peters
 Brown, Corrine Hoyer Peterson
 Buchanan Inslie Petri
 Butterfield Israel Pingree (ME)
 Cao Jackson (IL) Platts
 Capito Jackson-Lee Polis (CO)
 Capps (TX) Pomeroy
 Capuano Johnson (GA) Price (NC)
 Cardoza Johnson, E. B. Rahall
 Carnahan Kagen Rangel
 Carney Kanjorski Rehberg
 Carson (IN) Kaptur Reichert
 Castle Kennedy Reyes
 Castor (FL) Kildee Richardson
 Chandler Kilpatrick (MI) Rodriguez
 Childers Kilroy Rogers (AL)
 Clarke Kind Ros-Lehtinen
 Clay King (NY) Ross
 Cleaver Kirk Rothman (NJ)
 Cloyburn Kilpatrick (AZ) Roybal-Allard
 Cohen Klein (FL) Ruppersberger
 Connolly (VA) Kosmas Rush
 Conyers Kratovil Ryan (OH)
 Cooper Kucinich Salazar
 Costa Lance Sanchez, Linda
 Costello Langevin T.
 Courtney Larsen (WA) Sanchez, Loretta
 Crowley Larson (CT) Sarbanes
 Cuellar LaTourette Schakowsky
 Cummings Lee (CA) Schauer
 Dahlkemper Lee (NY) Schiff
 Davis (AL) Levin Schrader
 Davis (CA) Lewis (GA) Schwartz
 Davis (IL) Lipinski Scott (GA)
 Davis (TN) LoBiondo Scott (VA)
 DeFazio Loeb sack Serrano
 DeGette Lofgren, Zoe Sestak
 Delahunt Lowey Shea-Porter
 DeLauro Lujan Sherman
 Dent Lynch Shuler
 Diaz-Balart, L. Maffei Simpson
 Diaz-Balart, M. Maloney Sires
 Dicks Markey (CO) Skelton
 Dingell Markey (MA) Slaughter
 Doggett Massa Smith (NJ)
 Donnelly (IN) Matheson Smith (WA)
 Doyle Matsui Snyder
 Driehaus McCarthy (NY) Solis (CA)
 Edwards (MD) McCollum Space
 Edwards (TX) McCotter Speier
 Ehlers McDermott Spratt
 Ellison McGovern Stupak
 Ellsworth McHugh Sutton
 Emerson McIntyre Tanner
 Engel McMahan Tauscher
 Eshoo McNeerney Taylor
 Etheridge Meek (FL) Teague
 Farr Meeks (NY) Thompson (CA)
 Fattah Melancon Thompson (MS)
 Filner Michaud Thompson (PA)
 Foster Miller (MI) Tiberi
 Frank (MA) Miller (NC) Tierney
 Frelinghuysen Miller, George Titus
 Fudge Minnick Tonko
 Gerlach Mitchell Towns

Tsongas
 Turner
 Upton
 Van Hollen
 Velázquez
 Visclosky
 Weiner
 Walz

Wasserman
 Schultz
 Waters
 Watson
 Watt
 Waxman
 Welch

Wexler
 Wilson (OH)
 Wolf
 Woolsey
 Wu
 Yarmuth
 Young (AK)
 Young (FL)

NAYS—135

Akin Foxx McKeon
 Alexander Franks (AZ) McMorris
 Bachmann Gallegly Rodgers
 Bachus Garrett (NJ) Mica
 Barrett (SC) Gingrey (GA) Miller (FL)
 Bartlett Gohmert Miller, Gary
 Barton (TX) Goodlatte Myrick
 Biggert Granger Neugebauer
 Bilbray Graves Nunes
 Bilirakis Guthrie Olson
 Bishop (UT) Hall (TX) Paul
 Blackburn Harper Pence
 Blunt Hastings (WA) Pitts
 Boehner Heller Posey
 Bonner Hensarling Price (GA)
 Boozman Herger Putnam
 Boustany Hoekstra Radanovich
 Brady (TX) Hunter Roe (TN)
 Bright Inglis Rogers (KY)
 Broun (GA) Issa Rogers (MI)
 Brown (SC) Jenkins Rohrabacher
 Brown-Waite, Johnson (IL) Rooney
 Ginny Johnson, Sam Roskam
 Burgess Jones Royce
 Burton (IN) Jordan (OH) Ryan (WI)
 Buyer King (IA) Scalise
 Calvert Kingston Schmidt
 Camp Kline (MN) Schock
 Cantor Lamborn Sensenbrenner
 Carter Latham Sessions
 Cassidy Latta Shadegg
 Chaffetz Lewis (CA) Shimkus
 Coble Linder Shuster
 Coffman (CO) Lucas Smith (NE)
 Cole Luetkemeyer Smith (TX)
 Conaway Lummis Souder
 Crenshaw Lungren, Daniel
 Culberson E. Stearns
 Davis (KY) Mack Sullivan
 Deal (GA) Manzullo Terry
 Dreier Marchant Thornberry
 Duncan Marshall Tiahrt
 Fallin McCarthy (CA) Walden
 Fleming McCaul Westmoreland
 Forbes McClintock Whitfield
 Fortenberry McHenry Wilson (SC)
 Wittman

NOT VOTING—8

Aderholt
 Bean
 Campbell

Flake
 Kissell
 Poe (TX)

Stark
 Wamp

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Mr. HUNTER, Mrs. LUMMIS and Mr. BACHUS changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the motion was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Ms. BEAN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 50, had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

Stated against:

Mr. WAMP. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 50, I was unavoidably detained and missed the rollcall vote. However, had I been present, I would have voted “nay.”

SELECTING CERTAIN MINORITY MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 118

Resolved, That the following members are, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE— Ms. Lummis.
 COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR— Mr. Thompson of Pennsylvania.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS— Mr. Coffman of Colorado.

Mr. PENCE (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 Indiana?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 135

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 135.

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

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
 COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,
 Washington, DC, January 12, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
 Speaker, House of Representatives, The Capitol,
 Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER, I am forwarding to you the Committee’s recommendations for certain positions for the 111th Congress.

First, pursuant to Section 8002 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the Committee designated the following Members to serve on the Joint Committee on Taxation: Charles Rangel, Pete Stark, Sander Levin, Dave Camp and Wally Herger.

Second, pursuant to Section 161 of the Trade Act of 1974, the Committee recommended the following Members to serve as official advisors for international conference meetings and negotiating sessions on trade agreements: Charles Rangel, Sander Levin, John Tanner, Dave Camp and Kevin Brady.

Third, pursuant to House Rule X, Clause 5 (2)(A)(i), the Committee designated the following Members to serve on the Committee on the Budget: Lloyd Doggett, Earl Blumenauer, John Yarmuth, Paul Ryan and Devin Nunes.

Sincerely,
 CHARLES B. RANGEL,
 Chairman.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has agreed to without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 27. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony in honor of the bicentennial of the birth of President Abraham Lincoln.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 105-83, the Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, announces the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the National Council of the Arts:

The Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT).

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 96-388, as amended by Public Law 97-84, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, appoints the following Senator to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council for the One Hundred Eleventh Congress:

The Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH).

The message also announced that pursuant to section 4(a)(3) of Public Law 94-118, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, appoints the following Senator to the Japan-United States Friendship Commission:

The Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI).

The message also announced that pursuant to sections 42 and 43 of title 20, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senator as a member of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:

The Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN).

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as amended by Public Law 99-7, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators as members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the One hundred Eleventh Congress:

The Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD).

The Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE).

The Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL).

The Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN).

The message also announced that pursuant to section 276d-276g of title 22, United States Code, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senator as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-United States Inter-parliamentary Group conference during the One Hundred Eleventh Congress:

The Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR).

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as amended by Public Law 99-7, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators as members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the One Hundred Eleventh Congress:

The Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS).

The Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK).

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. 352, DTV DELAY ACT

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 108 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 108

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (S. 352) to postpone the DTV transition date. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill 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 Energy and Commerce; and (2) one motion to commit.

SEC. 2. Section 2 of House Resolution 92 is amended by striking "February 4" and inserting "February 26".

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

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX). All time yielded during consideration of the rule is for debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on House Resolution 108.

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

There was no objection.

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

Madam Speaker, House Resolution 108 provides for the consideration of Senate bill S. 352, the DTV Delay Act. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking member of the Energy and Commerce Committee. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clause 10 of rule XXI. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to commit with or without instructions.

Madam Speaker, under current law, all full-power TV stations will stop their analog broadcasts on February 17, 2009, and broadcast only digital signals. That means on February 18, millions of American households that have an older television and have not obtained an analog-to-digital TV converter box will suddenly have a blank TV.

Survey data released by the Nielsen Company reveals that as of January 2009, 6.5 million American households were completely unprepared for transi-

tion to digital TV, meaning every TV in their home will be blank on February 18.

And for a host of reasons, the Federal Government's efforts to help people buy the necessary converters—a disproportionate number of whom who are seniors, low-income households, and those in rural areas—have been insufficient.

Madam Speaker, too many Americans are at risk for losing their television service, and we need a one-time delay to get ready for the digital TV transition. The bill before us today, S. 352, the DTV Delay Act, is very simple. It postpones the date of analog-to-digital television transition for 115 days from February 17, 2009, to June 12, 2009. This will provide additional time to get coupons for the digital TV converter boxes to millions of American households that are at risk of being without television service.

This bill unanimously passed the Senate despite being unfortunately blocked by the House Republicans last week. It was supported by the Obama administration, the FCC commissioners and has been endorsed by numerous groups, including the AARP, Consumers Union, the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, the Coalition of Organizations for Accessible Technology, the National Hispanic Media Coalition, the National Emergency Number Association, the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the National Association of Broadcasters, AT&T Wireless, Verizon Wireless, Univision, ABC, CBS, FOX and NBC.

Madam Speaker, I would close by adding that this has not been an ideal transition to digital television, and this is hardly a perfect solution to the problem. But make no mistake, without this critical delay, millions of Americans may no longer be able to watch their television on February 18; and punishing consumers is surely not the way we fix this problem.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from California for yielding time, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

We have some very eloquent speakers lined up on our side to talk about this bill, so I'm going to speak just a short time so I can leave plenty of time for my colleagues who have very eloquent statements to make on this issue, but I do want to point out that this process began a very long time ago.

It is a rather complicated issue, but even by Federal Government standards, this is a long time to accomplish a task. It's also, I think, an indication of the change that has come to Congress in the past 2 years.

We want change. President Obama has said he wants change, but he wants change that makes government work. This is going in the wrong direction, in