week, he cannot be a credible peace partner. He cannot talk peace and give a green light to terrorism.

The Secretary of State is planning to visit the Middle East. The United States can be a force for peace in the region, but not if we overlook these acts of terrorism. Our Government must send a clear and unmistakable message to the PLO that they cannot continue along their current path and expect this Nation to look the other way.

Most of all, we must stand with Israel in support of her efforts to stop these vicious acts of terrorism. In supporting a safe and secure Israel, we will advance the cause of peace, for it is only when Israel's neighbors know that the United States stands unwaveringly behind Israel's right to security will they be willing to consider peaceful coexistence.

It is the right of every nation to provide security for its people. We exercised that right in condemning Timothy McVeigh, and we should support Israel's efforts to do the same.

WHO REALLY WANTS PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST?

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

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I regret to inform my colleagues of yet another terrorist bombing in Jerusalem which has left six dead and scores wounded. This latest atrocity against unsuspecting and innocent civilians is an especially serious challenge to the peace process. The militant wing of Hamas took only moments to claim responsibility for today's atrocity, the very same Hamas whose leadership Palestinian Chairman Arafat publicly and warmly embraced this very week that our House delegation was in Israel to assess the status of the peace process.

Clearly there are reactionary forces seeking to destroy the peace process. But, Mr. Speaker, the question we must now ask, what kind of signal did Arafat send to the so-called extremists with his public embrace of Hamas? Was this yet another green light?

Mr. Speaker, it is time to ask the important question, who really wants peace in the Middle East, and who is merely paying lipservice to that goal?

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

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

Mr. MCDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, this House has ignored a problem that the Speaker and the President shook hands on over 2 years ago, saying we were going to deal with the whole question of campaign finance.

The amount of money that was spent in the last campaign was absolutely atrocious. It is a scandal how much money is raised and spent in campaigns. It will soon be possible only for those who are very rich or those who accept so much money that they cannot have independent judgment to come into the House of Representatives.

I sit on the Committee on Ways and Means. We passed a tax reform bill in this House giving the tobacco industry a $50 billion tax break, at a time when they are seeking a settlement in many States in this Union for health-related problems that have been caused by the tobacco industry.

Mr. Speaker, the only way we can justify or we can explain a $50 billion tax break is on the basis of the contributions made to campaigns in this House of Representatives. It is wrong and it must be addressed.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 695

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 695.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ROGAN). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the privileged motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. Miller of California moves that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER].

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

Mr. MILLER of California. 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 53, nays 371, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 355]

YEAS—53

Andrews
Bonior
Boswell
Brown (FL)
Clay
Conyers
Coyne
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
DeFazio
DeGette
DeLauro
Deutsch
Dingell
Doggett
Eshoo
Farr
Fazio
Filner
Flake
Foglietta
Frost
Gejdenson
Gephardt
Hastings (FL)
Hefner
Jefferson
Kaptur
Kennedy (RI)
Kilpatrick
Lewis (GA)
Lowey
Maloney (NY)
McDermott
McNulty
Millender-McDonald
Miller (CA)
Mink
Oberstar
Owens
Pallone
Payne
Pelosi
Slaughter
Smith, Adam
Stabenow
Stark
Torres
Towns
Waters
Wexler
Woolsey
Yates

NAYS—371

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Aderholt
Allen
Archer
Armey
Bachus
Baesler
Baker
Baldacci
Ballenger
Barcia
Barr
Barrett (NE)
Barrett (WI)
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
Bateman
Becerra
Bentsen
Bereuter
Berman
Berry
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bishop
Blagojevich
Bliley
Blumenauer
Blunt
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla
Borski
Boucher
Boyd
Brady
Brown (CA)
Brown (OH)
Bryant
Bunning
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert
Camp
Campbell
Canady
Cannon
Capps
Cardin
Carson
Castle
Chabot
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Christensen
Clayton
Clement
Clyburn
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Collins
Combest
Condit
Cook
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Costello
Cox
Cramer
Crane
Crapo
Cubin
Cummings
Cunningham
Danner
Davis (VA)
Deal
Delahunt
DeLay
Dellums
Diaz-Balart
Dickey
Dicks
Dixon
Dooley
Doolittle
Doyle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Edwards
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
English
Ensign
Etheridge
Evans
Everett
Ewing
Fattah
Fawell
Foley
Forbes
Ford
Fowler
Fox
Frank (MA)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
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Gallegly
Ganske
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Gibbons
Gilchrest
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Gilman
Goode
Goodlatte
Goodling
Gordon
Goss
Graham
Granger
Green
Greenwood
Gutierrez
Gutknecht
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Hamilton
Hansen
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Hastert
Hastings (WA)
Hayworth
Hefley
Herger
Hill
Hilleary
Hilliard
Hinchey
Hinojosa
Hobson
Hoekstra
Holden
Hooley
Horn
Hostettler
Houghton
Hoyer
Hulshof
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inglis
Istook
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee (TX)
Jenkins
John
Johnson (CT)
Johnson (WI)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones
Kanjorski
Kasich
Kelly
Kennedy (MA)
Kennelly
Kildee
Kim
Kind (WI)
King (NY)
Kingston
Kleczka
Klink
Klug
Knollenberg
Kolbe
Kucinich
LaFalce
LaHood
Lampson
Lantos
Largent
Latham
LaTourette
Leach
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Lipinski
Livingston
LoBiondo
Lofgren
Lucas
Luther
Maloney (CT)
Manzullo
Markey
Martinez
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McCrery
McDade
McGovern
McHale
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McIntyre
McKeon
McKinney
Meehan
Meek
Menendez
Metcalf
Mica
Miller (FL)
Minge
Moakley
Mollohan
Moran (KS)
Moran (VA)
Morella
Murtha
Myrick
Nadler
Neal
Nethercutt
Neumann
Ney
Northup
Norwood
Nussle
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Oxley
Packard
Pappas
Parker
Pascrell
Pastor
Paul
Paxon
Pease
Peterson (MN)
Peterson (PA)
Petri
Pickering
Pickett
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Pombo
Pomeroy
Porter
Portman
Poshard
Price (NC)
Pryce (OH)
Quinn
Radanovich
Rahall
Ramstad
Rangel
Redmond