

WELCOMING FRENCH PRESIDENT NICOLAS SARKOZY TO THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 379, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. ENGEL) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 379, as amended.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 395, nays 0, not voting 37, as follows:

[Roll No. 1046]
YEAS—395

- Abercrombie
- Ackerman
- Aderholt
- Akin
- Alexander
- Allen
- Altmire
- Andrews
- Arcuri
- Baca
- Bachmann
- Bachus
- Baker
- Baldwin
- Barrett (SC)
- Barrow
- Bartlett (MD)
- Barton (TX)
- Bean
- Becerra
- Berkley
- Berry
- Biggert
- Bilbray
- Bilirakis
- Bishop (GA)
- Bishop (NY)
- Bishop (UT)
- Blackburn
- Blumenauer
- Boehner
- Bonner
- Bono
- Boozman
- Boren
- Boswell
- Boucher
- Boustany
- Boyd (FL)
- Boyd (KS)
- Brady (TX)
- Broun (GA)
- Brown (SC)
- Brown, Corrine
- Brown-Waite, Ginny
- Buchanan
- Burgess
- Burton (IN)
- Calvert
- Camp (MI)
- Campbell (CA)
- Cannon
- Cantor
- Capito
- Capps
- Capuano
- Cardoza
- Carnahan
- Carter
- Castle
- Castor
- Chabot
- Clarke
- Cleaver
- Clyburn
- Coble
- Cohen
- Cole (OK)
- Conaway
- Conyers
- Cooper
- Costa
- Costello
- Courtney
- Cramer
- Crenshaw
- Crowley
- Cuellar
- Cummings
- Davis (AL)
- Davis (CA)
- Davis (IL)
- Davis (KY)
- Davis, David
- Davis, Lincoln
- Davis, Tom
- DeFazio
- DeGette
- DeLahunt
- DeLauro
- Dent
- Diaz-Balart, L.
- Diaz-Balart, M.
- Dicks
- Dingell
- Doggett
- Donnelly
- Doolittle
- Drake
- Dreier
- Duncan
- Edwards
- Ehlers
- Ellison
- Ellsworth
- Emanuel
- Emerson
- Engel
- English (PA)
- Eshoo
- Etheridge
- Everett
- Fallin
- Farr
- Fattah
- Filner
- Flake
- Forbes
- Fortenberry
- Fox
- Frank (MA)
- Franks (AZ)
- Frelinghuysen
- Gallely
- Garrett (NJ)
- Gerlach
- Giffords
- Gilchrest
- Gillibrand
- Gingrey
- Gohmert
- Gonzalez
- Goode
- Goodlatte
- Granger
- Graves
- Green, Al
- Green, Gene
- Grijalva
- Gutierrez
- Hall (NY)
- Hall (TX)
- Hare
- Harman
- Hastings (FL)
- Hastings (WA)
- Hayes
- Heller
- Hensarling
- Hergert
- Herseth Sandlin
- Higgins
- Hill
- Hinchey
- Hinojosa
- Hirono
- Hobson
- Hodes
- Hoekstra
- Holden
- Holt
- Honda
- Hooley
- Hoyer
- Hulshof
- Inglis (SC)
- Inslee
- Israel
- Issa
- Jackson (IL)
- Jackson-Lee (TX)
- Jefferson
- Johnson (GA)
- Johnson (IL)
- Johnson, E. B.
- Jones (NC)
- Jones (OH)
- Jordan
- Kagen
- Kanjorski
- Kaptur
- Kennedy
- Kildee
- Kilpatrick
- Kind
- King (IA)
- King (NY)
- Kingston
- Kirk
- Klein (FL)
- Kline (MN)
- Knollenberg
- Kucinich
- Kuhl (NY)
- Lamborn
- Lampson
- Langevin
- Lantos
- Larsen (WA)
- Larsen (CT)
- Latham
- LaTourette
- Lee
- Levin
- Lewis (CA)
- Lewis (GA)
- Lewis (KY)
- Linder
- Lipinski
- LoBiondo
- Loeb
- Lowey
- Lucas
- Lungren, Daniel E.
- Lynch
- Mack
- Mahoney (FL)
- Maloney (NY)
- Manzullo
- Marchant
- Markey
- Marshall
- Matheson
- Matsui
- McCarthy (CA)
- McCarthy (NY)
- McCaul (TX)
- McCollum (MN)
- McCotter
- McCrery
- McDermott
- McGovern
- McHenry
- McHugh
- McIntyre
- McKeon
- McNerney
- Meek (FL)
- Meeks (NY)
- Melancon
- Mica
- Michaud
- Miller (FL)
- Miller (MI)
- Miller (NC)
- Miller, Gary
- Miller, George
- Mitchell
- Mollohan
- Moore (KS)
- Moore (WI)
- Moran (KS)
- Moran (VA)
- Murphy (CT)
- Murphy, Patrick
- Murphy, Tim
- Murtha
- Musgrave
- Myrick
- Nadler
- Napolitano
- Neal (MA)
- Neugebauer
- Nunes
- Obey
- Oliver
- Ortiz
- Pallone
- Pascrell
- Pearce
- Pence
- Perlmutter
- Peterson (MN)
- Peterson (PA)
- Petri
- Pickering
- Pitts
- Platts
- Poe
- Pomeroy
- Porter
- Price (GA)
- Price (NC)
- Putnam
- Radanovich
- Rahall
- Ramstad
- Rangel
- Regula
- Rehberg
- Reichert
- Renzi
- Reyes
- Reynolds
- Richardson
- Rodriguez
- Rogers (AL)
- Rogers (KY)
- Rogers (MI)
- Rohrabacher
- Ros-Lehtinen
- Roskam
- Ross
- Rothman
- Roybal-Allard
- Ruppersberger
- Rush
- Ryan (OH)
- Ryan (WI)
- Salazar
- Sali
- Sanchez, Linda T.
- Sanchez, Loretta
- Sarbanes
- Schakowsky
- Schiff
- Schmidt
- Schwartz
- Scott (GA)
- Scott (VA)
- Sensenbrenner
- Serrano
- Sessions
- Sestak
- Shadegg
- Shays
- Shea-Porter
- Sherman
- Shimkus
- Shuler
- Shuster
- Simpson
- Sires
- Skelton
- Slaughter
- Smith (NE)
- Smith (NJ)
- Smith (TX)
- Smith (WA)
- Snyder
- Solis
- Souder
- Space
- Spratt
- Stark
- Stearns
- Stupak
- Sullivan
- Sutton
- Tanner
- Tauscher
- Taylor
- Terry
- Thompson (CA)
- Thompson (MS)
- Thornberry
- Tiahrt
- Tiberi
- Tierney
- Towns
- Tsongas
- Turner
- Udall (CO)
- Udall (NM)
- Upton
- Van Hollen
- Velázquez
- Visclosky
- Walberg
- Walden (OR)
- Walsh (NY)
- Walz (MN)
- Wamp
- Wasserman Schultz
- Waters
- Watson
- Watt
- Waxman
- Weiner
- Welch (VT)
- Weldon (FL)
- Weller
- Wexler
- Whitfield
- Wicker
- Wilson (NM)
- Wilson (OH)
- Wilson (SC)
- Wolf
- Woolsey
- Wu
- Wynn
- Young (AK)
- Young (FL)

- Lewis (CA)
- Lewis (GA)
- Lewis (KY)
- Linder
- Lipinski
- LoBiondo
- Loeb
- Lowey
- Lucas
- Lungren, Daniel E.
- Lynch
- Mack
- Mahoney (FL)
- Maloney (NY)
- Manzullo
- Marchant
- Markey
- Marshall
- Matheson
- Matsui
- McCarthy (CA)
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- McCaul (TX)
- McCollum (MN)
- McCotter
- McCrery
- McDermott
- McGovern
- McHenry
- McHugh
- McIntyre
- McKeon
- McNerney
- Meek (FL)
- Meeks (NY)
- Melancon
- Mica
- Michaud
- Miller (FL)
- Miller (MI)
- Miller (NC)
- Miller, Gary
- Miller, George
- Mitchell
- Mollohan
- Moore (KS)
- Moore (WI)
- Moran (KS)
- Moran (VA)
- Murphy (CT)
- Murphy, Patrick
- Murphy, Tim
- Murtha
- Musgrave
- Myrick
- Nadler
- Napolitano
- Neal (MA)
- Neugebauer
- Nunes
- Obey
- Oliver
- Ortiz
- Pallone
- Pascrell
- Pearce
- Pence
- Perlmutter
- Peterson (MN)
- Peterson (PA)
- Petri
- Pickering
- Pitts
- Platts
- Poe
- Pomeroy
- Porter
- Price (GA)
- Price (NC)
- Putnam
- Radanovich
- Rahall
- Ramstad
- Rangel
- Regula
- Rehberg
- Reichert
- Renzi
- Reyes
- Reynolds
- Richardson
- Rodriguez
- Rogers (AL)
- Rogers (KY)
- Rogers (MI)
- Rohrabacher
- Ros-Lehtinen
- Roskam
- Ross
- Rothman
- Roybal-Allard
- Ruppersberger
- Rush
- Ryan (OH)
- Ryan (WI)
- Salazar
- Sali
- Sanchez, Linda T.
- Sanchez, Loretta
- Sarbanes
- Schakowsky
- Schiff
- Schmidt
- Schwartz
- Scott (GA)
- Scott (VA)
- Sensenbrenner
- Serrano
- Sessions
- Sestak
- Shadegg
- Shays
- Shea-Porter
- Sherman
- Shimkus
- Shuler
- Shuster
- Simpson
- Sires
- Skelton
- Slaughter
- Smith (NE)
- Smith (NJ)
- Smith (TX)
- Smith (WA)
- Snyder
- Solis
- Souder
- Space
- Spratt
- Stark
- Stearns
- Stupak
- Sullivan
- Sutton
- Tanner
- Tauscher
- Taylor
- Terry
- Thompson (CA)
- Thompson (MS)
- Thornberry
- Tiahrt
- Tiberi
- Tierney
- Towns
- Tsongas
- Turner
- Udall (CO)
- Udall (NM)
- Upton
- Van Hollen
- Velázquez
- Visclosky
- Walberg
- Walden (OR)
- Walsh (NY)
- Walz (MN)
- Wamp
- Wasserman Schultz
- Waters
- Watson
- Watt
- Waxman
- Weiner
- Welch (VT)
- Weldon (FL)
- Weller
- Wexler
- Whitfield
- Wicker
- Wilson (NM)
- Wilson (OH)
- Wilson (SC)
- Wolf
- Woolsey
- Wu
- Wynn
- Young (AK)
- Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—37

- Baird
- Berman
- Blunt
- Brady (PA)
- Brady (IA)
- Butterfield
- Buyer
- Carson
- Chandler
- Clay
- Cubin
- Culberson
- Deal (GA)
- Doyle
- Feeney
- Ferguson
- Fossella
- Gordon
- Hastert
- Hunter
- Jindal
- Johnson, Sam
- Keller
- LaHood
- Lofgren, Zoe
- McMorris Rodgers
- McNulty
- Oberstar
- Pastor
- Paul
- Payne
- Pryce (OH)
- Royce
- Saxton
- Tancredo
- Westmoreland
- Yarmuth

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title was amended so as to read: "A resolution congratulating Nicolas Sarkozy on his election to the presidency of France and welcoming President Sarkozy on the occasion of his appearance before a Joint Meeting of Congress."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3043, DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

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

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to my good friend, the distinguished gentleman from Pasco, Washington (Mr. HASTINGS). All time yielded during consideration of the rule is for debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members be given 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on House Resolution 794.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, House Resolution 794 provides for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3043, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. The conference report also includes the House and Senate compromise on the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act.

The rule includes two additional provisions. The first provides that only the majority leader or his designee can move to proceed to consider H.R. 3688, the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act. It addresses a procedural motion under the trade act and is often adopted by the House, including three times during the last Congress alone. The second ensures that in the event that the Senate on a point of order strips out the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs provisions from this conference report, that the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education portion of the report will not be further delayed and, instead, sent immediately to the President for his signature.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of this rule and the underlying conference report. Of all the conference reports which Congress will consider, the vote on this one will be the most telling. It will be the most telling because Members will have an opportunity tonight to take an up-or-down vote on the needs of our children and Congress's commitment to America's veterans. Members are either for \$5.1 billion in mandatory increased funding for veterans military benefits or they are not. They either support