

Reichert	Sensenbrenner	Thompson (PA)
Reyes	Serrano	Thornberry
Richardson	Sessions	Tiberi
Rodriguez	Sestak	Tierney
Roe (TN)	Shadegg	Titus
Rogers (AL)	Shea-Porter	Tonko
Rogers (KY)	Sherman	Towns
Rogers (MI)	Shimkus	Tsongas
Rohrabacher	Shuler	Turner
Rooney	Shuster	Upton
Ros-Lehtinen	Simpson	Van Hollen
Roskam	Sires	Velázquez
Ross	Skelton	Visclosky
Rothman (NJ)	Slaughter	Walden
Royal-Allard	Smith (NE)	Walz
Royce	Smith (NJ)	Wamp
Ruppersberger	Smith (TX)	Wasserman
Rush	Smith (WA)	Schultz
Ryan (OH)	Snyder	Waters
Ryan (WI)	Space	Watson
Salazar	Speier	Watt
Sánchez, Linda T.	Spratt	Waxman
Sanchez, Loretta	Stark	Weiner
Barbanes	Stearns	Welch
Scalise	Stupak	Westmoreland
Schakowsky	Stutzman	Whitfield
Schauer	Sullivan	Wilson (OH)
Schiff	Sutton	Wilson (SC)
Schmidt	Tanner	Wittman
Schock	Taylor	Wolf
Schrader	Teague	Woolsey
Schwartz	Terry	Wu
Scott (VA)	Thompson (CA)	Yarmuth
	Thompson (MS)	Young (AK)

NOT VOTING—27

Arcuri	Gordon (TN)	Markey (CO)
Berry	Granger	McMorris
Bilbray	Griffith	Rodgers
Blunt	Hall (NY)	Meek (FL)
Childers	Hoekstra	Radanovich
Cohen	Jones	Scott (GA)
Davis (AL)	Kennedy	Tiahrt
Delahunt	Kilpatrick (MI)	Young (FL)
Ellsworth	Kirkpatrick (AZ)	
Fallin	Marchant	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members have 2 minutes to record their vote.

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

WAIVING REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1752 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1752

Resolved, That the requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House is waived with respect to any resolution reported through the legislative day of December 18, 2010.

SEC. 2. It shall be in order at any time through the legislative day of December 18, 2010, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules. The Speaker or her designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DRIEHAUS). The gentleman from Colorado is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DIAZ-BALART). All time yielded during consideration of the rule is for debate only. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. POLIS. I also ask unanimous consent that all Members be given 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H. Res. 1752.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 1752 waives the requirement of clause 6 of rule XIII requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee. This would allow for the same day consideration of any resolution reported through the legislative day of December 18, 2010. Finally, the rule allows the Speaker to entertain motions to suspend the rules through the legislative day of December 18, 2010. The Speaker or her designee shall consult with the minority leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this resolution.

Today, Mr. Speaker, as we near the end of the historic 111th Congress, key legislation remains to be completed. This rule will provide flexibility to allow bipartisan negotiations to continue and put the finishing touches on important initiatives before our 111th Congress. This rule will allow the House to act as fast as it can when receiving legislation from the Senate which, as we all know, can arrive on a very unpredictable time frame. The unpredictability of the Senate thus far this Congress, the lengthy negotiations process, and the partisanship affects the prospects and drastically reduces our ability to take on so many important bills.

This rule today is critical so that we can move forward to consider middle class tax cuts, the DREAM Act, food safety, defense authorization, regardless of where Members of this body stand on particular issues, and I think we owe it to our country to bring them forward in a timely manner for full consideration by this body.

I am very proud to be a Member of the 111th Congress. This Congress has been one of the most productive bodies in half a century and our work is not complete. We've passed several historic bills that will improve the lives of every American and help dig us out of an economic disaster leading to our recovery. We've also passed legislation to make college loans more affordable, to protect consumers from usurious credit card interest rates, to make it easier for women to challenge pay discrimination, to finally regulate tobacco products under the FDA, to crack down on

waste in the Pentagon; from giving business tax incentives to hire unemployed workers and giving tax credits to first-time homebuyers which realtors in my district have told me really helped get the market going again.

But despite these historic accomplishments, there remains much work to be done in our final weeks. I could stand here as many Members of this body could for hours talking about the many bills we would like to take up and the programs we need to reauthorize, bills that would create jobs in America, strengthen our national security, fix our broken immigration system, feeding our children, and repairing our highways. By extending same day and suspension authority until December 18, the day when government funding runs out, we're making a commitment to the country that will uphold our constitutional responsibility and stay on task and keep the government running. We're also keeping the promises that we made to our communities and our nation.

If it comes down to the wire, Mr. Speaker, this rule would give us the flexibility to act in a timely fashion. We know that to consider a bill under a rule, there needs to be a one-day layover and that suspensions are only considered Monday through Wednesday. Without this rule, if the Senate sends us a government funding measure on Saturday, December 18, we would have to literally let the government shut down. This rule is a matter of efficiency. We're all aware of the time constraints before us and the limited time remaining in this session as well as the work that needs to be done. It will do the American people no service if their elected representatives are here debating multiple procedural rules, wasting our taxpayer dollars when government shuts down. That's why we've extended the authority through the end of the current CR. Let us save the remaining time of the 111th Congress to debate the important initiatives that are still pending and pass this rule today.

Mr. Speaker, these are not unusual procedures. I want to point out that in the 109th Congress, the Republican majority reported at least 21 rules that allowed for same day consideration. In fact, five of those rules waived this requirement against any rule reported from the committee.

Mr. Speaker, this will also be the last rule that I have the honor of co-managing with my good friend and colleague from Florida (Mr. DIAZ-BALART), and I just want to say a few words on his behalf. It has been a great pleasure serving with the gentleman from Florida on the Rules Committee, having managed a number of rules together on the floor. I have always appreciated his thoughtful and incisive remarks on the Rules Committee and on the floor. His championing of developing American capital, developing the economy in Florida, in Miami; his dedication to foreign relations and affairs,