

days, there is no legitimate reason we cannot meet that deadline.

Indeed, given the larger context in which we operate, I would submit that this Congress has a moral obligation to enact election reform before we adjourn:

Mr. Speaker, over the last year this country has committed vast resources to ridding the world of those who would employ the tools of terror to destroy systems of government that derive their legitimacy from the ballot box.

In just the past few weeks we in Congress have been challenged to contemplate the use of overwhelming military might to bring to heel one of the great despots of the past 50 years, a figure whose utter contempt for democracy and the people he rules is the only reason he has held power for so long.

As we consider such profound measures to extend democracy where it does not now exist and strengthen it where it is fragile, we have an urgent responsibility to do the same at home.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to pass this motion.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time, and I wish to thank the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), my friend, who has been steadfast in his support and building a rationale in this country for election reform. He did not need to be asked. He rose to the occasion. He worked extremely hard in this Congress. He held hands with the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY). This has been a bipartisan push, and it has to happen.

It is very difficult for me to understand why it has not happened. The gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) has laid out here a history of what has happened. I am a part of that history. I make history every day, and the people I represent make history because we are being misrepresented when the vote is not counted. We may go throughout the highways and byways of this country and get people to go to the polls and vote; but if their votes are not counted, it undermines a system which we are so proud of.

We are proud of this country. We know what it can do. We know what it has done. And we are saying over and over again we cannot accept the fact that many people, over 22,000 of them in Broward and Dade County, were overlooked, even more than that in Duvall County. The gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. BROWN) has nightmares of what happened in Duvall County. The gentleman from Florida (Mr. HASTINGS) and I have nightmares of what happened in Dade and Broward. But now it is beginning to happen to all citizens.

Not many people got alarmed when it happened to the people I represent. I came to this Congress, and I talked about it. I represent those people who are underrepresented. But now it is beginning to happen to the American populace. It happened when Janet Reno ran for Governor in Florida. People who wanted to vote for her could not. People who thought they had voted for her had not.

It is extremely important, Mr. Speaker; and I again appeal to this Congress, with the conscience I know my colleagues have, to stand up for America and see that the conferees get their work done, get it done immediately, and report it and the President pass it. Otherwise, the talking is cheap. Only their confidence, only their good will, only action will prove that every vote will count.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 3295, introduced by the gentlewoman from Florida, Mrs. MEEK.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for the Members of Conference Committee to convene a public meeting, finish their work on this legislation, and report it out.

It is time to have a final election reform bill on the floor of the House of Representatives. We've waited long enough.

For the past three weeks now, I have joined a number of Members at this podium and recounted how allegations of voter intimidation, inaccurate voter registration lists, arbitrary ballot counting standards and antiquated machinery deprived so many citizens of their right to vote during the 2000 election.

Just last week, we called for the House-Senate Conference Committee to complete their work by no later than October 1st.

Unfortunately, yet another week has come and gone, and still we have no election reform bill.

How can we go home to our Districts and look our constituents in the eye if we fail to enact legislation to protect this most sacred right, a right that is the cornerstone of our democracy?

Recent primary elections in Florida and elsewhere have only confirmed that the problems of the 2000 elections will still haunt us until we pass legislation to enact meaningful election reform standards. We in Congress have legislation almost within our grasp that will take giant strides to remedy the disenfranchisement of the last election.

We must pass this bill, and we must send it to the President for his signature before another day passes.

Now, it has taken a substantial amount of work to get us where we are today. I believe all Members of the Conference Committee deserve our gratitude for their work on this difficult issue.

I would also like to salute my colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus for fighting to make "every vote count".

But while I recognize these individuals for their hard work, I want to remind all of them that our work will be for naught if we fail to pass this legislation.

In just 34 days, Americans across the country will go to the polls to cast ballots for their elected representatives.

Congress must act immediately to ensure that every American has the right to vote and to have their vote counted. Time is running out for the 107th Congress.

We've come so close to compromise, and the price for not passing election reform is far too high. It's time to quit wasting time.

I call on the Conference Committee finish its hard work, convene a public meeting, and

come to an agreement before October 4, 2002. We cannot afford to let this opportunity slip away.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Without objection, the previous question is ordered.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct offered by the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. MEEK).

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

Mrs. MEEK 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.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 37 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. QUINN) at 2 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put each question on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the following order:

H. Res. 543, de novo;

H. Res. 559, de novo;

Motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3295, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

SENSE OF HOUSE THAT CONGRESS SHOULD COMPLETE ACTION ON H.R. 4019, PERMANENT MARRIAGE PENALTY RELIEF ACT OF 2002

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question de novo on the resolution, House Resolution 543.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 285, nays 130, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 430]
YEAS—285

Abercrombie	Dicks	Kennedy (RI)
Aderholt	Dooley	Kerns
Akin	Doolittle	Kind (WI)
Allen	Doyle	King (NY)
Armey	Dreier	Kingston
Bachus	Duncan	Kirk
Baird	Dunn	Knollenberg
Baker	Edwards	Kolbe
Baldacci	Ehlers	LaHood
Ballenger	Emerson	Lantos
Barcia	Engel	Latham
Barr	English	LaTourette
Barrett	Etheridge	Leach
Bartlett	Everett	Lewis (CA)
Barton	Ferguson	Lewis (KY)
Bass	Flake	Linder
Bereuter	Fletcher	Lipinski
Berkley	Foley	LoBiondo
Biggert	Forbes	Lucas (KY)
Bilirakis	Ford	Lucas (OK)
Bishop	Fossella	Luther
Blagojevich	Frelinghuysen	Maloney (CT)
Blunt	Galleghy	Maloney (NY)
Boehler	Ganske	Manzullo
Boehner	Gekas	Matheson
Bonilla	Gibbons	McCarthy (NY)
Bono	Gilchrest	McCreery
Boozman	Gillmor	McHugh
Boswell	Goode	McInnis
Boucher	Goodlatte	McIntyre
Brady (TX)	Gordon	McKeon
Brown (FL)	Goss	McKinney
Brown (SC)	Graham	McNulty
Bryant	Granger	Meeks (NY)
Burr	Graves	Mica
Burton	Green (WI)	Miller, Dan
Buyer	Greenwood	Miller, Gary
Callahan	Grucci	Miller, Jeff
Calvert	Gutknecht	Moore
Camp	Hall (TX)	Moran (KS)
Cannon	Hansen	Morella
Cantor	Harman	Myrick
Capito	Hart	Nethercutt
Capps	Hastings (WA)	Ney
Carson (OK)	Hayes	Northup
Castle	Hayworth	Norwood
Chabot	Hefley	Nussle
Chambliss	Hinojosa	Osborne
Clay	Hobson	Ose
Clement	Hoekstra	Otter
Clyburn	Holden	Oxley
Coble	Holt	Paul
Collins	Hoolley	Pence
Combust	Horn	Peterson (MN)
Condit	Hostettler	Peterson (PA)
Costello	Houghton	Petri
Cox	Hulshof	Phelps
Cramer	Hunter	Pickering
Crane	Hyde	Platts
Crenshaw	Isakson	Pombo
Cubin	Israel	Pomeroy
Culberson	Issa	Portman
Cunningham	Istook	Pryce (OH)
Davis (CA)	Jefferson	Putnam
Davis (FL)	Jenkins	Quinn
Davis, Jo Ann	John	Radanovich
Davis, Tom	Johnson (CT)	Ramstad
DeFazio	Johnson (IL)	Regula
DeLay	Jones (NC)	Rehberg
DeMint	Keller	Reynolds
Deutsch	Kelly	Riley
Diaz-Balart	Kennedy (MN)	Roemer

Rogers (KY)	Simpson	Tiberi
Rogers (MI)	Skeen	Toomey
Rohrabacher	Skelton	Towns
Ros-Lehtinen	Smith (MI)	Udall (CO)
Ross	Smith (NJ)	Upton
Royce	Smith (TX)	Vitter
Ryan (WI)	Smith (WA)	Walden
Ryun (KS)	Snyder	Walsh
Sanders	Souder	Wamp
Sandlin	Stearns	Watkins (OK)
Saxton	Stupak	Watts (OK)
Schaffer	Sullivan	Weldon (FL)
Schrock	Sununu	Weldon (PA)
Sensenbrenner	Sweeney	Weller
Sessions	Tancredo	Whitfield
Shadegg	Tauzin	Wicker
Shaw	Taylor (NC)	Wilson (NM)
Shays	Terry	Wilson (SC)
Sherwood	Thomas	Wolf
Shimkus	Thompson (MS)	Wu
Shows	Thornberry	Wynn
Shuster	Thune	Young (AK)
Simmons	Tiahrt	Young (FL)

NAYS—130

Ackerman	Hoyer	Ortiz
Andrews	Inslee	Owens
Baca	Jackson (IL)	Pallone
Baldwin	Jackson-Lee	Pascarell
Becerra	(TX)	Pastor
Bentsen	Johnson, E. B.	Payne
Berman	Jones (OH)	Pelosi
Berry	Kanjorski	Price (NC)
Blumenauer	Kaptur	Rangel
Bonior	Kildee	Reyes
Borski	Kilpatrick	Rivers
Boyd	Kleczka	Rodriguez
Brady (PA)	Kucinich	Rothman
Brown (OH)	LaFalce	Roybal-Allard
Capuano	Langevin	Rush
Cardin	Larsen (WA)	Sabo
Carson (IN)	Larson (CT)	Sawyer
Clayton	Lee	Schakowsky
Conyers	Levin	Schiff
Coyne	Lewis (GA)	Scott
Crowley	Lofgren	Serrano
Cummings	Lowey	Sherman
Davis (IL)	Lynch	Slaughter
DeGette	Markey	Solis
Delahunt	Matsui	Spratt
DeLauro	McCarthy (MO)	Stark
Dingell	McCollum	Stenholm
Doggett	McDermott	Strickland
Eshoo	McGovern	Tauscher
Evans	Meehan	Taylor (MS)
Farr	Meek (FL)	Thompson (CA)
Fattah	Menendez	Thurman
Filner	Millender-	Tierney
Frank	McDonald	Turner
Frost	Miller, George	Udall (NM)
Gephardt	Mollohan	Velazquez
Gonzalez	Moran (VA)	Visclosky
Green (TX)	Murtha	Waters
Gutierrez	Nadler	Watson (CA)
Hill	Napolitano	Watt (NC)
Hilliard	Neal	Waxman
Hinchev	Oberstar	Weiner
Hoefel	Obey	Wexler
Honda	Oliver	Woolsey

NOT VOTING—16

Cooksey	Hilleary	Roukema
Deal	Johnson, Sam	Sanchez
Ehrlich	Lampson	Stump
Gilman	Mascara	Tanner
Hastings (FL)	Pitts	
Herger	Rahall	

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Messrs. SCOTT, INSLEE, KUCINICH, LARSON of Connecticut, PAYNE, PALLONE, WAXMAN, EVANS, SPRATT, FILNER, WATT of North Carolina, BONIOR, FARR of California, and Ms. MCCOLLUM changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

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

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

□ 1430

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. QUINN). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the minimum time for electronic votes on each question on which the Chair has postponed further proceedings.

EXPEDITED SPECIAL ELECTIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question de novo of agreeing to the resolution, House Resolution 559.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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.

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 414, nays 0, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 431]

YEAS—414

Abercrombie	Capps	Everett
Ackerman	Capuano	Farr
Aderholt	Cardin	Fattah
Akin	Carson (IN)	Ferguson
Allen	Carson (OK)	Filner
Andrews	Castle	Flake
Armey	Chabot	Fletcher
Baca	Chambliss	Foley
Bachus	Clay	Forbes
Baird	Clement	Ford
Baker	Clyburn	Fossella
Baldacci	Coble	Frank
Baldwin	Collins	Frelinghuysen
Ballenger	Combust	Frost
Barcia	Condit	Galleghy
Barr	Conyers	Ganske
Barrett	Costello	Gekas
Bartlett	Cox	Gephardt
Barton	Coyne	Gibbons
Bass	Cramer	Gilchrest
Becerra	Crane	Gillmor
Bentsen	Crenshaw	Gilman
Bereuter	Crowley	Gonzalez
Berkley	Cubin	Goode
Berman	Culberson	Goodlatte
Berry	Cummings	Gordon
Biggert	Cunningham	Goss
Bilirakis	Davis (CA)	Graham
Bishop	Davis (FL)	Granger
Blagojevich	Davis (IL)	Graves
Blumenauer	Davis, Jo Ann	Green (TX)
Blunt	Davis, Tom	Green (WI)
Boehler	DeFazio	Greenwood
Boehner	DeGette	Grucci
Bonilla	Delahunt	Gutierrez
Bonior	DeLauro	Gutknecht
Bono	DeLay	Hall (TX)
Boozman	DeMint	Hansen
Borski	Deutsch	Harman
Boswell	Diaz-Balart	Hart
Boucher	Dicks	Hastings (WA)
Boyd	Dingell	Hayes
Brady (PA)	Doggett	Hayworth
Brady (TX)	Dooley	Hefley
Brown (FL)	Doolittle	Hill
Brown (OH)	Doyle	Hilliard
Brown (SC)	Dreier	Hinchev
Bryant	Duncan	Hinojosa
Burr	Dunn	Hobson
Burton	Edwards	Hoefel
Buyer	Ehlers	Hoekstra
Callahan	Emerson	Holden
Calvert	Engel	Holt
Camp	English	Honda
Cannon	Eshoo	Hoolley
Cantor	Etheridge	Horn
Capito	Evans	Hostettler