

Over a dozen lawmakers have given their vote to NANCY PELOSI on every single bill since this scheme was in place. Last night, the number was over 60 Democrats. Nearly one-third of the entire conference of the Democratic Party did not show up for work. I promise you, each and every one of them will get their paycheck.

Mr. Speaker, Americans are working hard to keep their businesses open, to keep food on the table and their kids in school. They deserve a Representative who will show up for the job, the job that they said they would do, the job they asked people to vote for them so they would come to Washington to give their voice to Congress, not to give it to NANCY PELOSI.

Mr. Speaker, this is embarrassing. This week is only about cats and cannabis when it should be about COVID. Think for one moment of what we are going to do in this body with the history of what has happened on this floor: the battle of civil rights; the question of whether to end World War I or World War II; the question of whether every man and woman is equal. Those are the things that we debate on this floor. And they were debated in the times of need.

But what is of need to the American public? We all know the challenges faced before us. We have been fighting it for months. But 40 times on this floor the Democrats have said no.

Mr. Speaker, our own Speaker of the House said we would not leave this body until we voted on COVID relief. They had 40 times to do it, and they said no.

Mr. Speaker, 4,836 times a Member didn't even show to cast a vote, and they still got paid. What about all those businesses that are shut down now permanently? There is more than \$130 billion sitting to go to the workers for small businesses.

Mr. Speaker, 23 Democrats on the other side signed a letter in September and said: If we do not get a COVID relief bill, we will sign that discharge petition.

And what does that do for the American public? It goes around the Speaker of the House so the voice could actually come to the floor and the bill could be here and voted upon. And they said they would sign it if nothing happened. I wonder if their word will be kept, because I looked at the book and it hasn't.

The Speaker of the House said we would not leave unless we had COVID relief. But they call us back, and what do they call us back for? The post office.

Well, Republicans put up COVID relief on the floor that day, but Democrats said no. They call us back this week when people are hurting, people are losing their jobs. Maybe that is why one-third of the Democrats don't show, because they don't want to show their face to the constituents, that the only thing they are going to do on the floor this week is vote about cats and cannabis.

Mr. Speaker, that is wrong, and you know it. Everybody in this body knows it. It is despicable.

If Democrats want to waste the American people's time with these ridiculous bills, they will need to show up to do it. Republicans won't be a party to this unconstitutional, undemocratic mess any longer.

PROXY VOTING

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

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I will tell you that I have sat here and listened to some of the 1 minutes from my friends across the aisle, and they are talking about the need for COVID relief.

Apparently, to get COVID relief, you have got to have cannabis. You have got to have pot. That is the Democrats' version of COVID relief this week.

But they don't feel like they all need to be here to deal with this issue, so they are going to mail it in. They are going to phone in their votes, and, quite frankly, in a most disturbing and unconstitutional manner.

Mr. Speaker, we can be here; they should be here. If this meant everything that they say it does, they would show up. They would show up and vote.

We could have had committee hearings, for Pete's sakes. We could have committee hearings where we could discuss and debate. We would have floor debates with open rules. And you know what? People would show up.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. BIGGS).

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 965, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 5, nays 220, not voting 205, as follows:

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| YEAS—5 | | |
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| NAYS—220 | | |
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| Aguilar | Boyle, Brendan | Castor (FL) |
| Allred | F. | Chu, Judy |
| Amash | Brindisi | Cicilline |
| Axne | Brown (MD) | Clark (MA) |
| Barragán | Brownley (CA) | Clarke (NY) |
| Bass | Bustos | Clay |
| Beatty | Butterfield | Cleaver |
| Bera | Carbajal | Clyburn |
| Beyer | Cárdenas | Cohen |
| Bishop (GA) | Carson (IN) | Connolly |
| Blumenauer | Cartwright | Cooper |
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| Cox (CA) | Kildee | Porter |
| Craig | Kilmer | Pressley |
| Crist | Kim | Price (NC) |
| Crow | Kind | Quigley |
| Cuellar | Kirkpatrick | Raskin |
| Cunningham | Krishnamoorthi | Rice (NY) |
| Davids (KS) | Kuster (NH) | Rose (NY) |
| Davis (CA) | Lamb | Rouda |
| Davis, Danny K. | Langevin | Royal-Allard |
| Dean | Larsen (WA) | Ruiz |
| DeGette | Larson (CT) | Ruppersberger |
| DeLauro | Lawrence | Rush |
| DelBene | Lawson (FL) | Ryan |
| Delgado | Lee (NV) | Sánchez |
| Demings | Levin (CA) | Sarbanes |
| DeSaulnier | Levin (MI) | Scanlon |
| Deutch | Lieu, Ted | Schakowsky |
| Dingell | Loebssack | Schiff |
| Doggett | Lofgren | Schneider |
| Doyle, Michael F. | Lowenthal | Schrader |
| Engel | Lowey | Schrer |
| Escarbar | Lujan | Scott (VA) |
| Eshoo | Luria | Serrano |
| Espaillat | Lynch | Sewell (AL) |
| Evans | Malinowski | Shalala |
| Finkenauer | Maloney, Carolyn B. | Sherman |
| Fletcher | Maloney, Sean | Sherrill |
| Foster | Matsui | Sires |
| Frankel | McAdams | Slotkin |
| Gabbard | McBath | Soto |
| Gallego | McCullom | Spanberger |
| Garamendi | McBachin | Speier |
| García (IL) | McGovern | Stanton |
| García (TX) | McNerney | Stevens |
| Golden | Meeks | Suozzi |
| Gomez | Meng | Swalwell (CA) |
| Gonzalez (TX) | Mifune | Takano |
| Gottheimer | Moore | Thompson (CA) |
| Green, Al (TX) | Morelle | Thompson (MS) |
| Grijalva | Moulton | Titus |
| Haaland | Mucarsel-Powell | Tonko |
| Hall | Murphy (FL) | Torres (CA) |
| Harder (CA) | Nadler | Torres Small (NM) |
| Hastings | Napolitano | Trahan |
| Hayes | Neal | Trone |
| Himes | Neguse | Underwood |
| Horn, Kendra S. | Norcross | Vargas |
| Horsford | O'Halleran | Veasey |
| Houlihan | Ocasio-Cortez | Velázquez |
| Hoyer | Omar | Wasserman |
| Huffman | Pallone | Schultz |
| Jackson Lee | Panetta | Waters |
| Jayapal | Pappas | Watson Coleman |
| Jeffries | Pascrill | Welch |
| Johnson (GA) | Payne | Wexton |
| Johnson (TX) | Perlmutter | Wild |
| Kaptur | Peters | Wilson (FL) |
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| Kelly (IL) | Phillips | |

NOT VOTING—205

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| Allen | Cole | Graves (LA) |
| Amodei | Collins (GA) | Green (TN) |
| Armstrong | Comer | Griffith |
| Arrington | Conaway | Grothman |
| Babin | Cook | Guest |
| Bacon | Crawford | Guthrie |
| Baird | Crenshaw | Hagedorn |
| Balderson | Curtis | Harris |
| Banks | Davidson (OH) | Hartzler |
| Barr | Davis, Rodney | Heck |
| Bergman | DeFazio | Hern, Kevin |
| Biggs | DesJarlais | Higgins (LA) |
| Bilirakis | Diaz-Balart | Higgins (NY) |
| Bishop (NC) | Duncan | Hill (AR) |
| Bishop (UT) | Dunn | Holding |
| Bost | Emmer | Hollingsworth |
| Brady | Estes | Hudson |
| Brooks (AL) | Ferguson | Huizenga |
| Brooks (IN) | Fitzpatrick | Hurd (TX) |
| Buchanan | Fleischmann | Jacobs |
| Buck | Flores | Johnson (LA) |
| Bucshon | Fortenberry | Johnson (OH) |
| Budd | Foxx (NC) | Johnson (SD) |
| Burchett | Fudge | Jordan |
| Burgess | Fulcher | Joyce (OH) |
| Byrne | Gaetz | Joyce (PA) |
| Calvert | Gallagher | Katko |
| Carter (GA) | Garcia (CA) | Keller |
| Carter (TX) | Gianforte | Kelly (MS) |
| Clyburn | Castro (TX) | Kelly (PA) |
| Connolly | Chabot | King (IA) |
| Cooper | Cheney | King (NY) |
| Correa | Cisneros | Kinzinger |

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| Lamborn | Reed | Thompson (PA) |
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| Lee (CA) | Rice (SC) | Tiffany |
| Lesko | Richmond | Timmons |
| Lipinski | Riggleman | Tipton |
| Long | Roby | Turner |
| Loudermilk | Rodgers (WA) | Upton |
| Lucas | Roe, David P. | Van Drew |
| Luetkemeyer | Rogers (AL) | Vela |
| Marchant | Rooney (FL) | Visclosky |
| Marshall | Rose, John W. | Wagner |
| Massie | Rouzer | Walberg |
| Mast | Roy | Walden |
| McCarthy | Rutherford | Walker |
| McCaul | Scalise | Walorski |
| McClintock | Schweikert | Waltz |
| McHenry | Scott, Austin | Watkins |
| McKinley | Scott, David | Weber (TX) |
| Meuser | Sensenbrenner | Webster (FL) |
| Miller | Shimkus | Wenstrup |
| Mitchell | Simpson | Westerman |
| Moolenaar | Smith (MO) | Williams |
| Moohey (WV) | Smith (NE) | Wilson (SC) |
| Mullin | Smith (NJ) | Wittman |
| Murphy (NC) | Smith (WA) | Woodall |
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| Norman | Stauber | Wright |
| Nunes | Stefanik | Yoho |
| Olson | Steil | Young |
| Palazzo | Steube | Zeldin |

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Messrs. BROWN of Maryland, YARMUTH, JOHNSON of Georgia, and Ms. TLAIB changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE
RESOLUTION 965, 116TH CONGRESS

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| Barragán (Beyer) | Kaptur (Dingell) | Payne |
| Bera (Aguilar) | Kennedy (Kuster) | (Wasserman |
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| Boyle, Brendan F. (Jeffries) | Kim (Davids (KS)) | Peters (Kildee) (NH)) |
| Brownley (CA) (Clark (MA)) | Kirkpatrick (Stanton) | Pingree (Kuster (NH)) |
| Carson (IN) (Cleaver) | Lamb (Golden) | Pocan (Raskin) |
| Castor (FL) (Demings) | Langevin (Lynch) | Porter (Wexton) |
| Cohen (Beyer) | Lawson (FL) | Price (NC) |
| Costa (Cooper) | Lee (NV) | (Demings) (Butterfield) |
| Dean (Scanlon) | (Kuster (NH)) | Royal-Allard (Garcia (TX)) |
| DeSaulnier (Matsui) | Lieu, Ted (Beyer) | Ruiz (Dingell) |
| Deutch (Rice (NY)) | Lofgren (Jeffries) | Rush (Underwood) |
| Doggett (Raskin) | Lowenthal (Beyer) | Schneider (Casten (IL)) |
| Doyle, Michael F. (Cartwright) | Lowey (Tonko) | Schrirer (DelBene) |
| Escobar (Garcia (TX)) | McEachin (Wexton) | Serrano (Jeffries) |
| Frankel (Clark (MA)) | McNerney (Raskin) | Sherrill (Pallone) |
| Garamendi (Sherman) | Meng (Kuster (NH)) | Sires (Norcross) |
| Grijalva (García (IL)) | Moore (Beyer) | Speier (Scanlon) |
| Hastings (Wasserman Schultz) | Mucarsel-Powell (Wasserman Schultz) | Thompson (CA) |
| Jayapal (Raskin) | Nadler (Jeffries) | (Kildee) |
| Johnson (TX) (Jeffries) | Napolitano (Correa) | Titus (Connolly) |
| | Pascarella (Pallone) | Watson Coleman (Pallone) |

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION
OF H.R. 3884, MARIJUANA OPPOR-
TUNITY REINVESTMENT AND
EXPUNGEMENT ACT OF 2019

Mr. MC GOVERN. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1244 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1244

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 3884) to decriminalize and reschedule cannabis, to provide for reinvestment in certain persons adversely impacted by the War on Drugs, to provide for expungement of certain cannabis offenses, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. In lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116-67, modified by the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, 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 the Judiciary; and (2) one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

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

Mr. MC GOVERN. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. WOODALL), my good friend, pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MC GOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members be given 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

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Mr. MC GOVERN. Mr. Speaker, before I begin, I feel I need to respond to the meltdown that occurred right before the vote on the Republican side.

As the distinguished minority leader knows, House Democrats have sent two major coronavirus relief bills over to the Senate. Sadly, those bills have been gathering dust on MITCH McCONNELL’s desk. He has refused to schedule a vote and a debate on those bills.

But the good news is that today, at 12:45, we find out that Leader McCONNELL and Speaker PELOSI have spoken about their shared commitment to completing an omnibus and COVID relief package as soon as possible. I take that as good news.

We can walk and chew gum at the same time in this Democratic-controlled House of Representatives. That means we need to deal with not only passing an omnibus bill and a COVID relief bill, but we have other work that needs to be done as well.

I find it curious, Mr. Speaker, that the bill the minority leader objected to

is a bill that deals with the unequal enforcement of our drug laws where people are treated differently and more negatively because of the color of their skin. Really?

My distinguished Republican friend did not object to any of the bills we are bringing up today sponsored by Republicans—five different bills—but he chose to object to a bill that is addressing the issue of racial justice.

Now, I guess I shouldn’t be surprised because it is consistent with the attitudes that come out of this White House, but it also makes clear to me that the Republican Party is no longer the party of Lincoln. It is the party of some of the most intolerant voices on the rightwing and those who dabble in conspiracy theories. It really is sad.

The Republicans made a motion that the House do now adjourn to highlight the fact that we are able to vote remotely in this Chamber in the midst of a pandemic. The leader said that nearly one-third of the Democratic Caucus didn’t vote yesterday, which, by the way, they did because we do have responsible voting rules in place in the middle of this pandemic. Now, get this, Mr. Speaker. But then, right after saying that, 95 percent of the Republican Conference didn’t even show up to vote. You can’t make this stuff up, Mr. Speaker.

They didn’t vote in person, and they didn’t vote remotely—nothing. Maybe I am missing something here, but I don’t think the strategy was very well thought through.

The distinguished minority leader is puzzled why we have passed rules that allow people to vote remotely during this pandemic. I have a news flash for him: Close to 275,000 people are dead. We have colleagues, both Democratic colleagues and Republican colleagues, who have been infected by this virus.

While many Republicans are rushing to attend maskless superspreader Christmas parties at the White House, we in the Democratic majority are following the guidelines by the Attending Physician in the Capitol, by the CDC, by Dr. Fauci, and by every reputable medical expert in the world.

Operating remotely during a pandemic, I want to tell my friend, is not radical, it is not unique, and it is not unprecedent or lazy. It is responsible. It is constitutional. The Supreme Court is working remotely, as are legislators around the country and around the world.

We aren’t doing this because it is convenient, Mr. Speaker. We are doing it because it is necessary, and we are doing it because we want to save lives.

So, we invite our Republican colleagues to join us, to be responsible, and to understand why these rules are so incredibly important and maybe set an example for others in this country, especially those who operate in 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, the Rules Committee met and reported a rule, House Resolution 1244, providing