

the condition is. We know that there is time for us to move forward with a new plan for this century. It is time to build the constituency and the public awareness going from the Sierra Club to the Garden Club, the AFL-CIO to the Chamber of Commerce, the bicyclists and the truckers.

In 314 days, we start a new era here on Capitol Hill. There are people out and about who are starting work on this, the America 2050 program, a non-partisan assessment under the leadership of the RPA, headquartered in New York, to other assemblage of professional and academic and business.

I hope this resolution helps focus the attention of people on this Chamber for what we all need to do to help our colleagues on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to move forward with an assessment of our needs now, a plan for this century, so that all of our communities can be more livable and our families safer, healthier, and more economically secure.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I have no other speakers, and once again I urge support for this resolution.

I will say this: We have had many, many hearings in the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee about the need to greatly improve our infrastructure in this country. We attempted, in the last highway bill, to put in some environmental streamlining. These projects are taking about three times as long and costing about three times as much because of environmental rules and regulations and red tape. We have got to speed up these infrastructure projects. The other developed nations are doing these projects in a third or half the time that we are, and that's going to really harm this country in the future if we don't speed these projects up.

Also, if we don't have more domestic energy production, we're going to make ourselves much more vulnerable to foreign energy producers, but we're not going to be able to afford the infrastructure projects that we really need to do in this country. So those are two thoughts that we need to take into consideration when we consider a resolution like this.

But I commend my colleagues, Chairman DEFAZIO and Mr. BLUMENAUER and Mr. PETRI, for this resolution, and I urge its support.

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of the time.

It's already been referenced earlier by the Speaker, and by Mr. BLUMENAUER, that one thing we could do for the ailing American economy to put people back to work, quite quickly this year, this construction year, would be investment in our infrastructure. These would be American jobs with American products. They can't be exported. The benefits are here at home. It will make our country more competitive in the international marketplace. They help businesses with

just-in-time delivery. You're now seeing trucks detoured by 100, 200 miles because of failing and weight-limited bridges. There's a tremendous amount of work that needs to be done.

It would also make us more energy efficient by helping to obviate some of the congestion that we're currently suffering from, the detours that I already mentioned.

If we set a goal, for instance, of looking at our largest cities, having 10 percent of people take transit to work, we could save 40 percent from the oil that we currently import from the Middle East. That would be tremendous for national security, our balance of trade, and great for the American people and good for the environment.

Now, some might say that's too ambitious. Well, I just came back, or I took the committee on a trip to Europe. In London, more than 85 percent of the people ride transit to work. And in Barcelona, they're investing more money in one addition to their subway system, which is at capacity right now, than we're investing in all transit in the entire continent of the United States of America.

We are not pushing the margins here in terms of our investment. We can do better and we can learn from the past and, at the same time, look to a more transportation efficient future by observing this commemoration of Gallatin and beginning to construct our own version of a Gallatin report as we move to the reauthorization of the surface transportation and transit legislation in 2009.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 936, which honors the 200th anniversary of the Gallatin Report on Roads and Canals, celebrates the national unity the Gallatin Report engendered, and recognizes the vast contributions that transportation improvements have provided to the United States.

With the acquisition of vast land area under the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, and with the persistent westward migration of early settlers, the United States in the early 19th century was a young and rapidly expanding Republic. To President Thomas Jefferson, the architect of the Louisiana Purchase, uniting the United States and its people was of paramount importance.

President Jefferson directed his Secretary of the Treasury, Albert Gallatin, to develop a national plan for transportation improvements to unite the country. Secretary Gallatin presented his report—the Gallatin Report on Roads and Canals, Gallatin Report—in 1808.

Mr. Speaker, Gallatin's national plan matched the Nation's hopes with the opportunities presented by a growing population, expanding territories, and widening markets. It recommended, for example, an inland waterway navigation canal from Massachusetts to North Carolina, which was the precursor to our present Intracoastal Waterway system.

As a result of Gallatin's national plan, the United States has achieved a number of important and significant transportation infrastructure improvements, including:

The Erie Canal that connected the east coast with the Great Lakes to reduce transportation costs to the interior of the country;

The transcontinental railway that linked the east and west coasts and united the country at a time of national discord;

The Tennessee Valley Authority that brought electric power, economic development, and employment opportunity to a region in need;

The National Highway System, including the Interstate System, that fostered transportation connectivity, promoted interstate commerce, and advanced national unity; and

Transit projects throughout the country that provided accessibility and choice.

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the Gallatin Report on Roads and Canals. H. Res. 936 honors the Gallatin Report and celebrates the national unity the Gallatin Report has engendered.

This resolution reaffirms the goals and ideals that prompted the development of the Gallatin Report 200 years ago. It commemorates the legacy of Gallatin's national plan for transportation improvements and the public investment in infrastructure the Gallatin Report helped bring forth.

Our Nation's surface transportation system is at a crossroads. As we continue the discussion of the future of the system, it is important to recognize the bold vision provided by Secretary Gallatin in his report.

The Gallatin Report should serve as a lasting reminder to this and future Congresses of the need for vision and leadership at the national level.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support H. Res. 936 and urge my colleagues to join me in agreeing to the resolution.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 936, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. BLUMENAUER. 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 and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

ELECTING MINORITY MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the House Republican Conference, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1034

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES: Mr. Wittman of Virginia.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY: Mrs. Miller of Michigan.

The resolution was agreed to.
A motion to reconsider was laid upon the table.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn.

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

Mr. WESTMORELAND. 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 6, nays 387, not voting 35, as follows:

[Roll No. 112]

YEAS—6

Coble	Johnson (IL)	Westmoreland
Gohmert	Myrick	Young (AK)

NAYS—387

Abercrombie	Carnahan	Farr
Ackerman	Carney	Fattah
Akin	Carter	Feeney
Alexander	Castle	Ferguson
Allen	Chabot	Filner
Altmire	Chandler	Flake
Andrews	Clarke	Forbes
Arcuri	Clay	Fortenberry
Baca	Cleaver	Fossella
Bachmann	Clyburn	Fox
Bachus	Cohen	Frank (MA)
Baird	Cole (OK)	Franks (AZ)
Baldwin	Conaway	Frelinghuysen
Barrett (SC)	Conyers	Gallely
Barrow	Cooper	Gerlach
Bartlett (MD)	Costa	Giffords
Bean	Costello	Gilchrest
Becerra	Courtney	Gillibrand
Berkley	Cramer	Gingrey
Berman	Crenshaw	Gonzalez
Berry	Crowley	Goode
Biggert	Cuellar	Goodlatte
Bilbray	Culberson	Gordon
Billirakis	Cummings	Graves
Bishop (GA)	Davis (AL)	Green, Al
Bishop (NY)	Davis (CA)	Green, Gene
Bishop (UT)	Davis (IL)	Grijalva
Blumenauer	Davis (KY)	Gutierrez
Blunt	Davis, David	Hall (NY)
Boehner	Davis, Tom	Hall (TX)
Bonner	Deal (GA)	Hare
Bono Mack	DeFazio	Harman
Boozman	DeGette	Hastings (FL)
Boren	Delahunt	Hastings (WA)
Boswell	DeLauro	Hayes
Boustany	Dent	Heller
Boyd (FL)	Diaz-Balart, L.	Hensarling
Boyda (KS)	Diaz-Balart, M.	Herger
Brady (PA)	Dicks	Herseth Sandlin
Brady (TX)	Dingell	Higgins
Braley (IA)	Doggett	Hill
Broun (GA)	Donnelly	Hinojosa
Brown (SC)	Doolittle	Hirono
Brown, Corrine	Doyle	Hobson
Brown-Waite,	Drake	Hodes
Ginny	Dreier	Hoekstra
Buchanan	Duncan	Holt
Burgess	Edwards	Honda
Burton (IN)	Ehlers	Hoyer
Butterfield	Ellison	Hulshof
Buyer	Ellsworth	Hunter
Calvert	Emanuel	Inglis (SC)
Camp (MI)	Emerson	Inslee
Campbell (CA)	Engel	Israel
Cannon	English (PA)	Issa
Cantor	Eshoo	Jackson (IL)
Capito	Etheridge	Jackson-Lee
Capps	Everett	(TX)
Capuano	Fallin	Jefferson

Johnson (GA)	Miller (FL)	Scott (VA)
Johnson, E. B.	Miller (MI)	Sensenbrenner
Johnson, Sam	Miller (NC)	Serrano
Jones (NC)	Miller, Gary	Sessions
Jordan	Miller, George	Sestak
Kagen	Mollohan	Shadegg
Kanjorski	Moore (KS)	Shays
Kaptur	Moore (WI)	Shea-Porter
Keller	Moran (KS)	Sherman
Kennedy	Moran (VA)	Shimkus
Kildee	Murphy (CT)	Shuler
Kind	Murphy, Patrick	Shuster
King (IA)	Murphy, Tim	Simpson
King (NY)	Murtha	Sires
Kingston	Musgrave	Skelton
Kirk	Nadler	Slaughter
Klein (FL)	Napolitano	Smith (NE)
Kline (MN)	Neugebauer	Smith (NJ)
Knollenberg	Nunes	Smith (TX)
Kucinich	Obey	Smith (WA)
Kuhl (NY)	Oliver	Snyder
LaHood	Ortiz	Solis
Lamborn	Pallone	Space
Lampson	Pastor	Spratt
Langevin	Paul	Stark
Larsen (WA)	Payne	Stearns
Larson (CT)	Pearce	Stupak
Latham	Peterson (MN)	Sullivan
LaTourette	Petri	Sutton
Latta	Pickering	Tancredo
Lee	Pitts	Tanner
Levin	Platts	Tauscher
Lewis (CA)	Poe	Taylor
Lewis (GA)	Pomeroy	Terry
Lewis (KY)	Porter	Thompson (CA)
Linder	Price (GA)	Thornberry
Lipinski	Price (NC)	Tiahrt
LoBiondo	Putnam	Tiberi
Loeback	Radanovich	Tierney
Lofgren, Zoe	Rahall	Towns
Lowe	Ramstad	Tsongas
Lucas	Regula	Turner
Lungren, Daniel	Rehberg	Udall (NM)
E.	Reichert	Upton
Lynch	Reyes	Van Hollen
Mack	Reynolds	Velázquez
Mahoney (FL)	Richardson	Visclosky
Maloney (NY)	Rodriguez	Walberg
Manzullo	Rogers (AL)	Walden (OR)
Marchant	Rogers (KY)	Walsh (NY)
Marshall	Rogers (MI)	Walz (MN)
Matheson	Rohrabacher	Wamp
Matsui	Roskam	Wasserman
McCarthy (CA)	Ross	Schultz
McCarthy (NY)	Rothman	Waters
McCaul (TX)	Roybal-Allard	Watson
McCollum (MN)	Royce	Watt
McCotter	Ruppersberger	Waxman
McDermott	Ryan (OH)	Weiner
McGovern	Ryan (WI)	Welch (VT)
McHenry	Salazar	Weldon (FL)
McHugh	Sali	Weller
McIntyre	Sánchez, Linda	Wexler
McKeon	T.	Whitfield (KY)
McMorris	Sanchez, Loretta	Wilson (NM)
Rodgers	Sarbanes	Wilson (OH)
McNerney	Saxton	Wilson (SC)
McNulty	Schakowsky	Wittman (VA)
Meeks (NY)	Schiff	Wolf
Melancon	Schmidt	Wu
Mica	Schwartz	Yarmuth
Michaud	Scott (GA)	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—35

Aderholt	Hooley	Peterson (PA)
Barton (TX)	Jones (OH)	Pryce (OH)
Blackburn	Kilpatrick	Rangel
Boucher	Markey	Renzi
Cardoza	McCrery	Ros-Lehtinen
Castor	Meek (FL)	Rush
Cubin	Mitchell	Souder
Davis, Lincoln	Neal (MA)	Thompson (MS)
Garrett (NJ)	Oberstar	Udall (CO)
Granger	Pascrell	Woolsey
Hinchey	Pence	Wynn
Holden	Perlmutter	

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Messrs. McCaul of Texas, SHAD-EGG, COHEN and SPRATT changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Armed Services:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 10, 2008.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I hereby inform you that I respectfully resign my seat on the House Committee on Armed Services effective Tuesday, March 11, 2008.

Sincerely,

CANDICE S. MILLER.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 10, 2008.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,
Republican Leader,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI AND LEADER BOEHNER: I am writing to resign from the Foreign Affairs Committee, effective March 11, 2008. I have enjoyed my brief time serving on this Committee.

With kind regards, I am
Sincerely,

ROB WITTMAN,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Financial Services:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 11, 2008.

Speaker NANCY PELOSI,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI, With my pending appointment to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I am writing to submit my resignation from the House Committee on Financial Services. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve on the Financial Services Committee since the beginning of the 110th Congress.

Sincerely,

ALBIO SIRES,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.