

Conyers Jackson Lee  
 Cooper (TX) Neugebauer  
 Costa Jenkins Nunes  
 Costello Johnson (IL) Nye  
 Courtney Johnson, E. B. Oberstar  
 Crenshaw Johnson, Sam Obey  
 Crowley Jones Olson  
 Cuellar Jordan (OH) Oliver  
 Culberson Kagen Ortiz  
 Cummings Kanjorski Owens  
 Dahlkemper Kaptur Pallone  
 Davis (CA) Kennedy Pascrell  
 Davis (IL) Kildee Pastor (AZ)  
 Davis (KY) Kilpatrick (MI) Paul  
 Davis (TN) Kilroy Paulsen  
 DeFazio Kind Payne  
 DeGette King (IA) Peltosi  
 Delahunt King (NY) Pence  
 DeLauro Kingston Perlmutter  
 Dent Kirk Perriello  
 Diaz-Balart, L. Kirkpatrick (AZ) Peters  
 Diaz-Balart, M. Kissell Peterson  
 Dicks Klein (FL) Petri  
 Dingell Kline (MN) Pingree (ME)  
 Doggett Kosmas Pitts  
 Donnelly (IN) Kratovil Platts  
 Doyle Kucinich Poe (TX)  
 Dreier Lamborn Polis (CO)  
 Driehaus Lance Pomeroy  
 Duncan Langevin Posey  
 Edwards (MD) Larsen (WA) Price (NC)  
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 Ellison LaTourette Rahall  
 Ellsworth Latta Rangel  
 Emerson Lee (CA) Rehberg  
 Engel Lee (NY) Reichert  
 Eshoo Levin Reyes  
 Etheridge Lewis (CA) Rodriguez  
 Fallin Lewis (GA) Roe (TN)  
 Farr Linder Rogers (AL)  
 Fattah Lipinski Rogers (KY)  
 Filner LoBiondo Rogers (MI)  
 Flake Loebach Rohrabacher  
 Fleming Lofgren, Zoe Rooney  
 Forbes Lowey Ros-Lehtinen  
 Fortenberry Lucas Roskam  
 Foster Luetkemeyer Ross  
 Fox Lujan Rothman (NJ)  
 Frank (AZ) Lummis Roybal-Allard  
 Franks (MA) Lungren, Daniel Royce  
 Frelinghuysen E. Rush  
 Fudge Mack Ryan (OH)  
 Garamendi Maffei Ryan (WI)  
 Garrett (NJ) Maloney Salazar  
 Gerlach Manzullo Sanchez, Loretta  
 Giffords Marchant Sarbanes  
 Gingrey (GA) Markey (CO) Scallie  
 Gohmert Markey (MA) Schakowsky  
 Goodlatte Marshall Schauer  
 Gordon (TN) Matheson Schiff  
 Granger Matsui Schmidt  
 Graves McCarthy (CA) Schock  
 Grayson McCarthy (NY) Schwartz  
 Green, Al McCaul Scott (VA)  
 Green, Gene McClintock Sensenbrenner  
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 Guthrie McCotter Sessions  
 Gutierrez McDermott Sestak  
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 Harman McMahon Shuster  
 Harper McMorris Simpson  
 Hastings (FL) Rodgers Sires  
 Hastings (WA) McNerney Skelton  
 Heinrich Meeks (NY) Slaughter  
 Heller Melancon Smith (NE)  
 Hensarling Mica Smith (NJ)  
 Hergert Michaud Smith (TX)  
 Herseht Sandlin Miller (FL) Smith (WA)  
 Higgins Miller (MI) Snyder  
 Hill Miller (NC) Souder  
 Himes Miller, Gary Space  
 Hinchey Miller, George Speier  
 Hinojosa Minnick Spratt  
 Hirono Mitchell Stark  
 Hodes Mollohan Stearns  
 Holden Moore (KS) Stupak  
 Holt Moore (WI) Sullivan  
 Honda Moran (KS) Sutton  
 Hoyer Moran (VA) Tanner  
 Hunter Murphy (CT) Taylor  
 Inglis Murphy (NY) Teague  
 Inseele Murphy, Patrick Thompson (CA)  
 Israel Murphy, Tim Thompson (MS)  
 Issa Nadler (NY) Thompson (PA)  
 Jackson (IL) Napolitano Thornberry

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 Tiberi Vislosky  
 Tierney Walden  
 Titus Walz  
 Tonko Waters  
 Towns Watson  
 Tsongas Watt  
 Turner Waxman  
 Upton Weiner  
 Van Hollen Welch

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 Wilson (OH)  
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 Yarmuth  
 Young (FL)

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 Bilbray Lynch  
 Boehner Meek (FL)  
 Boyd Myrick  
 Campbell Price (GA)  
 Davis (AL) Radanovich  
 Gallegly Richardson  
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 Griffith Sanchez, Linda  
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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE  
 The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Two minutes remain in this 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.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4715, CLEAN ESTUARIES ACT OF 2010, 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. MCGOVERN, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 111-463) on the resolution (H. Res. 1248) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4715) to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H. CON. RES. 49

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a cosponsor of H. Con. Res. 49.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?  
 There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1549

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to withdraw my cosponsorship from H.R. 1549.

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

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS FIRST SPONSOR OF H.R. 610

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered to be the first sponsor of H.R. 610, a bill originally introduced by Representative Wexler of Florida, for the purposes of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Tennessee?  
 There was no objection.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX, I hereby notify the House of my intention to offer a resolution as a question of the privileges of the House.

The form of my resolution is as follows:

Whereas, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct initiated an investigation into allegations related to earmarks and campaign contributions in the Spring of 2009.

Whereas, on December 2, 2009, reports and findings in seven separate matters involving the alleged connection between earmarks and campaign contributions were forwarded by the Office of Congressional Ethics to the Standards Committee.

Whereas, on February 26, 2010, the Standards Committee made public its report on the matter wherein the Committee found, though a widespread perception exists among corporations and lobbyists that campaign contributions provide a greater chance of obtaining earmarks, there was no evidence that Members or their staff considered contributions when requesting earmarks.

Whereas, the Committee indicated that, with respect to the matters forwarded by the Office of Congressional Ethics, neither the evidence cited in the OCE's findings nor the evidence in the record before the Standards Committee provided a substantial reason to believe that violations of applicable standards of conduct occurred.

Whereas, the Office of Congressional Ethics is prohibited from reviewing activities taking place prior to March of 2008 and lacks the authority to subpoena witnesses and documents.

Whereas, for example, the Office of Congressional Ethics noted that in some instances documents were redacted or specific information was not provided and that, in at least one instance, they had reason to believe a witness withheld information requested and did not identify what was being withheld.

Whereas, the Office of Congressional Ethics also noted that they were able to interview only six former employees of the PMA Group, with many former employees refusing to consent to interviews and the OCE unable to obtain evidence within PMA's possession.

Whereas, Roll Call noted that "the committee report was five pages long and included no documentation of any evidence collected or any interviews conducted by the committee, beyond a statement that the investigation 'included extensive document reviews and interviews with numerous witnesses.'" (Roll Call, March 8, 2010)

Whereas, it is unclear whether the Standards Committee included in their investigation any activities that occurred prior to 2008.

Whereas, it is unclear whether the Standards Committee interviewed any Members in the course of their investigation.

Whereas, it is unclear whether the Standards Committee, in the course of their investigation, initiated their own subpoenas or followed the Office of Congressional Ethics recommendations to issue subpoenas. Therefore be it:

*Resolved*, That not later than seven days after the adoption of this resolution, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct shall report to the House of Representatives, with respect to the activities addressed in its report of February 26, 2010, (1) how many witnesses were interviewed, (2) how many, if any, subpoenas were issued in the course of their investigation, and (3) what documents were reviewed and their availability for public review.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time designated by the Chair within 2 legislative days after the resolution is properly noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentleman from Arizona will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair will not at this point determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

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#### TAX DAY

(Ms. CHU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, Republicans want Americans to believe that they are the party of tax cuts. Sure, they are—tax cuts for the rich. In these tough times, their brand of tax relief wouldn't help Sue and John, working parents who are raising three kids and who are trying to make ends meet.

Yet this Congress knows that America's future can't be based on huge tax cuts for the wealthy. We have to give real tax relief to real working Americans, and that is just what we've done. We've done it for 95 percent of working families, saving them up to \$800 a year. We've done it by making it easier for young families to buy their first homes, saving up to \$8,000, and we've done it by making it easier for parents to save up to \$2,500 to pay for college. This Congress has passed 25 different tax cuts, saving American families over \$800 billion, and more relief is on the way.

The overheated rhetoric of the minority is not based on reality. By any measure, taxes are lower today than they were under their leadership.

#### RESPONSIBLE USE OF THE AMERICAN TAX DOLLAR

(Mrs. MILLER of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, every American must file their income taxes by midnight tomorrow, and they understand that the United States Congress determines how much of their hard-earned money is taken for Federal taxes and how it is spent.

Since the Democratic majority and the Obama administration have been in charge of taxing the American people, we've seen a massive increase in taxes of \$670 billion and counting. Here are just a few examples:

Taxes on American families and businesses that don't purchase government-approved health care, taxes on medical devices, such as pacemakers and artificial limbs, taxes on businesses that provide pharmaceutical coverage for retirees, even taxes on those who go to tanning salons.

Yet, with all of these massive tax increases, the Democratic and Obama spending spree drove the Federal budget deficit to over \$1.4 trillion last year and has driven it to nearly \$1.6 trillion this year. To keep this spending spree going, they will be looking for even higher taxes. Just recently, one of the President's top economic advisers proposed a European-style value added tax that would hit every American, rich and poor.

Enough is enough. It is long past time that this Congress and this administration realized that we cannot tax and spend our way back to prosperity. How about a tax policy that we can believe in for a change? Let's get spending under control and reduce the tax burden on the American people.

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#### NATION-BUILDING HERE AT HOME

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, after 8 long years, hundreds of billions of dollars of deficit spending and, most importantly, thousands of our brave soldiers killed or wounded, it is past time to reexamine our strategy in Afghanistan.

Instead of nation-building in Afghanistan, I believe we should be doing some more nation-building here at home. The American people deserve accountability in terms of how and when our troops will be returned to their families and in terms of how taxpayer dollars are being spent.

Today, Congressman WALTER JONES and I introduced legislation that would require the President to provide a plan and a timetable for drawing down our forces in Afghanistan and to identify any variables that could require changes to that timetable. I should

note that the bill does not set a specific date for withdrawal. The bill would safeguard U.S. taxpayer dollars by ensuring all U.S. activity in Afghanistan be overseen by the Inspector General.

We must aggressively go after al Qaeda and its allies wherever they are, but I am not convinced that a long-term occupation of Afghanistan in support of a corrupt, incompetent government is in our best national security interests.

I urge my colleagues to join us in this effort.

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#### NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN THE HANDS OF TERRORISTS

(Mr. KIRK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, two Middle Eastern newspapers reported today that Syria has transferred scud missiles to a terrorist group in Lebanon. This repeats actions by Iran and Syria in 2006 when they gave cruise missiles to Hezbollah. It shows that the Syrians and Iranians have no wish to control their arsenals. They will transfer any weapon they own to terrorist groups. These reports tell us two things:

First, the U.N. army that we sent to Lebanon in 2006 is an utter failure that makes no effort to stop the largest missiles from deploying next to their very own U.N. camps. Second, it shows that, once Iran makes nuclear weapons, it will transfer them to terrorists like Hezbollah and who knows who else.

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#### THE IRANIAN NUCLEAR THREAT

(Ms. BERKLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today out of great concern about the Iranian nuclear threat. As dozens of foreign leaders meet here in Washington to stop the spread of nuclear weapons, I am deeply worried that we are allowing the greatest potential nuclear threat in the world to go unchecked. Iran has repeatedly threatened to wipe Israel off the map. They have threatened to destabilize the entire Middle East and, with that, the entire global community.

In his last visit to the United States, former Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said that a nuclear Iran "represents as great a threat to the United States, to Europe and to the entire Middle East as it does to Israel."

The rest of the world should not expect Israel to do its dirty work. I agreed with that then. I agree with it now.

If we want to avoid a nuclear Iran—and I believe we must—and if we want to ensure that Israel does not have to take matters into its own hands, we must immediately enact strong, effective economic sanctions that make it