

this year alone a \$28 billion opportunity for the private sector to help put Americans back to work. This is a good idea. It was advanced by both Republicans and Democrats in this body and the other body, and I hope that we receive a "yes" vote for it here today.

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

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I'm very pleased at this time to yield 2 minutes to my good friend, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. RICHARDSON).

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the conference report on H.R. 4348, the Surface Transportation Extension Act, which provides funding for the Federal-aid highway program through fiscal year 2014 at current funding levels.

Among other things, the conference report makes key investments in our Nation's infrastructure critical to goods movement, which is specifically very important to me in my district, and the additional \$500 million that is there for projects of national and regional significance.

The conference report also calls for a national freight strategic plan, and it encourages States to develop State freight plans to incentivize those States to invest in freight projects, policies, and to make sure that we can make progress in that area that has long avoided us.

In recent days, some Members have come down and expressed a desire for the Federal Government to adopt a national freight policy. As a member of the Transportation Committee representing the 37th Congressional District, I represent a very transportation-intensive district, and that's why last March I introduced a bill, H.R. 1122, the Freight Focus Act. That particular legislation was supported very much across the aisle and included support of the American Association of Port Authorities, the American Trucking Association, Operating Engineers, and many more.

My Freight Focus Act was to establish an office of freight planning within the office of the new assistant secretary, and many of those ideas have been incorporated.

As we look forward at this bill, it certainly is not what we had hoped for. We had hoped for something more like a 5-year reauthorization. That would be helpful, but at this point, given our limitations, the key thing I would like to see us focus on is to ensure that there is a strong freight plan, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to make sure that's implemented.

Further, my legislation created a goods movement trust fund. That is something that is not addressed in this legislation but should be considered as we go forward.

As you can see, there are sound freight policies. I have been a leader of that in working with Chairman MICA and others, and I look forward to us

bringing forward not only this bill, but many more to come which will put Americans back to work.

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time to close.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. I yield myself the balance of my time to close.

Mr. Speaker, it's a shame that we are here today considering this hodgepodge measure. For too long, my Republican colleagues have used this House to further their partisan agenda rather than the interests of the Nation.

So it is no surprise that, once again, we are rushing to the floor to take care of business that should have been taken care of months ago. Time and again, when given the choice between reasonable, bipartisan measures and blatantly partisan policies, Republicans have chosen to pander to the extreme wing of their conference. They have passed bills they know will be dead on arrival in the Senate, pursued legislation with no hope of being signed into law, and attached controversial measures to otherwise innocuous matters.

While Republicans are busy playing politics, Americans have been wondering how they're going to get a job, put a roof over their heads, or afford to pay for college or food.

Though I'm glad these measures are finally being brought to the floor, our constituents deserve better. On this measure, 600 pages, the dead of night last night, five measures put together under one, and we received a CBO score just a few minutes ago. Most Members in this body don't have any idea what's in this bill or how much it costs.

This Republican tactic of saying "no" to everything is dragging down our Nation, slowing our recovery, and threatening the survival of important and necessary government programs. There's serious work to do here in the House of Representatives, and my and your constituents can't afford to sit around and watch this spectacle.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, as I have said during previous debates on short-term transportation extensions, our national infrastructure is aging, stable construction jobs are lacking, unemployment lingers about 8 percent nationally and a little over 9 percent in Florida. Regrettably, that remains the case today, many short-term extensions later. However, unlike the past, the House and Senate have come together to offer a glimmer of certainty to try to address these problems.

A long-term, multiyear highway reauthorization is critical to rebuilding our Nation's infrastructure, reforming antiquated and inefficient transportation programs, strengthening our economy, and creating jobs. A long-term authorization also provides for certainty and stability necessary for the transportation industry to contain costs through long-term planning.

This agreement, while not perfect, is long overdue. It will begin to chip away at the bloated bureaucracy which de-

fines our Federal transportation system. It will create jobs and it will promote economic activity in our local communities, all without adding to the deficit. For these reasons, I ask my colleagues to join me in favor of this rule.

I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

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

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

#### RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I now rise to a question of the privileges of the House and offer the resolution previously noticed.

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

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 718

Whereas the chair of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform has interfered with the work of an independent agency and pressured an administrative law judge of the National Labor Relations Board by compelling the production of documents related to an ongoing case, something independent experts said "could seriously undermine the authority of those charged with enforcing the nation's labor laws" and which the House Ethics Manual discourages by noting that "Federal courts have nullified administrative decisions on grounds of due process and fairness towards all of the parties when congressional interference with ongoing administrative proceedings may have unduly influenced the outcome";

Whereas the chair of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform has politicized investigations by rolling back longstanding bipartisan precedents, including by authorizing subpoenas without the concurrence of the ranking member or a committee vote, by refusing to share documents and other information with the ranking member, and restricting the minority's right to call witnesses at hearings;

Whereas the chair of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform has jeopardized an ongoing criminal investigation by publicly releasing documents that his own staff has admitted were under court seal;

Whereas the chair of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform has unilaterally subpoenaed a witness who was expected to testify at an upcoming Federal trial, despite longstanding precedent and objections from the Department of Justice that such a step could cause complications at a trial and potentially jeopardize a criminal conviction;

Whereas the chair of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform has engaged in a witch hunt, through the use of repeated incorrect and uncorroborated statements in the committee's "Fast and Furious" investigation; and

Whereas the chair of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform has chosen to call the Attorney General of the United States a liar on national television without corroborating evidence and has exhibited unprofessional behavior which could result in jeopardizing an ongoing Committee investigation into Operation Fast and Furious: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives disapproves of the behavior of the chair for interfering with ongoing criminal investigations; insisting on a personal attack against the attorney general of the United States; and for calling the Attorney General of the United States a liar on national television without corroborating evidence thereby discredit to the integrity of the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution presents a question of privilege.

## MOTION TO TABLE

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, I move to lay the resolution on the table.

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

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, this 15-minute vote on the motion to table will be followed by a 5-minute vote on the adoption of House Resolution 717.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 259, nays 161, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 443]

## YEAS—259

Adams	Chandler	Gowdy
Aderholt	Coble	Granger
Alexander	Coffman (CO)	Graves (GA)
Altmire	Cole	Graves (MO)
Amash	Conaway	Griffin (AR)
Amodei	Costa	Griffith (VA)
Austria	Cravaack	Grimm
Bachmann	Crawford	Guinta
Bachus	Crenshaw	Guthrie
Barletta	Critz	Hall
Barrow	Culberson	Hanna
Bartlett	Davis (KY)	Harper
Bass (NH)	Denham	Harris
Benishkek	Dent	Hartzler
Berg	DesJarlais	Hastings (WA)
Biggart	Diaz-Balart	Hayworth
Billbray	Dold	Heck
Bilirakis	Donnelly (IN)	Hensarling
Bishop (UT)	Dreier	Herger
Black	Duffy	Herrera Beutler
Blackburn	Duncan (SC)	Hochul
Bonner	Duncan (TN)	Huelskamp
Bono Mack	Ellmers	Huizenga (MI)
Boren	Emerson	Hultgren
Boswell	Farenthold	Hunter
Boustany	Fincher	Hurt
Brady (TX)	Fitzpatrick	Issa
Brooks	Flake	Jenkins
Broun (GA)	Fleischmann	Johnson (IL)
Buchanan	Fleming	Johnson (OH)
Bucshon	Flores	Johnson, Sam
Buerkle	Forbes	Jones
Burgess	Fox	Jordan
Burton (IN)	Franks (AZ)	Kelly
Calvert	Frelinghuysen	Kind
Camp	Gallegly	King (IA)
Campbell	Gardner	King (NY)
Canseco	Garrett	Kingston
Cantor	Gerlach	Kinzinger (IL)
Capito	Gibbs	Kissell
Cardoza	Gibson	Kline
Carter	Gingrey (GA)	Kucinich
Cassidy	Gohmert	Labrador
Chabot	Goodlatte	Lance
Chaffetz	Gosar	Landry

Lankford	Palazzo	Scott (VA)
Latham	Paul	Scott, Austin
LaTourette	Paulsen	Sensenbrenner
Latta	Pearce	Sessions
LoBiondo	Pence	Shimkus
Long	Peterson	Shuler
Lucas	Petri	Shuster
Luetkemeyer	Pitts	Simpson
Lummis	Poe (TX)	Smith (NE)
Lungren, Daniel E.	Pompeo	Smith (NJ)
Mack	Posey	Smith (TX)
Manzullo	Price (GA)	Southerland
Marchant	Quayle	Stearns
Marino	Reed	Stivers
Matheson	Rehberg	Stutzman
McCarthy (CA)	Reichert	Sullivan
McCaul	Renacci	Terry
McClintock	Ribble	Thompson (PA)
McCotter	Rigell	Thornberry
McHenry	Rivera	Tiberi
McIntyre	Roby	Tipton
McKeon	Roe (TN)	Turner (NY)
McKinley	Rogers (AL)	Turner (OH)
McMorris	Rogers (KY)	Upton
Rodgers	Rogers (MI)	Walberg
Meehan	Rohrabacher	Walden
Mica	Rokita	Walsh (IL)
Michaud	Rooney	Walz (MN)
Miller (FL)	Ros-Lehtinen	Watt
Miller (MI)	Roskam	Webster
Miller, Gary	Ross (AR)	West
Mulvaney	Ross (FL)	Westmoreland
Murphy (PA)	Royce	Whitfield
Myrick	Runyan	Wilson (SC)
Neugebauer	Ryan (WI)	Wittman
Noem	Scalise	Wolf
Nugent	Schilling	Womack
Nunes	Schmidt	Woodall
Nunnelee	Schock	Yoder
Olson	Schrader	Young (AK)
Owens	Schweikert	Young (FL)
	Scott (SC)	Young (IN)

## NAYS—161

Ackerman	Gonzalez	Pallone
Andrews	Green, Al	Pascarell
Baca	Green, Gene	Pastor (AZ)
Baldwin	Grijalva	Pelosi
Barber	Gutierrez	Perlmutter
Bass (CA)	Hahn	Peters
Becerra	Hanabusa	Pingree (ME)
Berkley	Hastings (FL)	Polis
Berman	Heinrich	Price (NC)
Bishop (GA)	Higgins	Quigley
Bishop (NY)	Himes	Rahall
Blumenauer	Hinche	Rangel
Bonamici	Hinojosa	Reyes
Brady (PA)	Hirono	Richardson
Braley (IA)	Holden	Richmond
Brown (FL)	Holt	Rothman (NJ)
Butterfield	Honda	Roybal-Allard
Capps	Hoyer	Ruppersberger
Capuano	Israel	Rush
Carnahan	Jackson Lee	Ryan (OH)
Carney	(TX)	Sánchez, Linda T.
Carson (IN)	Johnson (GA)	Sanchez, Loretta
Castor (FL)	Kaptur	Sarbanes
Chu	Keating	Schakowsky
Ciilline	Kildee	Schiff
Clarke (MI)	Langevin	Schwartz
Clarke (NY)	Larsen (WA)	Scott, David
Clay	Larson (CT)	Serrano
Cleaver	Lee (CA)	Sewell
Cohen	Levin	Sherman
Connolly (VA)	Lewis (GA)	Sires
Cooper	Lipinski	Slaughter
Costello	Loebisack	Smith (WA)
Courtney	Lofgren, Zoe	Speier
Cuellar	Lowey	Stark
Cummings	Lujan	Sutton
Davis (CA)	Lynch	Thompson (CA)
Davis (IL)	Maloney	Thompson (MS)
DeFazio	Markey	Tierney
DeGette	Matsui	Tonko
DeLauro	McCarthy (NY)	Towns
Deutch	McCollum	Tsongas
Dicks	McDermott	Van Hollen
Dingell	McGovern	Velázquez
Doggett	McNerney	Visclosky
Doyle	Meeks	Wasserman
Edwards	Miller (NC)	Schultz
Ellison	Miller, George	Waters
Engel	Moore	Waxman
Eshoo	Moran	Welch
Farr	Murphy (CT)	Wilson (FL)
Fattah	Nadler	Woolsey
Frank (MA)	Napolitano	Yarmuth
Fudge	Neal	
Garamendi	Oliver	

## NOT VOTING—12

Akin	Crowley	Johnson, E. B.
Barton (TX)	Filner	Lamborn
Clyburn	Fortenberry	Lewis (CA)
Conyers	Jackson (IL)	Platts

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Messrs. ELLISON and WELCH changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Messrs. CHAFFETZ, DUNCAN of Tennessee, MCKINLEY, KIND, ALTMIRE, COSTA, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. HOCHUL, and Messrs. NUGENT and NUNNELEE changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the motion to table was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall 443, I was away from the Capitol due to prior commitments to my constituents. Had I been present, I would have voted “nay.”

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5856, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 6020, FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4348, MOVING AHEAD FOR PROGRESS IN THE 21ST CENTURY ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on adoption of the resolution (H. Res. 717) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5856) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6020) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 4348) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 244, nays 176, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 444]

## YEAS—244

Adams	Amodei	Barletta
Aderholt	Austria	Bartlett
Alexander	Bachmann	Bass (NH)
Amash	Bachus	Benishkek