

We didn't wait until 2 months before the election. We responded to the people's call for more openness on the first day of Congress. It seems quite clear to me that the minority is more concerned with obstructionism, while we are focused on actually meeting the needs of our constituents and the people in this country.

This question of consideration is the result of an unwarranted point of order against our rule. A "no" vote will prevent consideration of a critical package that has strong House and Senate bipartisan support.

So despite whatever roadblock the other side tries to use to block this bill, we will stand up for housing and we will stand up for the critical infrastructure upon which our economy depends. We must consider this rule and we must pass this conference report today.

I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" to consider this rule.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

The question is, Will the House now consider the resolution?

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

Mr. FLAKE. 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, this 15-minute vote on the question of consideration will be followed by a 5-minute vote on approval of the Journal, if ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 197, nays 186, not voting 49, as follows:

[Roll No. 1093]

YEAS—197

Abercrombie	Cuellar	Hinojosa
Ackerman	Cummings	Hirono
Allen	Davis (AL)	Hodes
Altmire	Davis (CA)	Holden
Andrews	Davis (IL)	Holt
Arcuri	Davis, Lincoln	Honda
Baca	DeFazio	Hooley
Baird	DeGette	Hoyer
Baldwin	DeLauro	Inslee
Barrow	Dicks	Israel
Bean	Dingell	Jackson (IL)
Becerra	Doggett	Jackson-Lee
Berkley	Edwards	(TX)
Berman	Ellison	Johnson, E. B.
Berry	Emanuel	Jones (OH)
Bishop (NY)	Engel	Kagen
Blumenauer	Eshoo	Kanjorski
Boren	Etheridge	Kaptur
Boswell	Farr	Kennedy
Boyd (FL)	Fattah	Kildee
Boya (KS)	Filner	Kilpatrick
Brady (PA)	Frank (MA)	Kind
Braley (IA)	Giffords	Klein (FL)
Capps	Gillibrand	Kucinich
Capuano	Gonzalez	Lampson
Cardoza	Gordon	Lantos
Carnahan	Green, Al	Larsen (WA)
Carney	Green, Gene	Larson (CT)
Castor	Grijalva	Lee
Chandler	Gutierrez	Lipinski
Clay	Hall (NY)	Lipinski
Cohen	Hare	Lofgren, Zoe
Cooper	Harman	Mahoney (FL)
Costa	Hastings (FL)	Maloney (NY)
Costello	Herseht Sandlin	Markey
Courtney	Higgins	Marshall
Cramer	Hill	Matheson
Crowley	Hinchev	Matsui

McCarthy (NY)	Pomeroy	Snyder	Cleaver	Lewis (GA)	Smith (NJ)
McCullum (MN)	Price (NC)	Solis	Clyburn	Lowey	Taylor
McDermott	Rahall	Space	Conyers	Lynch	Turner
McGovern	Reyes	Spratt	Cubin	Meeks (NY)	Udall (CO)
McIntyre	Richardson	Stark	Davis, Tom	Moore (WI)	Waters
McNerney	Rodriguez	Stupak	Delahunt	Moran (VA)	Watson
McNulty	Ross	Sutton	Diaz-Balart, M.	Oberstar	Watt
Meek (FL)	Rothman	Tanner	Doyle	Paul	Waxman
Melancon	Roybal-Allard	Tauscher	Hastert	Payne	Weller
Michaud	Ruppersberger	Thompson (CA)	Jefferson	Rangel	Wilson (NM)
Miller (NC)	Ryan (OH)	Thompson (MS)	Jindal	Rush	Wilson (OH)
Miller, George	Salazar	Tierney	Johnson (GA)	Scott (GA)	Young (AK)
Mitchell	Sánchez, Linda	Towns	Langevin	Sessions	
Mollohan	T.	Tsongas	Levin	Shays	
Moore (KS)	Sanchez, Loretta	Udall (NM)			
Murphy (CT)	Sarbanes	Van Hollen			
Murphy, Patrick	Schakowsky	Velázquez			
Murtha	Schiff	Visclosky			
Nadler	Schwartz	Walz (MN)			
Napolitano	Scott (VA)	Wasserman			
Neal (MA)	Serrano	Schultz			
Obey	Sestak	Weiner			
Olver	Shea-Porter	Welch (VT)			
Ortiz	Sherman	Wexler			
Pallone	Shuler	Woolsey			
Pascarell	Sires	Wu			
Pastor	Skelton	Wynn			
Perlmutter	Slaughter	Yarmuth			
Peterson (MN)	Smith (WA)				

NAYS—186

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

NOT VOTING—49

Barton (TX)	Boucher	Buyer
Bishop (GA)	Brown, Corrine	Carson
Blunt	Butterfield	Clarke

Cleaver	Lewis (GA)	Smith (NJ)
Clyburn	Lowey	Taylor
Conyers	Lynch	Turner
Cubin	Meeks (NY)	Udall (CO)
Davis, Tom	Moore (WI)	Waters
Delahunt	Moran (VA)	Watson
Diaz-Balart, M.	Oberstar	Watt
Doyle	Paul	Waxman
Hastert	Payne	Weller
Jefferson	Rangel	Wilson (NM)
Jindal	Rush	Wilson (OH)
Johnson (GA)	Scott (GA)	Young (AK)
Langevin	Sessions	
Levin	Shays	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised there are less than 2 minutes remaining on this vote.

□ 1414

So the question of consideration was decided in the affirmative.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 1093, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, on November 14, 2007, I was participating in an Oversight and Government Reform Committee hearing and inadvertently missed 1 recorded vote.

I take my voting responsibility very seriously. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on recorded vote number 1093.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, I was unavoidably detained and thus I missed rollcall votes No. 1090 through 1093. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

On rollcall vote NO. 1090, on Adoption of the Conference Report on H.R. 1429, the Head Start for School Readiness Act, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 1091, on H.R. 3845, the PROTECT Our Children Act of 2007, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 1092, on H.R. 719, the KIDS Act of 2007, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 1093, on H. Res. 817, Providing for consideration of the conference report on H.R. 3074, Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations for FY 2008, I would have voted "nay."

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal which the Chair will put de novo.

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.

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 221, nays 181, answered “present” 2, not voting 28, as follows:

[Roll No. 1094]

YEAS—221

Abercrombie	Hall (NY)	Nadler
Ackerman	Hare	Napolitano
Allen	Hastings (FL)	Neal (MA)
Andrews	Heller	Obey
Arcuri	Herger	Olver
Baca	Herseth Sandlin	Ortiz
Baird	Higgins	Pallone
Baldwin	Hill	Pascrell
Barrow	Hinchey	Pastor
Bean	Hinojosa	Payne
Becerra	Hirono	Perlmutter
Berkley	Hodes	Pomeroy
Berman	Holden	Price (NC)
Bishop (GA)	Holt	Rahall
Bishop (NY)	Honda	Rangel
Blumenauer	Hooley	Reyes
Boren	Hoyer	Richardson
Boswell	Inlee	Rodriguez
Boucher	Israel	Ros-Lehtinen
Boyd (FL)	Jackson (IL)	Ross
Boyd (KS)	Jackson-Lee	Rothman
Brady (PA)	(TX)	Roybal-Allard
Braley (IA)	Jefferson	Ruppersberger
Buchanan	Johnson (GA)	Ryan (OH)
Butterfield	Johnson (IL)	Salazar
Buyer	Johnson, E. B.	Sanchez, Linda T.
Capito	Jones (NC)	Sanchez, Loretta
Capps	Jones (OH)	Sarbanes
Capuano	Kagen	Schakowsky
Cardoza	Kennedy	Schwartz
Carnahan	Kildee	Scott (GA)
Castor	Kilpatrick	Scott (VA)
Chandler	Kind	Sestak
Clarke	Kirk	Shea-Porter
Clay	Klein (FL)	Sherman
Cleaver	Kucinich	Shuster
Clyburn	Kuhl (NY)	Simpson
Cohen	Lampson	Skelton
Conyers	Langevin	Slaughter
Cooper	Lantos	Smith (WA)
Costa	Larsen (WA)	Snyder
Costello	Larson (CT)	Solis
Courtney	Lee	Space
Cramer	Lipinski	Spratt
Crowley	Loebsack	Stark
Cuellar	Lofgren, Zoe	Sullivan
Cummings	Lowe	Sutton
Davis (AL)	Lynch	Tanner
Davis (CA)	Mahoney (FL)	Tauscher
Davis (IL)	Maloney (NY)	Thompson (MS)
Davis, Lincoln	Markey	Tierney
DeFazio	Marshall	Towns
DeGette	Matheson	Tsongas
Delahunt	Matsui	Udall (NM)
DeLauro	McCarthy (CA)	Van Hollen
Dent	McCarthy (NY)	Velázquez
Dingell	McCollum (MN)	Vislosky
Doggett	McDermott	Walberg
Edwards	McGovern	Walz (MN)
Ellison	McIntyre	Wasserman
Emanuel	McNerney	Schultz
Engel	McNulty	Waters
Eshoo	Meek (FL)	Watson
Etheridge	Meeks (NY)	Watt
Farr	Melancon	Waxman
Fattah	Michaud	Weiner
Filner	Miller (NC)	Welch (VT)
Frank (MA)	Miller, George	Wexler
Gerlach	Mollohan	Whitfield
Gillibrand	Moore (KS)	Woolsey
Gonzalez	Moore (WI)	Wu
Goodlatte	Moran (VA)	Wynn
Green, Al	Murphy (CT)	Yarmuth
Green, Gene	Murphy, Patrick	
Grijalva	Murtha	

NAYS—181

Aderholt	Biggart	Brady (TX)
Akin	Bilbray	Broun (GA)
Alexander	Bilirakis	Brown (SC)
Altmire	Bishop (UT)	Brown-Waite,
Bachmann	Blackburn	Ginny
Bachus	Blunt	Burgess
Baker	Boehner	Burton (IN)
Barrett (SC)	Bonner	Calvert
Bartlett (MD)	Bono	Camp (MI)
Barton (TX)	Boozman	Campbell (CA)
Berry	Boustany	Cannon

Cantor	Issa	Pryce (OH)
Carney	Johnson, Sam	Putnam
Carter	Jordan	Radanovich
Castle	Keller	Ramstad
Chabot	King (IA)	Regula
Coble	King (NY)	Rehberg
Cole (OK)	Kingston	Reichert
Conaway	Kline (MN)	Renzi
Crenshaw	LaHood	Reynolds
Culberson	Lamborn	Rogers (AL)
Davis (KY)	Latham	Rogers (KY)
Davis, David	LaTourette	Rogers (MI)
Deal (GA)	Lewis (CA)	Rohrabacher
Diaz-Balart, L.	Lewis (GA)	Roskam
Diaz-Balart, M.	Lewis (KY)	Royce
Donnelly	LoBiondo	Ryan (WI)
Doolittle	Lucas	Sali
Drake	Lungren, Daniel E.	Saxton
Dreier		Schmidt
Duncan	Mack	Sensenbrenner
Ehlers	Manzullo	Shadegg
Ellsworth	Marchant	Shays
Emerson	McCaul (TX)	Shinkus
English (PA)	McCotter	Shuler
Everett	McHenry	Simpson
Fallin	McHugh	Smith (NE)
Ferguson	McKeon	Smith (NJ)
Flake	McMorris	Smith (TX)
Forbes	Rodgers	Souder
Fortenberry	Mica	Stearns
Fossella	Miller (FL)	Stupak
Foxx	Miller (MI)	Taylor
Franks (AZ)	Miller, Gary	Terry
Frelinghuysen	Mitchell	Thompson (CA)
Gallegly	Moran (KS)	Thornberry
Garrett (NJ)	Murphy, Tim	Tiahrt
Giffords	Musgrave	Tiberi
Gilchrest	Myrick	Turner
Gingrey	Neugebauer	Upton
Goode	Nunes	Walden (OR)
Gordon	Pearce	Walsh (NY)
Granger	Pence	Wamp
Graves	Peterson (MN)	Weldon (FL)
Hall (TX)	Peterson (PA)	Westmoreland
Hastings (WA)	Petri	Wicker
Hensarling	Pickering	Wilson (SC)
Hobson	Pitts	Wolf
Hoekstra	Platts	Young (AK)
Hulshof	Poe	Young (FL)
Hunter	Porter	
Inglis (SC)	Price (GA)	

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—2

Gohmert	Tancredo
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NOT VOTING—28

Brown, Corrine	Hayes	Rush
Carson	Jindal	Schiff
Cubin	Kanjorski	Serrano
Davis, Tom	Kaptur	Sessions
Dicks	Knollenberg	Udall (CO)
Doyle	Levin	Weller
Feeney	Linder	Wilson (NM)
Gutierrez	McCrery	Wilson (OH)
Harman	Oberstar	
Hastert	Paul	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised there are less than 2 minutes remaining on this vote.

□ 1420

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, on rolcall No. 1093 and 1094 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “nay” on both votes.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3074, TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New York (Mr. ARCURI) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. ARCURI. Mr. Speaker, for purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART). All time yielded during consideration of this rule is for debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ARCURI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members be given 5 legislative days in which to extend their remarks on House Resolution 817.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. ARCURI. Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 817 provides for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3074, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

I want to thank the distinguished chairman of the Appropriations Committee and the ranking member for bringing a conference report to the floor that makes critical investment in our Nation’s transportation infrastructure at levels guaranteed in SAFETEA-LU.

The conference report also rejects the administration’s proposed funding cuts to the Federal Aviation Administration’s Airport Improvement Program, highway programs, and critical housing and community development programs.

The conference report provides \$151 million more than current funding for the FAA, \$765 million more than the President’s request for FAA Airport Improvement Program, which provides grants for airport planning, construction and development.

Recipients of AIP funds such as Griffiss Park Airfield in my upstate New York district have benefited greatly from this program. Over the last few years, AIP funds have helped Griffiss continue to fully develop as a regional aviation facility, become the new home for the Oneida County Airport, create long-term regional economic growth for a region seeking to attract new investment.

The conference report also maintains our commitment to keeping our airways safe by providing \$7 billion for air traffic organization, including \$16 million to hire more than 1,400 new air traffic controllers to replenish the work force as the rate of retiring air traffic controllers continues to grow, and provides critical funding to hire and train more safety inspectors and for other aviation safety activities.

Mr. Speaker, this conference report provides \$3.5 billion more than current