

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

Ms. CASTOR. Mr. Speaker, despite the threatened veto by the White House, we will continue to stand on the side of America's hardworking families today and pass this landmark affordable housing trust fund bill. This will help our States and our communities achieve over 1 million new affordable homes for our neighbors over the coming years.

I urge a "yes" vote on the previous question and on the rule.

The material previously referred to by Mr. HASTINGS of Washington is as follows:

AMENDMENT TO H. RES. 720 OFFERED BY MR. HASTINGS OF WASHINGTON

At the end of the resolution, add the following:

SEC. 3. That immediately upon the adoption of this resolution the House shall, without intervention of any point of order, consider the resolution (H. Res. 479) to amend the Rules of the House of Representatives to provide for enforcement of clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives. The resolution shall be considered as ordered on the resolution to final adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Rules; and (2) one motion to recommend.

(The information contained herein was provided by Democratic Minority on multiple occasions throughout the 109th Congress.)

THE VOTE ON THE PREVIOUS QUESTION: WHAT IT REALLY MEANS

This vote, the vote on whether to order the previous question on a special rule, is not merely a procedural vote. A vote against ordering the previous question is a vote against the Democratic majority agenda and a vote to allow the opposition, at least for the moment, to offer an alternative plan. It is a vote about what the House should be debating.

Mr. Clarence Cannon's Precedents of the House of Representatives, (VI, 308-311) describes the vote on the previous question on the rule as "a motion to direct or control the consideration of the subject before the House being made by the Member in charge." To defeat the previous question is to give the opposition a chance to decide the subject before the House. Cannon cites the Speaker's ruling of January 13, 1920, to the effect that "the refusal of the House to sustain the demand for the previous question passes the control of the resolution to the opposition" in order to offer an amendment. On March 15, 1909, a member of the majority party offered a rule resolution. The House defeated the previous question and a member of the opposition rose to a parliamentary inquiry, asking who was entitled to recognition. Speaker Joseph G. Cannon (R-Illinois) said: "The previous question having been refused, the gentleman from New York, Mr. Fitzgerald, who had asked the gentleman to yield to him for an amendment, is entitled to the first recognition."

Because the vote today may look bad for the Democratic majority they will say "the vote on the previous question is simply a vote on whether to proceed to an immediate vote on adopting the resolution . . . [and] has no substantive legislative or policy implications whatsoever." But that is not what

they have always said. Listen to the definition of the previous question used in the Floor Procedures Manual published by the Rules Committee in the 109th Congress, (page 56). Here's how the Rules Committee described the rule using information from Congressional Quarterly's "American Congressional Dictionary": "If the previous question is defeated, control of debate shifts to the leading opposition member (usually the minority Floor Manager) who then manages an hour of debate and may offer a germane amendment to the pending business."

Deschler's Procedure in the U.S. House of Representatives, the subchapter titled "Amending Special Rules" states: "a refusal to order the previous question on such a rule [a special rule reported from the Committee on Rules] opens the resolution to amendment and further debate." (Chapter 21, section 21.2) Section 21.3 continues: Upon rejection of the motion for the previous question on a resolution reported from the Committee on Rules, control shifts to the Member leading the opposition to the previous question, who may offer a proper amendment or motion and who controls the time for debate thereon."

Clearly, the vote on the previous question on a rule does have substantive policy implications. It is one of the only available tools for those who oppose the Democratic majority's agenda and allows those with alternative views the opportunity to offer an alternative plan.

Ms. CASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

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

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. 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. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

□ 1145

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on postponed questions, in the following order:

ordering the previous question on H. Res. 720, de novo;

adoption of H. Res. 720, if ordered;

ordering the previous question on H. Res. 719, de novo; and

adoption of H. Res. 719, if ordered.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2895, NATIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND ACT OF 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on or-

dering the previous question on House Resolution 720, which the Chair will put de novo.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

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

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. 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 223, nays 195, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 951]

YEAS—223

Abercrombie	Green, Al	Murphy, Patrick
Ackerman	Green, Gene	Murtha
Allen	Grijalva	Nadler
Altmire	Gutierrez	Napolitano
Andrews	Hall (NY)	Neal (MA)
Arcuri	Hare	Oberstar
Baca	Harman	Obey
Baird	Hastings (FL)	Oliver
Baldwin	Herseth Sandlin	Ortiz
Becerra	Higgins	Pallone
Berkley	Hinchev	Pascarell
Berman	Hinojosa	Pastor
Berry	Hirono	Payne
Bishop (GA)	Hodes	Perlmutter
Bishop (NY)	Holden	Peterson (MN)
Blumenauer	Holt	Pomeroy
Boswell	Honda	Price (NC)
Boucher	Hooley	Rahall
Boyd (FL)	Hoyer	Rangel
Boyd (KS)	Inslee	Reyes
Brady (PA)	Israel	Richardson
Braley (IA)	Jackson (IL)	Rodriguez
Brown, Corrine	Jackson-Lee	Ross
Butterfield	(TX)	Rothman
Capps	Jefferson	Royal-Allard
Capuano	Johnson (GA)	Ruppersberger
Cardoza	Jones (OH)	Rush
Carnahan	Kagen	Ryan (OH)
Carney	Kanjorski	Salazar
Castor	Kaptur	Sanchez, Linda
Chandler	Kennedy	T.
Clarke	Kildee	Sanchez, Loretta
Clay	Kilpatrick	Sarbanes
Cleaver	Kind	Schakowsky
Clyburn	Klein (FL)	Schiff
Cohen	Kucinich	Schwartz
Conyers	Lampson	Scott (GA)
Cooper	Langevin	Scott (VA)
Costa	Lantos	Serrano
Costello	Larsen (WA)	Sestak
Courtney	Larson (CT)	Shea-Porter
Cramer	Lee	Sherman
Crowley	Levin	Shuler
Cuellar	Lewis (GA)	Sires
Cummings	Lipinski	Skelton
Davis (AL)	Loebsock	Slaughter
Davis (CA)	Lofgren, Zoe	Smith (WA)
Davis (IL)	Lowey	Snyder
Davis, Lincoln	Lynch	Solis
DeFazio	Mahoney (FL)	Space
DeGette	Markey	Spratt
Delahunt	Marshall	Stark
DeLauro	Matheson	Stupak
Dicks	Matsui	Sutton
Dingell	McCarthy (NY)	Tanner
Doggett	McCollum (MN)	Tauscher
Donnelly	McDermott	Taylor
Doyle	McGovern	Thompson (CA)
Edwards	McIntyre	Thompson (MS)
Ellison	McNerney	Tierney
Ellsworth	McNulty	Towns
Emanuel	Meek (FL)	Udall (CO)
Engel	Meeks (NY)	Udall (NM)
Eshoo	Melancon	Van Hollen
Etheridge	Michaud	Velázquez
Farr	Miller (NC)	Vislosky
Fattah	Miller, George	Walz (MN)
Filner	Mitchell	Wasserman
Frank (MA)	Mollohan	Schultz
Giffords	Moore (KS)	Waters
Gillibrand	Moore (WI)	Watson
Gonzalez	Moran (VA)	Watt
Gordon	Murphy (CT)	Waxman

Weiner Woolsey Yarmuth
Welch (VT) Wu
Wexler Wynn

NAYS—195

Aderholt Foxx Myrick
Akin Franks (AZ) Neugebauer
Alexander Frelinghuysen Nunes
Bachmann Gallegly Paul
Bachus Garrett (NJ) Pearce
Baker Gerlach Pence
Barrett (SC) Gilchrest Peterson (PA)
Barrow Gingrey Petri
Bartlett (MD) Gohmert Pickering
Barton (TX) Goode Pitts
Biggart Goodlatte Platts
Billray Granger Poe
Bilirakis Graves Porter
Bishop (UT) Hall (TX) Price (GA)
Blackburn Hastert Pryce (OH)
Blunt Hastings (WA) Putnam
Boehner Hayes Radanovich
Bonner Heller Ramstad
Bono Hensarling Regula
Boozman Herger Rehberg
Boustany Hill Renzi
Brady (TX) Hobson Reynolds
Broun (GA) Hoekstra Rogers (AL)
Brown (SC) Hulshof Rogers (MI)
Brown-Waite, Hunter Rohrabacher
Ginny Inglis (SC) Ros-Lehtinen
Buchanan Issa Roskam
Burgess Johnson, Sam Royce
Burton (IN) Jones (NC) Ryan (WI)
Buyer Jordan Sali
Calvert Keller Saxton
Camp (MI) King (IA) Schmidt
Campbell (CA) Kingston Sensenbrenner
Cannon Kirk Sessions
Cantor Kline (MN) Shadegg
Capito Knollenberg Shays
Carter Kuhl (NY) Shimkus
Castle LaHood Shuster
Chabot Lamborn Simpson
Coble Latham Smith (NE)
Cole (OK) LaTourette Smith (NJ)
Conaway Lewis (CA) Smith (TX)
Crenshaw Lewis (KY) Souder
Culberson Linder Stearns
Davis (KY) LoBiondo Sullivan
Davis, David Lucas Tancredo
Davis, Tom Lungren, Daniel Terry
Deal (GA) E. Thornberry
Dent Mack Tiahrt
Diaz-Balart, L. Manzullo Tiberi
Diaz-Balart, M. Marchant Turner
Doolittle McCarthy (CA) Upton
Drake McCaul (TX) Walberg
Dreier McCotter Walden (OR)
Duncan McCrery Walsh (NY)
Ehlers McHenry Wamp
Emerson McHugh Weldon (FL)
English (PA) McKeon Weller
Everett McMorris Westmoreland
Fallin Rodgers Whitfield
Feeney Mica Wicker
Ferguson Miller (FL) Wilson (NM)
Flake Miller (MI) Wilson (SC)
Forbes Moran (KS) Wolf
Fortenberry Murphy, Tim Young (AK)
Fossella Musgrave Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—13

Bean Johnson (IL) Reichert
Boren Johnson, E. B. Rogers (KY)
Carson King (NY) Wilson (OH)
Cubin Maloney (NY)
Jindal Miller, Gary

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 1216

Mr. KINGSTON and Ms. FOXX changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

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

So the previous question was ordered. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

(By unanimous consent, Mr. SKELTON was allowed to speak out of order.)

THE HOUSE WELCOMES JANNA LOU BOREN
Mr. SKELTON. In the State of Oklahoma yesterday, weighing in at 6 lbs, 12 ounces, Janna Lou Boren was born to Andrea Boren and our colleague, DAN BOREN.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.
The question is on the resolution.

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

RECORDED VOTE

Ms. CASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 224, noes 194, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 952]

AYES—224

Abercrombie Fattah McNulty
Ackerman Filner Meek (FL)
Allen Frank (MA) Meeks (NY)
Altmire Giffords Melancon
Andrews Gillibrand Michaud
Arcuri Gonzalez Miller (NC)
Baca Gordon Miller, George
Baird Green, Al Mitchell
Baldwin Green, Gene Mollohan
Barrow Grijalva Moore (KS)
Becerra Gutierrez Moore (WI)
Berkley Hall (NY) Moran (VA)
Berman Hare Murphy (CT)
Berry Harman Murphy, Patrick
Bishop (GA) Hastings (FL) Murtha
Bishop (NY) Herseht Sandlin Nadler
Higgins Hinchey Napolitano
Boswell Hinojosa Neal (MA)
Boucher Hiron Oberstar
Boyd (FL) Boyd (KS) Hodes
Boyda (KS) Holden
Brady (PA) Holt
Braley (IA) Honda
Brown, Corrine Hooley
Butterfield Hoyer
Capps Inslee
Capano Cardoza Israel
Cardoza Carnahan Jackson (IL)
Carney Carney Jackson-Lee
Castor Castor (TX)
Chandler Jefferson
Clarke Johnson (GA)
Clay Jones (OH)
Clever Kagen
Clyburn Kanjorski
Cohen Kaptur
Conyers Kennedy
Kildee Kilpatrick
Costa Costello Ryan (OH)
Courtney Klein (FL)
Cramer Kucinich
Crowley Lampson
Cuellar Langevin
Cummings Lantos
Davis (AL) Larsen (WA)
Davis (CA) Larson (CT)
Davis (IL) Lee
Davis, Lincoln Levin
DeFazio Lewis (GA)
DeGette Lipinski
Delahunt Loebsack
DeLauro Lofgren, Zoe
Dicks Lowey
Dingell Lynch
Doggett Mahoney (FL)
Donnelly Markey
Doyle Marshall
Edwards Matheson
Ellison Matsui
Ellsworth McCarthy (NY)
Emanuel McCollum (MN)
Engel McDermott
Eshoo McGovern
Etheridge McIntyre
Farr McNeerney

Tanner Van Hollen Waxman
Tauscher Velázquez Weiner
Taylor Visclosky Welch (VT)
Thompson (CA) Walz (MN) Wexler
Thompson (MS) Wasserman Woolsey
Tierney Schultz Wu
Towns Waters Wynn
Udall (CO) Watson Yarmuth
Udall (NM) Watt

NOES—194

Aderholt Franks (AZ) Neugebauer
Akin Frelinghuysen Nunes
Alexander Gallegly Paul
Bachmann Garrett (NJ) Pearce
Bachus Gerlach Pence
Baker Gilchrest Peterson (PA)
Barrett (SC) Gingrey Petri
Bartlett (MD) Gohmert Pickering
Barton (TX) Goode Pitts
Biggart Goodlatte Platts
Billray Granger Poe
Bilirakis Graves Porter
Bishop (UT) Hall (TX) Price (GA)
Blackburn Hastert Pryce (OH)
Blunt Hastings (WA) Putnam
Boehner Hayes Radanovich
Bonner Heller Ramstad
Bono Hensarling Regula
Boozman Herger Rehberg
Boustany Hill Renzi
Brady (TX) Hobson Reynolds
Broun (GA) Hoekstra Rogers (AL)
Brown (SC) Hulshof Rogers (MI)
Brown-Waite, Hunter Rohrabacher
Ginny Inglis (SC) Ros-Lehtinen
Buchanan Issa Roskam
Burgess Johnson, Sam Royce
Burton (IN) Jones (NC) Ryan (WI)
Buyer Jordan Sali
Calvert Keller Saxton
Camp (MI) King (IA) Schmidt
Campbell (CA) Kingston Sensenbrenner
Cannon Kirk Sessions
Cantor Kline (MN) Shadegg
Capito Knollenberg Shays
Carter Kuhl (NY) Shimkus
Castle LaHood Shuster
Chabot Lamborn Simpson
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Dreier McCotter Walden (OR)
Duncan McCrery Walsh (NY)
Ehlers McHenry Wamp
Emerson McHugh Weldon (FL)
English (PA) McKeon Weller
Everett McMorris Westmoreland
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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There is 1 minute remaining on this vote.

□ 1225

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.