

Last week, the Republicans said no to tapping the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to help lower gas prices immediately. And this week they said no to going after speculation.

Madam Speaker, if House Republicans are serious about helping the American people, they need to stop protecting Big Oil.

**PRICE AT THE PUMP IS NOT A HOAX**

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise to express my sincere disappointment with the liberal Democrat leadership of this House.

I think it's important that they realize the price at the pump is not a hoax, it's not a mirage, it is not a bad dream, it is real life. And to my constituents in the Seventh District of Tennessee, they are angry with the price at the pump.

What we are hearing from them is this, Madam Speaker: we can't afford the change the Democrat Congress has wrought. We can't afford the price that they have delivered at the pump. And we definitely cannot afford for the Democrat Congress to vote themselves an adjournment resolution and leave for 5 weeks—5 weeks, while the price at the pump continues to rise, while the price of electric power rises, while home heating oil prices are going to triple.

This is reality. It is real life. And it is what is facing our constituents every single day. Take some of the power you're using to save the planet and use it to address this issue.

**MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2009**

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. SOLIS). Pursuant to House Resolution 1384 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 6599.

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**IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 6599) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes, with Mr. LYNCH (Acting Chairman) in the chair. The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose on the legislative day of Thursday, July 31, 2008, the bill had been read through page 55, line 19.

Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, proceedings will now resume on those

amendments printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

Amendment No. 11 by Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey.

Amendment No. 6 by Mr. McCAUL of Texas.

Amendment No. 4 by Mr. FLAKE of Arizona.

Amendment No. 3 by Mr. KING of Iowa.

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

**AMENDMENT NO. 11 OFFERED BY MR. GARRETT OF NEW JERSEY**

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. GARRETT) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment No. 11 offered by Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey:

Page 36, line 5, after the dollar amount, insert "(reduced by \$18,018,000)".

Page 41, line 22, after the dollar amount, insert "(increased by \$18,018,000)".

**RECORDED VOTE**

The Acting CHAIRMAN. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 185, noes 227, not voting 27, as follows:

[Roll No. 558]

**AYES—185**

Aderholt	Dent	Keller
Akin	Diaz-Balart, L.	King (IA)
Alexander	Diaz-Balart, M.	King (NY)
Bachmann	Drake	Kingston
Bachus	Dreier	Kline (MN)
Barrett (SC)	Duncan	Knollenberg
Bartlett (MD)	Ehlers	LaHood
Barton (TX)	English (PA)	Lamborn
Biggart	Everett	Latham
Bilbray	Fallin	LaTourette
Bilirakis	Feeney	Latta
Bishop (UT)	Ferguson	Lewis (CA)
Blackburn	Flake	Lewis (KY)
Blunt	Forbes	Linder
Boehner	Fortenberry	LoBiondo
Bonner	Fossella	Lucas
Bono Mack	Fox	Lungren, Daniel
Boozman	Franks (AZ)	E.
Boustany	Frelinghuysen	Mack
Brady (TX)	Gallegly	Manzullo
Brown (GA)	Garrett (NJ)	Marchant
Brown (SC)	Gerlach	McCarthy (CA)
Buchanan	Giffords	McCaul (TX)
Burton (IN)	Gingrey	McCotter
Buyer	Goode	McCrery
Calvert	Goodlatte	McHenry
Camp (MI)	Granger	McHugh
Campbell (CA)	Graves	McKeon
Cantor	Hastings (WA)	McMorris
Capito	Hayes	Rodgers
Carter	Heller	Mica
Castle	Hensarling	Miller (FL)
Chabot	Herger	Miller (MI)
Coble	Hobson	Miller, Gary
Cole (OK)	Hoekstra	Mitchell
Conaway	Holt	Moran (KS)
Crenshaw	Hunter	Murphy, Tim
Culberson	Inglis (SC)	Musgrave
Davis (KY)	Issa	Neugebauer
Davis, David	Johnson (IL)	Nunes
Davis, Tom	Johnson, Sam	Pallone
Deal (GA)	Jordan	Pascarell

Paul  
Pearce  
Pence  
Petri  
Pickering  
Platts  
Poe  
Pomeroy  
Price (GA)  
Putnam  
Radanovich  
Ramstad  
Regula  
Rehberg  
Reichert  
Renzi  
Reynolds  
Rogers (KY)  
Rogers (MI)  
Rohrabacher  
Ros-Lehtinen

Roskam  
Rothman  
Royce  
Ryan (WI)  
Sali  
Scalise  
Schmidt  
Sensenbrenner  
Sessions  
Shadegg  
Shays  
Shimkus  
Shuler  
Shuster  
Simpson  
Sires  
Smith (NE)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX)  
Space  
Stearns

Sullivan  
Tancred  
Tanner  
Terry  
Thornberry  
Tiahrt  
Tiberi  
Turner  
Upton  
Walberg  
Walden (OR)  
Walsh (NY)  
Wamp  
Weldon (FL)  
Westmoreland  
Wilson (SC)  
Wittman (VA)  
Wolf  
Young (FL)

**NOES—227**

Abercrombie  
Ackerman  
Allen  
Altmire  
Arcuri  
Baca  
Baird  
Baldwin  
Barrow  
Bean  
Becerra  
Berkley  
Berman  
Berry  
Bishop (GA)  
Bishop (NY)  
Blumenauer  
Bordallo  
Boren  
Boucher  
Boyd (FL)  
Boyda (KS)  
Brady (PA)  
Braley (IA)  
Burgess  
Butterfield  
Capps  
Capuano  
Cardoza  
Carnahan  
Carney  
Carson  
Castor  
Cazayoux  
Chandler  
Childers  
Christensen  
Clarke  
Clay  
Cleaver  
Clyburn  
Cohen  
Conyers  
Cooper  
Costa  
Costello  
Courtney  
Cramer  
Crowley  
Cuellar  
Davis (AL)  
Davis (CA)  
Davis (IL)  
Davis, Lincoln  
DeFazio  
DeGette  
Delahunt  
DeLauro  
Dicks  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Donnelly  
Doolittle  
Doyle  
Edwards (MD)  
Edwards (TX)  
Ellison  
Ellsworth  
Emanuel  
Emerson  
Eshoo  
Etheridge  
Faleomavaega  
Farr  
Fattah

Filner  
Foster  
Frank (MA)  
Gilchrest  
Gillibrand  
Gohmert  
Gonzalez  
Gordon  
Green, Al  
Green, Gene  
Grijalva  
Gutierrez  
Hall (NY)  
Hall (TX)  
Hare  
Hastings (FL)  
Herseth Sandlin  
Higgins  
Hill  
Hinchesy  
Hinojosa  
Hirono  
Hodes  
Holden  
Honda  
Hoolley  
Hoyer  
Inslee  
Israel  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson-Lee  
(TX)  
Jefferson  
Johnson (GA)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Jones (NC)  
Jones (OH)  
Kagen  
Kanjorski  
Kildee  
Kind  
Kirk  
Kucinich  
Kuhl (NY)  
Lampson  
Langevin  
Larsen (WA)  
Larson (CT)  
Lee  
Lewis (GA)  
Lipinski  
Loeb sack  
Lofgren, Zoe  
Lowey  
Lynch  
Mahoney (FL)  
Markey  
Marshall  
Matheson  
Matsui  
McCarthy (NY)  
McCollum (MN)  
McDermott  
McGovern  
McIntyre  
McNerney  
McNulty  
Meeke (NY)  
Melancon  
Michaud  
Miller (NC)  
Miller, George  
Mollohan  
Moore (KS)  
Moore (WI)

Moran (VA)  
Murphy (CT)  
Murphy, Patrick  
Murtha  
Myrick  
Nadler  
Napolitano  
Neal (MA)  
Norton  
Oberstar  
Obey  
Olver  
Ortiz  
Pastor  
Payne  
Perlmutter  
Peterson (MN)  
Porter  
Price (NC)  
Rahall  
Rangel  
Reyes  
Richardson  
Rodriguez  
Ross  
Roybal-Allard  
Ruppersberger  
Ryan (OH)  
Salazar  
Sanchez, Linda  
T.  
Sanchez, Loretta  
Sarbanes  
Schakowsky  
Schiff  
Schwartz  
Scott (GA)  
Scott (VA)  
Serrano  
Sestak  
Shea-Porter  
Sherman  
Skelton  
Slaughter  
Smith (WA)  
Snyder  
Solis  
Souder  
Speier  
Spratt  
Stark  
Stupak  
Sutton  
Tauscher  
Taylor  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Tierney  
Towns  
Tsongas  
Udall (CO)  
Udall (NM)  
Van Hollen  
Velázquez  
Visclosky  
Walz (MN)  
Wasserman  
Schultz  
Waters  
Watson  
Watt  
Waxman  
Weiner  
Welch (VT)