

Stated for:

Ms. TLAI. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained, if I would have been here, I would have voted yes.

Ms. HILL of California. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained, if I would have been here, I would have voted yes.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE THAT GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWNS ARE DETRIMENTAL TO NATION AND SHOULD NOT OCCUR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 79) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Government shutdowns are detrimental to the Nation and should not occur, as amended, 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 motion offered by the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 249, nays 163, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 65]

YEAS—249

Adams	Davis (CA)	Huffman
Aguilar	Davis, Danny K.	Hurd (TX)
Allred	Dean	Jackson Lee
Axne	DeFazio	Jayapal
Bacon	DeGette	Jeffries
Barragán	DeLauro	Johnson (GA)
Bass	DelBene	Johnson (TX)
Beatty	Delgado	Joyce (OH)
Bera	Demings	Kaptur
Beyer	DeSaulnier	Katko
Bishop (GA)	Deutch	Keating
Blumenauer	Dingell	Kelly (IL)
Bonamici	Doggett	Kennedy
Boyle, Brendan	Doyle, Michael	Khanna
F.	F.	Kildee
Brindisi	Engel	Kilmer
Brooks (IN)	Escobar	Kim
Brown (MD)	Eshoo	Kind
Brownley (CA)	Españillat	Kinzing
Bustos	Evans	Kirkpatrick
Butterfield	Finkenauer	Krishnamoorthi
Carbajal	Fitzpatrick	Kuster (NH)
Cárdenas	Fletcher	Lamb
Carson (IN)	Flores	Langevin
Cartwright	Fortenberry	Larsen (WA)
Case	Foster	Larson (CT)
Casten (IL)	Frankel	Lawrence
Castor (FL)	Fudge	Lawson (FL)
Castro (TX)	Gabbard	Lee (CA)
Chu, Judy	Gallego	Lee (NV)
Cicilline	Garamendi	Levin (CA)
Cisneros	Garcia (IL)	Levin (MI)
Clark (MA)	Garcia (TX)	Lewis
Clarke (NY)	Golden	Lieu, Ted
Clay	Gomez	Lipinski
Cleaver	Gonzalez (OH)	Loeb
Clyburn	Gonzalez (TX)	Loeb
Cohen	Gottheimer	Lowgren
Connolly	Green (TX)	Lowenthal
Cooper	Grijalva	Lowey
Correa	Haaland	Lujan
Costa	Hastings	Luria
Courtney	Hayes	Lynch
Cox (CA)	Heck	Malinowski
Craig	Higgins (NY)	Maloney
Crist	Hill (CA)	Maloney, Sean
Crow	Himes	Matsui
Cuellar	Horn, Kendra S.	McAdams
Cummings	Horsford	McBath
Cunningham	Houlihan	McCaul
Davids (KS)	Hoyer	McCollum

McEachin	Richmond	Stevens
McGovern	Riggleman	Suozzi
McNerney	Rose (NY)	Swalwell (CA)
Meeks	Rouda	Takano
Meng	Roybal-Allard	Thompson (CA)
Moore	Ruiz	Thompson (MS)
Morelle	Rush	Titus
Moulton	Ryan	Tlaib
Mucarsel-Powell	Sánchez	Tonko
Murphy	Sarbanes	Torres (CA)
Nadler	Scanlon	Torres Small
Napolitano	Shakowsky	(NM)
Neal	Schiff	Trahan
Neguse	Schneider	Trone
Norcross	Schrader	Underwood
O'Halloran	Schrier	Upton
Ocasio-Cortez	Scott (VA)	Van Drew
Omar	Scott, David	Vargas
Pallone	Serrano	Veasey
Panetta	Sewell (AL)	Vela
Pappas	Shalala	Velázquez
Pascarell	Sherman	Visclosky
Perlmutter	Sherrill	Wagner
Peters	Sires	Walden
Peterson	Slotkin	Wasserman
Phillips	Smith (NJ)	Schultz
Pingree	Smith (WA)	Waters
Pocan	Soto	Watson Coleman
Porter	Spanberger	Welch
Posey	Speier	Wexton
Pressley	Stanton	Wild
Price (NC)	Stauber	Wittman
Quigley	Stefanik	Yarmuth
Rice (NY)	Steil	

NAYS—163

Abraham	Gooden	Newhouse
Aderholt	Gosar	Norman
Allen	Granger	Nunes
Amash	Graves (GA)	Olson
Amodei	Graves (LA)	Palazzo
Armstrong	Graves (MO)	Palmer
Arrington	Green (TN)	Pence
Babin	Griffith	Perry
Baird	Grothman	Ratcliffe
Balderson	Guest	Reed
Banks	Guthrie	Reschenthaler
Barr	Hagedorn	Rice (SC)
Bergman	Harris	Roby
Biggs	Hartzler	Rodgers (WA)
Bilirakis	Hern, Kevin	Roe, David P.
Bishop (UT)	Herrera Beutler	Rogers (AL)
Brady	Hice (GA)	Rogers (KY)
Brooks (AL)	Higgins (LA)	Rooney (FL)
Buchanan	Hill (AR)	Rose, John W.
Buck	Holding	Rouzer
Bucshon	Hollingsworth	Roy
Budd	Hudson	Rutherford
Burchett	Huizenga	Scalise
Burgess	Hunter	Schweikert
Byrne	Johnson (LA)	Scott, Austin
Calvert	Johnson (OH)	Simpson
Carter (GA)	Johnson (SD)	Smith (MO)
Carter (TX)	Jordan	Smith (NE)
Chabot	Joyce (PA)	Smucker
Cheney	Kelly (MS)	Spano
Cline	Kelly (PA)	Steube
Cloud	King (IA)	Stewart
Cole	King (NY)	Stivers
Collins (NY)	Kustoff (TN)	Taylor
Conaway	LaMalfa	Thompson (PA)
Cook	Lamborn	Thornberry
Crawford	Latta	Timmons
Crenshaw	Lesko	Tipton
Curtis	Loudermilk	Turner
Davidson (OH)	Lucas	Walberg
DesJarlais	Luetkemeyer	Walker
Diaz-Balart	Marchant	Waltz
Duffy	Marshall	Watkins
Duncan	Massie	Weber (TX)
Dunn	Mast	Wenstrup
Estes	McCarthy	Westerman
Ferguson	McClintock	Williams
Fleischmann	McHenry	Womack
Foxx (NC)	McKinley	Woodall
Fulcher	Meadows	Wright
Gaetz	Meuser	Yoho
Gallagher	Miller	Young
Gianforte	Mitchell	Zeldin
Gibbs	Moelenaar	
Gohmert	Mooney (WV)	

NOT VOTING—20

Blunt Rochester	Emmer	Mullin
Bost	Harder (CA)	Payne
Collins (GA)	Jones	Raskin
Comer	LaHood	Ruppersberger
Davis, Rodney	Long	

Sensenbrenner	Walorski	Wilson (FL)
Shimkus	Webster (FL)	Wilson (SC)

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Mr. GROTHMAN changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated against:

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, January 30, I missed a vote on H. Res. 79. Had I been present for the vote on H. Res. 79, I would have voted “no.”

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. LURIA). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, which the Chair will put de novo.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. SCALISE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), the majority leader, for the purpose of inquiring as to the schedule for the week to come.

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend for yielding.

On Tuesday, the House will meet at 12 p.m. for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business following 1 minutes. The House will recess to allow for a security sweep of the House Chamber prior to the President's State of the Union Address. The House will meet again at approximately 8:35 p.m. in a joint session with the Senate for the purpose of receiving an address from the President of the United States. Members are advised that there will be no votes in the House on Tuesday.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the House will meet at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate and noon for legislative business.

On Friday, Madam Speaker, the House will meet at 9 a.m. for legislative business, with last votes no later than 3 p.m. We will consider several bills under suspension of the rules. The complete list of those suspensions will be announced by close of business Friday.

In addition, Madam Speaker, the House will consider H.R. 840, the Veterans' Access to Child Care Act, introduced by Representatives BROWNLEY and HIGGINS. This bill would make permanent the VA's childcare pilot program and expand it so that veterans across the Nation who are parents or grandparents have a convenient, cost-free option for childcare when they have VA medical appointments.

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, as it relates to the suspension calendar, I know, this week, there was an extra bill added to the suspension calendar that wasn't on the list by close of business last week. Do you anticipate this Friday's list being amended again the following week, or should that be a complete list?

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, as I pointed out, additional items are possible to be added. We said that last week. We did add one. It was noticed on Monday, and we voted on it today. In effect, we met the 3-day rule, not the 72-hour rule, but that was a suspension. There may be others that we will add.

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, clearly, as a suspension, it wasn't in the traditional sense—obviously, it went down. There being a sense of the House resolution, typically, those are resolutions where both sides work together.

I ask the gentleman, do they anticipate approaching senses of the House in a partisan way or, hopefully, in a bipartisan way, where we can work together to get a true sense of the House that could pass?

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, we want to move on a bipartisan basis. The good news was that this resolution, although it failed to have a two-thirds vote, did have a bipartisan vote with more than 20 Republicans voting for it, which I appreciate. Of course, the balance voted against the resolution, which said that shutdowns were bad.

But we will certainly try to give as much notice as possible to the gentleman and to his party.

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

Madam Speaker, as we approach bipartisan resolutions, we hope that the gentleman from Maryland and his side would work with us on those. It could have been a resolution that actually passed, had we been able to work together and, hopefully, include some language about border security.

As we look to the conference committee that is now meeting, as we talk about border security especially being the centerpiece of the big debate over government funding that, hopefully, we get agreement to, there were reports that, last week, the Democrat majority was going to roll out their plan for homeland security. Ultimately, that plan wasn't, in fact, rolled out. Is there going to be a rollout? As we have these negotiations—

Mr. HOYER. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SCALISE. I yield to the gentleman from Maryland to let him know that his side said they wouldn't negotiate during a shutdown. Obviously, the shutdown is over now. Will there be a counteroffer now put on the table?

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, as the gentleman knows, the conference com-

mittee has either met or is meeting. It is my understanding that Chairwoman LOWEY is going to have a press conference after the first initial meeting, so that we are in a conference. That is good news. I am sure the conferees are going to talk about proposals that they have to reach border security.

I might say that, although it appears to be the central part, in terms of our perspective, a shutdown is not about border security or any other particular issue. It is that it is a bad policy to shut down the Government of the United States. Notwithstanding that, I expect that Chairwoman LOWEY will be explaining our position in the conference.

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, I look forward to hearing that proposal laid out. As the House and Senate Republican and Democrat conferees meet together, I do think, and have an optimistic approach, that we are not that far removed from reaching a deal, if we can ultimately find a way to put a real amount on the table that shows how we can secure the border, as our experts—the men and women who risk their lives to secure the border—have suggested in their proposal, if we can come to a place where we can agree on a way to actually achieve border security, and that includes physical barriers.

When the gentleman from Maryland, I think it was 2 weeks ago, was talking about some Democrats who were going over to the White House back then, it was said that they didn't have the authority to negotiate. Do the Democrat conferees have the authority to negotiate on behalf of the Democrat majority in the House?

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. HOYER. Certainly.

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman's quick candor.

Madam Speaker, as we wrap this up, I would ask about an issue that a number of our Members were concerned about and hope this is not a trend. In the House Natural Resources Committee, the majority, yesterday, as they were proposing their new rules for the committee—and each committee, as we know, proposes their new rules as a new Congress is sworn in and established on a committee level—in the oath that is administered to men and women who come before the committee to testify, the original proposal suggested removing “so help you God” from the oath. One of the Members on our side noticed that omission and put an amendment in place to restore “so help you God” in the oath. Fortunately, that was added back in.

I would ask the gentleman, is this going to be a trend? Is there going to be some kind of general movement by committees to try to remove “so help you God” from the oaths that are administered to witnesses?

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, not as far as I know.

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, hopefully, it is not a trend that we see.

Madam Speaker, I know the last few weeks have been contentious. We have a lot at stake as we try to get an agreement on something that actually can work to properly fund the government and properly secure the border.

I am glad that the conferees are finally meeting. I hope we don't see any attempt to run out the clock, because we do have a limited amount of time, although it is far more than enough time to reach an agreement, if all parties are truly there in earnest, and I do think they are.

I hope that they put all options on the table and listen to all the proper expert testimony that has been given on why we need to have certain amounts to secure the border and certain tactics and techniques and technology that are all going to be part of this.

Hopefully, at the end of that discussion, very quickly, they can reach an agreement that we can then bring to the House and the Senate and pass in a bipartisan way that the President can sign to finally properly fund the government and secure our Nation's border.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman.

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Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I share the gentleman's view. I hope the conferees can reach an agreement that will be agreeable to the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, both the House and the Senate, and the President.

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman and I know we look forward to welcoming the President of the United States to this House Chamber on Tuesday night for the State of the Union Address.

I appreciate the work that we are going to do together to secure our Nation's border and properly fund our government, and unless the gentleman has something else he would like to add, I yield back the balance of my time.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW;
ADJOURNMENT FROM
THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2019, TO
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2019;
HOUR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 5, 2019

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon tomorrow; when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, February 4, 2019; and when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at noon on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

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

There was no objection.