Wicker	Wise	Zeliff
Williams	Young (FL)	Zimmer

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Abercrombie	Hastings (FL)	Peterson (MN)
Ackerman	Hefley	Petri
Baesler	Hefner	Pickett
Baldacci	Hilliard	Pombo
Barcia	Hinchey	Pomeroy
Becerra	Hunter	Poshard
Boehlert	Jackson-Lee	Rahall
Bonior	Jacobs	Rangel
Borski	Jefferson	Reed
Browder	Johnson (SD)	Reynolds
Brown (CA)	Johnson, E. B.	Richardson
Brown (FL)	Kanjorski	Rivers
Brown (OH)	Klink	Roemer
Bryant (TX)	LaFalce	Rose
Clay	Lantos	Roybal-Allard
Clayton	Levin	Rush
Clyburn	Lewis (GA)	Sabo
Coleman	Lincoln	Sanders
Collins (IL)	Lipinski	Schroeder
Collins (MI)	Lowey	Schumer
Costello	Maloney	Serrano
Cramer	Manton	Skaggs
Crane	Martinez	Slaughter
DeFazio	Mascara	Stark
DeLauro	Matsui	Stupak
Dellums	McCarthy	Taylor (MS)
Deutsch	McDermott	Taylor (NC)
Dicks	McKinney	Tejeda
Doggett	Meek	Thompson
Doyle	Menendez	Torres
Durbin	Miller (CA)	Towns
Eshoo	Mineta	Traficant
Evans	Nadler	Velazquez
Farr	Neal	Vento
Fazio	Oberstar	Visclosky
Filner	Obey	Volkmer
Foglietta	Olver	Ward
Frank (MA)	Ortiz	Waters
Furse	Owens	Watt (NC)
Gejdenson	Pallone	Wolf
Gephardt	Pastor	Woolsey
Green	Payne (NJ)	Wyden
Gutierrez	Payne (VA)	Wynn
Hall (OH)	Pelosi	Yates
Harman	Peterson (FL)	Young (AK)

NOT VOTING—21

Bishop	Fattah	Mfume
Burr	Fields (LA)	Moakley
Chapman	Graham	Paxon
Conyers	Kennedy (MA)	Riggs
Cox	Kennedy (RI)	Torkildsen
de la Garza	Markey	Waxman
Engel	Meehan	Wilson

□ 1117

Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mrs. SCHROEDER, Mr. FOGLIETTA, and Mr. REED changed their vote from ''yea'' to ''nay.''

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHAYS). Will the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. NEAL] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

READING THE CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

(Mr. BOEHNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, our Contract With America states that on the first day of Congress the Republican House will force Congress to live under the same laws as everyone else, cut one third of the committee staffs, cut the congressional budget, and we have done that and many more changes on our opening day.

In the next 80 days, Mr. Speaker, we will vote on the following 10 items: a balanced budget amendment and line-item veto, a new crime bill to stop violent criminals, welfare reform to encourage work, not dependence, family reinforcement to crack down on deadbeat dads and to protect our children, tax cuts for families to lift government's burden from middle income Americans, national security restoration to protect our freedoms, Senior Citizens Equity Act to allow our seniors to work without penalty, government regulation and unfunded mandate reforms, commonsense legal reforms to end frivolous lawsuits, and congressional term limits to make Congress a citizen legislature once again.

My colleagues, this is our Contract With America.

□ 1125

VOTE ON PERMITTING COMMITTEES TO MEET DURING 5-MINUTE RULE SEEN AS WRONG AND UNDEMOCRATIC

(Mr. GEPHARDT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my strong opposition to a motion that was forced through this House last night by the Republican majority. While this may seem like nothing more than a trivial, administrative matter, it speaks to the very heart of our purpose here as Representatives of the people in this country.

Last night the Republican majority pushed through a motion that said the committees of this House can meet to consider urgent legislation even while there is urgent legislation on the floor of the House.

In other words, Members of Congress have to be in two places at one time, and if that means we have to miss crucial votes, if that means that on some of those dangerous and potentially devastating proposals, the voices of our districts will be missing in action, then that is just too bad.

When we tried to object to a motion which is impractical, illogical, and just unfair, we were gagged. We were told that we only had 3 minutes to speak, and we were defeated by one of our closed, no-discussion, no-debate votes that have come to define the Republican Congress.

This is not just a partisan issue. I think Republican members should be as concerned and outraged as Democrats. What do we tell our constituents? That we wanted to fight to protect Social Security or Medicare but we missed the vote because we were running from one room to another, that we wanted to preserve clean air and clean water, but there was a scheduling conflict and we were missing in action?

I know the Republicans want this to be the Hundred Days That Shook the World, but we have an obligation to stand up for those who may be shaken.

This motion last night was wrong, it was undemocratic, and I call upon all of my colleagues to resist it and denounce it for what it is, a gag rule on the people of this House.

THE PEOPLE'S BUSINESS

(Mr. HOKE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, we are here doing the people's business on a regular basis, and what we have just heard is a great hypocrisy coming from the other side of the aisle. The fact that I, in the 103d Congress, which is the only Congress I have had the privilege of being a party to——

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I request that the gentleman's words be taken down.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHAYS). The gentleman will please be seated.

□ 1128

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHAYS). The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, do not the rules of the House forbid Members from impugning the motives of other Members?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. There is a point of order that the words be taken down. The gentleman will suspend. The Chair will not anticipate his ruling by a parliamentary inquiry. With due respect to this Chamber, the Chair is a new Member of the House at taking this chair, and ask for your indulgence and cooperation. This is a very serious situation, of which the chair will ask the Clerk to report the words.

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, I would ask unanimous consent to withdraw my previous words.

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I will not object, providing there is an apology to the previous speaker.

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, I request unanimous consent to remove the words that I spoke before.

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, if the gentleman apologizes for his words, which were directed at the previous speaker, I will not object.

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, I did not refer to anyone with my words, and, I will repeat, that I would ask unanimous consent to withdraw my words.