

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

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

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

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. McNULTY. Madam Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 361, noes 48, answered "present" 2, not voting 23, as follows:

[Roll No. 626]

AYES—361

Abercrombie	Cramer	Hayes
Ackerman	Crenshaw	Hayworth
Aderholt	Crowley	Hensarling
Akin	Culberson	Henger
Alexander	Cummings	Hill
Allen	Cunningham	Hinchey
Andrews	Davis (AL)	Hinojosa
Baca	Davis (CA)	Hobson
Bachus	Davis (FL)	Hoefel
Baird	Davis (IL)	Hoekstra
Baker	Davis (TN)	Holden
Ballance	Davis, Jo Ann	Holt
Barrett (SC)	Davis, Tom	Honda
Bartlett (MD)	Deal (GA)	Hooley (OR)
Barton (TX)	DeGette	Hostettler
Bass	Delahunt	Houghton
Beauprez	DeLauro	Hoyer
Becerra	DeLay	Hunter
Bell	Deutsch	Hyde
Bereuter	Diaz-Balart, L.	Inslee
Berkley	Diaz-Balart, M.	Isakson
Berman	Dicks	Israel
Biggart	Doggett	Issa
Bilirakis	Dooley (CA)	Istook
Bishop (GA)	Doolittle	Jackson (IL)
Bishop (NY)	Doyle	Jackson-Lee
Bishop (UT)	Dreier	(TX)
Blackburn	Duncan	Janklow
Blumenauer	Dunn	Jefferson
Blunt	Edwards	John
Boehlert	Emanuel	Johnson (CT)
Boehner	Emerson	Johnson (IL)
Bonilla	Engel	Johnson, E. B.
Bonner	Eshoo	Johnson, Sam
Bono	Etheridge	Jones (NC)
Boozman	Evans	Jones (OH)
Boswell	Everett	Kanjorski
Boucher	Farr	Keller
Bradley (NH)	Fattah	Kelly
Brown (OH)	Feeney	Kennedy (RI)
Brown (SC)	Ferguson	Kildee
Brown-Waite,	Flake	Kilpatrick
Ginny	Foley	Kind
Burgess	Forbes	King (IA)
Burns	Frank (MA)	King (NY)
Burr	Franks (AZ)	Kingston
Burton (IN)	Frelinghuysen	Kirk
Buyer	Frost	Klecza
Calvert	Gallely	Kline
Camp	Garrett (NJ)	Knollenberg
Cannon	Gerlach	Kolbe
Cantor	Gibbons	LaHood
Capito	Gingrey	Lampson
Capps	Gonzalez	Langevin
Cardin	Goode	Larson (CT)
Cardoza	Goodlatte	LaTourette
Carter	Gordon	Leach
Case	Goss	Lee
Castle	Granger	Levin
Chabot	Graves	Lewis (CA)
Chocola	Green (WI)	Lewis (GA)
Clay	Greenwood	Linder
Clyburn	Gutierrez	Lipinski
Coble	Hall	Lofgren
Collins	Harman	Lowe
Conyers	Harris	Lucas (KY)
Cooper	Conyers	Lucas (OK)
Cox	Hastings (WA)	Lynch

Maloney	Pelosi	Simpson
Manzullo	Pence	Skelton
Markey	Peterson (PA)	Slaughter
Marshall	Petri	Smith (MI)
Matsui	Pickering	Smith (NJ)
McCarthy (MO)	Platts	Smith (TX)
McCarthy (NY)	Pombo	Smith (WA)
McCollum	Pomeroy	Snyder
McCotter	Porter	Solis
McCreery	Portman	Souder
McHugh	Price (NC)	Spratt
McInnis	Pryce (OH)	Stearns
McIntyre	Putnam	Stenholm
McKeon	Quinn	Sullivan
Meehan	Rahall	Tancredo
Meek (FL)	Rangel	Tanner
Meeks (NY)	Regula	Tauscher
Menendez	Rehberg	Tauzin
Mica	Renzi	Taylor (NC)
Michaud	Reyes	Terry
Millender-	Reynolds	Thomas
McDonald	Rodriguez	Thompson (CA)
Miller (FL)	Rogers (AL)	Thornberry
Miller (MI)	Rogers (KY)	Tiahrt
Miller (NC)	Rogers (MI)	Tiberi
Miller, Gary	Rohrabacher	Tierney
Mollohan	Ros-Lehtinen	Towns
Moran (KS)	Ross	Turner (OH)
Moran (VA)	Rothman	Turner (TX)
Murphy	Roybal-Allard	Upton
Murtha	Ruppersberger	Van Hollen
Musgrave	Rush	Velazquez
Myrick	Ryan (OH)	Vitter
Nadler	Ryan (WI)	Walden (OR)
Napolitano	Ryun (KS)	Walsh
Neal (MA)	Sanchez, Linda	Wamp
Nethercutt	T.	Watson
Neugebauer	Sandlin	Watt
Ney	Saxton	Waxman
Northup	Schiff	Weiner
Norwood	Schrock	Weldon (FL)
Nunes	Scott (GA)	Weldon (PA)
Nussle	Scott (VA)	Wexler
Obey	Sensenbrenner	Whitfield
Osborne	Serrano	Wicker
Ose	Sessions	Wilson (NM)
Otter	Shadegg	Wilson (SC)
Owens	Shaw	Wolf
Oxley	Shays	Woolsey
Pallone	Sherman	Wu
Pascarell	Sherwood	Wynn
Paul	Shimkus	Young (AK)
Payne	Shuster	Young (FL)
Pearce	Simmons	

NOES—48

Baldwin	Hastings (FL)
Berry	Hefley
Brady (PA)	Hulshof
Brown, Corrine	Kennedy (MN)
Capuano	Kucinich
Costello	Latham
Crane	LoBiondo
DeFazio	Matheson
English	McDermott
Filner	McGovern
Ford	McNulty
Fossella	Miller, George
Gillmor	Moore
Green (TX)	Oberstar
Grijalva	Olver
Gutknecht	Pastor

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—2

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NOT VOTING—23

Ballenger	Ehlers	Lewis (KY)
Boyd	Fletcher	Ortiz
Brady (TX)	Gephardt	Pitts
Carson (OK)	Gilchrest	Radanovich
Cole	Jenkins	Royce
Cubin	Kapture	Sanders
DeMint	Lantos	Toomey
Dingell	Larsen (WA)	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT) (during the vote). Members are advised 2 minutes remain in this vote.

□ 1251

Ms. WATERS changed her vote from "aye" to "no."
So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

WALTER F. EHRNFELT, JR. POST OFFICE BUILDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 3300.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3300, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 410, nays 0, not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 627]

YEAS—410

Abercrombie	Cole	Gordon
Ackerman	Collins	Goss
Aderholt	Conyers	Granger
Akin	Cooper	Graves
Alexander	Costello	Green (TX)
Allen	Cox	Green (WI)
Andrews	Cramer	Greenwood
Baca	Crane	Grijalva
Bachus	Crenshaw	Gutierrez
Baird	Crowley	Gutknecht
Baker	Culberson	Hall
Baldwin	Cummings	Harman
Ballance	Cunningham	Harris
Barrett (SC)	Davis (AL)	Hart
Bartlett (MD)	Davis (CA)	Hastings (FL)
Barton (TX)	Davis (FL)	Hastings (WA)
Bass	Davis (IL)	Hayes
Beauprez	Davis (TN)	Hayworth
Becerra	Davis, Jo Ann	Hefley
Bell	Davis, Tom	Hensarling
Bereuter	Deal (GA)	Herger
Berkley	DeFazio	Hill
Berman	DeGette	Hinchey
Berry	Delahunt	Hinojosa
Biggart	DeLauro	Hobson
Bilirakis	DeLay	Hoefel
Bishop (GA)	Deutsch	Hoekstra
Bishop (NY)	Diaz-Balart, L.	Holden
Bishop (UT)	Diaz-Balart, M.	Holt
Blackburn	Dicks	Honda
Blumenauer	Doggett	Hooley (OR)
Blunt	Dooley (CA)	Hostettler
Boehlert	Doolittle	Houghton
Boehner	Doyle	Hoyer
Bonilla	Dreier	Hulshof
Bonner	Duncan	Hunter
Bono	Dunn	Hyde
Boozman	Edwards	Inslee
Boswell	Emanuel	Isakson
Boucher	Emerson	Israel
Bradley (NH)	Engel	Issa
Brady (PA)	English	Istook
Brown (OH)	Eshoo	Jackson (IL)
Brown (SC)	Etheridge	Jackson-Lee
Brown, Corrine	Evans	(TX)
Brown-Waite,	Everett	Janklow
Ginny	Farr	Jefferson
Burgess	Fattah	John
Burns	Feeney	Johnson (CT)
Burr	Ferguson	Johnson (IL)
Burton (IN)	Filner	Johnson, E. B.
Buyer	Flake	Johnson, Sam
Calvert	Foley	Jones (NC)
Camp	Forbes	Jones (OH)
Cannon	Ford	Kanjorski
Cantor	Fossella	Keller
Capito	Frank (MA)	Kelly
Capps	Franks (AZ)	Kennedy (MN)
Capuano	Frelinghuysen	Kennedy (RI)
Cardin	Frost	Kildee
Carson (IN)	Gallely	Kilpatrick
Carter	Garrett (NJ)	Kind
Case	Gerlach	King (IA)
Castle	Gibbons	King (NY)
Chabot	Gillmor	Kingston
Chocola	Gingrey	Kirk
Clyburn	Gonzalez	Klecza
Coble	Goode	Kline
	Goodlatte	Knollenberg

Kolbe	Nunes	Sherman
Kucinich	Nussle	Sherwood
LaHood	Oberstar	Shimkus
Lampson	Obey	Shuster
Langevin	Olver	Simmons
Larson (CT)	Osborne	Simpson
Latham	Ose	Skelton
LaTourette	Otter	Slaughter
Leach	Owens	Smith (MI)
Lee	Oxley	Smith (NJ)
Levin	Pallone	Smith (TX)
Lewis (CA)	Pascrell	Smith (WA)
Lewis (GA)	Pastor	Snyder
Lewis (KY)	Paul	Solis
Linder	Payne	Souder
Lipinski	Pearce	Spratt
LoBiondo	Pence	Stark
Lofgren	Peterson (MN)	Stearns
Lowe	Peterson (PA)	Stenholm
Lucas (KY)	Petri	Strickland
Lucas (OK)	Pickering	Stupak
Lynch	Platts	Sullivan
Majette	Pombo	Sweeney
Maloney	Pomeroy	Tancredo
Manzullo	Porter	Tanner
Markey	Portman	Tauscher
Marshall	Price (NC)	Tauzin
Matheson	Pryce (OH)	Taylor (MS)
Matsui	Putnam	Taylor (NC)
McCarthy (MO)	Quinn	Terry
McCarthy (NY)	Rahall	Thomas
McCollum	Ramstad	Thompson (CA)
McCotter	Rangel	Thompson (MS)
McCrery	Regula	Thornberry
McDermott	Rehberg	Tiahrt
McGovern	Renzi	Tiberi
McHugh	Reyes	Tierney
McInnis	Reynolds	Towns
McIntyre	Rodriguez	Turner (OH)
McKeon	Rogers (AL)	Turner (TX)
McNulty	Rogers (KY)	Udall (CO)
Meehan	Rogers (MI)	Udall (NM)
Meek (FL)	Rohrabacher	Upton
Meeks (NY)	Ros-Lehtinen	Van Hollen
Menendez	Ross	Velazquez
Mica	Rothman	Visclosky
Michaud	Roybal-Allard	Vitter
Millender-	Ruppersberger	Walden (OR)
McDonald	Rush	Walsh
Miller (FL)	Ryan (OH)	Wamp
Miller (MI)	Ryan (WI)	Waters
Miller (NC)	Ryun (KS)	Watson
Miller, Gary	Sabo	Watt
Miller, George	Sanchez, Linda	Waxman
Mollohan	T. Sanchez, Loretta	Weiner
Moore	Sandlin	Weldon (FL)
Moran (KS)	Saxton	Weldon (PA)
Moran (VA)	Schakowsky	Weller
Murtha	Schiff	Wexler
Musgrave	Schrock	Whitfield
Myrick	Scott (GA)	Wicker
Nadler	Scott (VA)	Wilson (NM)
Napolitano	Sensenbrenner	Wilson (SC)
Neal (MA)	Serrano	Wolf
Nethercutt	Sessions	Woolsey
Neugebauer	Shadegg	Wu
Ney	Shaw	Wynn
Northup	Shays	Young (AK)
Norwood		Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—24

Ballenger	Ehlers	Murphy
Boyd	Fletcher	Ortiz
Brady (TX)	Gephardt	Pelosi
Cardoza	Gilchrest	Pitts
Carson (OK)	Jenkins	Radanovich
Cubin	Kaptur	Royce
DeMint	Lantos	Sanders
Dingell	Larsen (WA)	Toomey

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised 2 minutes remain in this vote.

□ 1300

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 2673, AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees:

Messrs. Young of Florida, REGULA, LEWIS of California, WOLF, WALSH, HOBSON, BONILLA, KINGSTON, FRELING-HUYSEN, NETHERCUTT, LATHAM, GOODE, LAHOOD, OBEY, MURTHA, MOLLOHAN, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. DELAURO, and Messrs. HINCHEY, FARR, BOYD and FATTAH.

There was no objection.

WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 6, ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 443 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 443

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 6) to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, and for other purposes. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived. The conference report shall be considered as read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the ranking minority member of the Committee on Rules, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FROST), 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.

(Mr. HASTINGS of Washington asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, House Resolution 443 is a rule providing for the consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 6, the Energy Policy Act of 2003. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and its consideration and provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

Over the past several months, more and more Americans have experienced firsthand the crippling effects of America's outdated energy systems. For example, natural gas supply shortages resulting from conflicting government policies have caused home heating bills to skyrocket and forced businesses to

lay off thousands of workers. In addition, this summer's great blackout exposed the vulnerability of our Nation's deteriorating electricity grids. It is absolutely critical that Congress approve a comprehensive national energy bill this year so that all Americans will have access to more efficient, affordable, and environmentally responsible energy supplies. As a Nation, we simply cannot afford to wait any longer for this important legislation.

I am pleased, therefore, that later today the House will have an opportunity to pass a conference report on H.R. 6 that clearly meets these imperatives. The conference agreement improves our Nation's electricity transmission capacity and reliability. It promotes a cleaner environment by encouraging new innovation and the use of alternative power sources.

The bill also authorizes \$200 million for the Clean Cities program, which will provide grants to State and local governments to acquire alternative fueled vehicles. The agreement promotes clean coal technology and provides incentives for renewable sources such as biomass, wind, solar, geothermal and hydroelectricity. It also provides leadership in energy conservation by establishing new mandatory efficiency requirements for Federal buildings and higher standards and stricter labeling for a variety of energy-consuming commercial products.

The conference report allows for stepped up natural gas exploration and development in the Gulf of Mexico and permits construction of a natural gas pipeline from Alaska's North Slope to the Lower 48. The bill also decreases America's dangerous dependence on foreign oil by increasing domestic oil and gas exploration and development on nonpark Federal lands and by expanding the Strategic Petroleum Reserve capacity to 1 billion barrels.

The bill encourages more nuclear and hydropower production by authorizing the Department of Energy to develop accelerated programs for the production and supply of energy and sets the stage for building badly needed nuclear power plants by reauthorizing the Price-Anderson Act.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, as a Member who represents a region heavily dependent on hydroelectric power, I am pleased that the conferees included bipartisan reforms of the lengthy and costly hydrorelicensing process. These reforms will maintain environmental standards while providing utilities the flexibility to reduce their costs in achieving those standards.

Mr. Speaker, the Nation needs this energy bill, and it needs it now. Accordingly, I urge my colleagues to support both the rule and the underlying conference report.

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

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. FROST asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)