

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. 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.

Without objection, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the minimum time for electronic voting, if ordered, on approving the Journal on which proceedings will resume immediately after this 15-minute vote on adopting the resolution.

There was no objection.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 412, nays 0, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 48]

YEAS—412

Abercrombie	Conyers	Goode
Aderholt	Cook	Goodlatte
Allen	Cooksey	Goodling
Andrews	Costello	Gordon
Archer	Cox	Goss
Armey	Coyne	Graham
Bachus	Cramer	Granger
Baesler	Crapo	Green
Baker	Cubin	Greenwood
Baldacci	Cummings	Gutierrez
Ballenger	Cunningham	Gutknecht
Barcia	Danner	Hall (OH)
Barr	Davis (FL)	Hall (TX)
Barrett (NE)	Davis (IL)	Hamilton
Barrett (WI)	Davis (VA)	Hansen
Bartlett	Deal	Hastert
Barton	DeFazio	Hastings (FL)
Bass	DeGette	Hastings (WA)
Bateman	Delahunt	Hayworth
Becerra	DeLauro	Hefley
Bentsen	DeLay	Hefner
Bereuter	Deutsch	Herger
Berman	Diaz-Balart	Hill
Berry	Dickey	Hilleary
Billbray	Dicks	Hilliard
Bilirakis	Dingell	Hinchee
Bishop	Dixon	Hinojosa
Blagojevich	Doggett	Hobson
Bliley	Dooley	Hoekstra
Blumenauer	Doolittle	Holden
Blunt	Doyle	Hoohey
Boehlert	Dreier	Horn
Boehner	Duncan	Hostettler
Bonilla	Dunn	Houghton
Bonior	Edwards	Hoyer
Borski	Ehlers	Hulshof
Boswell	Ehrlich	Hunter
Boucher	Emerson	Hutchinson
Boyd	Engel	Hyde
Brady	English	Inglis
Brown (CA)	Ensign	Istook
Brown (FL)	Eshoo	Jackson (IL)
Brown (OH)	Etheridge	Jackson-Lee
Bryant	Evans	(TX)
Bunning	Everett	Jefferson
Burr	Ewing	Jenkins
Burton	Farr	Johnson (WI)
Buyer	Fattah	Johnson, E. B.
Callahan	Fawell	Johnson, Sam
Calvert	Fazio	Jones
Camp	Filner	Kanjorski
Campbell	Foley	Kaptur
Canady	Forbes	Kasich
Cannon	Ford	Kelly
Cardin	Fossella	Kennedy (MA)
Carson	Fowler	Kennedy (RI)
Castle	Fox	Kennelly
Chabot	Frank (MA)	Kildee
Chambliss	Franks (NJ)	Kilpatrick
Chenoweth	Frelinghuysen	Kim
Christensen	Frost	Kind (WI)
Clay	Galleghy	King (NY)
Clayton	Ganske	Kingston
Clement	Gejdenson	Klecza
Clyburn	Gekas	Klink
Coble	Gephardt	Klug
Coburn	Gibbons	Knollenberg
Collins	Gilchrist	Kolbe
Combust	Gillmor	Kucinich
Condit	Gilman	LaFalce

LaHood	Obey	Shuster
Lampson	Olver	Sisisky
Lantos	Ortiz	Skaggs
Largent	Owens	Skeen
Latham	Oxley	Skelton
LaTourette	Packard	Slaughter
Lazio	Pallone	Smith (MI)
Leach	Pappas	Smith (NJ)
Levin	Parker	Smith (OR)
Lewis (CA)	Pascrell	Smith (TX)
Lewis (GA)	Pastor	Smith, Adam
Lewis (KY)	Paul	Smith, Linda
Linder	Paxon	Snowbarger
Lipinski	Payne	Snyder
LoBiondo	Pease	Solomon
Lowe	Pelosi	Spence
Lucas	Peterson (MN)	Spratt
Luther	Peterson (PA)	Stabenow
Maloney (CT)	Petri	Stark
Maloney (NY)	Pickering	Stearns
Manton	Pickett	Stenholm
Manzullo	Pitts	Stokes
Markey	Pombo	Strickland
Martinez	Pomeroy	Stump
Mascara	Porter	Stupak
Matsui	Portman	Sununu
McCarthy (MO)	Price (NC)	Talent
McCarthy (NY)	Pryce (OH)	Tauscher
McCollum	Quinn	Tauzin
McCreary	Radanovich	Taylor (MS)
McDade	Rahall	Taylor (NC)
McDermott	Ramstad	Thomas
McGovern	Rangel	Thompson
McHale	Regula	Thornberry
McInnis	Reyes	Thune
McIntosh	Riggs	Thurman
McIntyre	Riley	Tiahrt
McKeon	Rivers	Tierney
McKinney	Rodriguez	Torres
McNulty	Roemer	Towns
Meehan	Rogan	Traficant
Meek (FL)	Rogers	Turner
Meeks (NY)	Rohrabacher	Upton
Menendez	Ros-Lehtinen	Velazquez
Metcalf	Rothman	Vento
Mica	Roukema	Visclosky
Millender-McDonald	Royal-Allard	Walsh
Miller (CA)	Royce	Wamp
Miller (FL)	Rush	Waters
Minge	Ryun	Watkins
Mink	Sabo	Watt (NC)
Moakley	Salmon	Watts (OK)
Mollohan	Sanders	Waxman
Moran (KS)	Sandlin	Weldon (FL)
Moran (VA)	Sanford	Weldon (PA)
Morella	Sawyer	Weller
Murtha	Scarborough	Wexler
Myrick	Schaefer, Dan	Weygand
Nadler	Schaffer, Bob	White
Neal	Scott	Whitfield
Nethercutt	Sensenbrenner	Wicker
Neumann	Serrano	Wise
Ney	Sessions	Wolf
Northup	Shadegg	Woolsey
Norwood	Shaw	Wynn
Nussle	Shays	Yates
Oberstar	Sherman	Young (AK)
	Shimkus	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—18

Ackerman	Johnson (CT)	Sanchez
Crane	Livingston	Saxton
Furse	Lofgren	Schiff
Gonzalez	McHugh	Schumer
Harman	Poshard	Souder
John	Redmond	Tanner

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Mrs. MINK of Hawaii and Mr. BRADY of Texas changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BRADY). Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, the pending business is the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

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.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 368, noes 43, answered “present” 1, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 49]

AYES—368

Aderholt	Delahunt	Jackson (IL)
Allen	DeLauro	Jackson-Lee
Andrews	DeLay	(TX)
Archer	Deutsch	Jefferson
Armey	Diaz-Balart	Jenkins
Bachus	Dickey	Johnson (WI)
Baesler	Dicks	Johnson, E. B.
Baker	Dingell	Johnson, Sam
Baldacci	Dixon	Jones
Ballenger	Doggett	Kanjorski
Barcia	Dooley	Kaptur
Barr	Doolittle	Kasich
Barrett (NE)	Doyle	Kelly
Barrett (WI)	Dreier	Kennedy (MA)
Bartlett	Duncan	Kennedy (RI)
Barton	Dunn	Kennelly
Bass	Edwards	Kildee
Bateman	Ehlers	Kilpatrick
Bentsen	Ehrlich	Kim
Bereuter	Emerson	Kind (WI)
Berman	Engel	King (NY)
Berry	Eshoo	Kingston
Bilbray	Etheridge	Klecza
Bilirakis	Evans	Klink
Bishop	Everett	Klug
Blagojevich	Ewing	Knollenberg
Bliley	Farr	Kolbe
Blumenauer	Fattah	LaFalce
Blunt	Fawell	LaHood
Boehlert	Foley	Lampson
Boehner	Forbes	Lantos
Bonilla	Ford	Largent
Bonior	Bonior	Latham
Boswell	Fossella	LaTourette
Boucher	Fowler	Lazio
Boyd	Frank (MA)	Leach
Brady	Franks (NJ)	Levin
Brown (CA)	Frelinghuysen	Lewis (CA)
Brown (FL)	Frost	Lewis (KY)
Brown (OH)	Galleghy	Linder
Bryant	Ganske	Lipinski
Bunning	Gejdenson	Lowey
Burr	Gekas	Lucas
Burton	Gilchrist	Luther
Buyer	Gilman	Maloney (CT)
Callahan	Goode	Maloney (NY)
Calvert	Goodlatte	Manzullo
Camp	Gooding	Markey
Campbell	Gordon	Martinez
Canady	Goss	Mascara
Cannon	Graham	Matsui
Cardin	Granger	McCarthy (MO)
Carson	Green	McCarthy (NY)
Castle	Greenwood	McCollum
Chabot	Gutknecht	McCrery
Chambliss	Hall (OH)	McDade
Chenoweth	Hall (TX)	McDermott
Christensen	Hamilton	McGovern
Clayton	Hansen	McHale
Clement	Hastert	Hastings (WA)
Coble	Hastings	McInnis
Coburn	Coble	McIntosh
Collins	Coburn	McIntyre
Combust	Collins	Hefner
Condit	Combust	Herger
	Condit	Hill
	Conyers	Hinojosa
	Cook	Hobson
	Cooksey	Hoekstra
	Costello	Holden
	Cox	Hoohey
	Coyne	Horn
	Cramer	Hostettler
	Crane	Houghton
	Crapo	Hoyer
	Cubin	Hulshof
	Cunningham	Hunter
	Danner	Hutchinson
	Davis (VA)	Hyde
	Deal	Inglis
	DeGette	Istook
		Moran (VA)

Morella	Rogers	Stearns
Myrick	Rohrabacher	Stenholm
Nadler	Ros-Lehtinen	Stokes
Neal	Rothman	Strickland
Nethercutt	Roukema	Stump
Neumann	Roybal-Allard	Sununu
Ney	Royce	Talent
Northup	Rush	Tauscher
Norwood	Ryun	Tauzin
Obey	Salmon	Taylor (NC)
Olver	Sanders	Thomas
Ortiz	Sandlin	Thornberry
Owens	Sanford	Thune
Oxley	Sawyer	Thurman
Packard	Saxton	Tiahrt
Pallone	Schaefer, Dan	Tierney
Pappas	Schumer	Torres
Parker	Scott	Towns
Pastor	Sensenbrenner	Traficant
Paul	Serrano	Turner
Paxon	Shadegg	Upton
Payne	Shaw	Velazquez
Pease	Shays	Vento
Pelosi	Sherman	Walsh
Peterson (PA)	Shimkus	Wamp
Petri	Shuster	Watkins
Pickering	Sisisky	Watt (NC)
Pitts	Skaggs	Watts (OK)
Pombo	Skeen	Waxman
Pomeroy	Skelton	Weldon (FL)
Porter	Slaughter	Weldon (PA)
Portman	Smith (MI)	Wexler
Price (NC)	Smith (NJ)	Weygand
Pryce (OH)	Smith (OR)	White
Quinn	Smith (TX)	Whitfield
Radanovich	Smith, Adam	Wicker
Rahall	Smith, Linda	Wise
Rangel	Snowbarger	Wolf
Regula	Snyder	Woolsey
Reyes	Solomon	Wynn
Riggs	Souder	Yates
Riley	Spence	Young (AK)
Rivers	Spratt	Young (FL)
Rodriguez	Stabenow	
Roemer	Stark	

NOES—43

Abercrombie	Gillmor	Pascrell
Becerra	Gutierrez	Peterson (MN)
Borski	Hastings (FL)	Pickett
Brown (CA)	Hefley	Ramstad
Clay	Hilleary	Rogan
Clyburn	Hilliard	Sabo
Davis (IL)	Hinchee	Schaffer, Bob
DeFazio	Kucinich	Sessions
English	Lewis (GA)	Stupak
Ensign	LoBiondo	Taylor (MS)
Fazio	Manton	Thompson
Filner	Miller (CA)	Visclosky
Fox	Moran (KS)	Waters
Gephardt	Nussle	
Gibbons	Oberstar	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Cummings

NOT VOTING—18

Ackerman	Johnson (CT)	Redmond
Davis (FL)	Livingston	Sanchez
Furse	Lofgren	Scarborough
Gonzalez	McHugh	Schiff
Harman	Murtha	Tanner
John	Poshard	Weller

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So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS ACT TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS OF 1998

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). Pursuant to House Resolution 384 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 2883.

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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 consideration of the bill (H.R. 2883) to amend provisions of law enacted by the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 to improve Federal agency strategic plans and performance reports, with Mr. BRADY in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered as having been read the first time.

Under the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. HORN) and the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. KUCINICH) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. HORN).

Mr. HORN. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, we are going to open on this bill, which has various technical corrections.

Mr. Chairman, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON), distinguished chairman of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Chairman, the traditional way of doing business in Washington is to create yet another program or spend more money whenever we want to solve a problem. It is just more programs and more money. The President's fiscal year 1999 budget reflects this reliance on expanding government whenever possible.

For example, the President wants to expand the Federal role in local schools. The President wants to expand job training, even though the Federal Government has 163 different job training programs. His budget contains 85 new spending programs, including 39 new entitlements. These entitlements add nearly \$53 billion to Federal spending over the next 5 years.

In short, 1 year after declaring that the era of big government is over, President Clinton is busy reinventing the era of big government. We are being asked to spend all of this additional money without ever having decent answers to some very common-sense questions, like, what is the purpose of the new program? Are there similar programs already in existence? Is it appropriate that the Federal Government should even do it? Or should it be done at the State or local level, or even by the private sector?

In 1993, under a Democrat Congress, we passed the Results Act, a law to apply basic business principles to Federal bureaucracies. Last September, every Federal agency was required by this act to submit strategic plans which clearly outlined where the agency is going, how it will get there, and whether it is headed in the right direction.

But when congressional teams of Republican, General Accounting Office, and in many cases Democrat staff reviewed these plans, the majority of Federal agencies failed to make the grade. The average score was 46.6 percent, and that fails in any school.

Take a look at these statistics right here. Only two agencies of the Federal

Government got above 70 percent. The reasons for low scores are obvious. The General Accounting Office best summed it up in testimony on February 12, and it is on this other poster.

They said, "The strategic plans often lacked clear articulations of agencies' strategic directions; in short, a sense of what the agencies were trying to achieve and how they proposed to do it. Many agency goals were not results-oriented. The plans often did not show clear linkages among planning elements, such as goals and strategies. And furthermore, the plans frequently had incomplete and underdeveloped strategies."

If the Results Act is going to work, the strategic plans must give us a solid foundation for an informed policy debate about funding programs based on results. If we do not pass this bill asking for better plans by September 30, 1998, we will have to wait until the year 2000 before we get updated strategic plans. I guarantee that no successful businessman or woman would sit around for 3 years before getting their strategic plan right. If they did, they would be out of business.

Before my committee considered this bill, we offered to OMB and the Democrats to sit down and work out any problems that they had. We offered flexibility on the September due date. We offered to narrow the bill's coverage to only the agencies with the worst scores. We asked if there was anything we could do to bring them to the table, and they rejected everything we offered outright. Their reaction seems to oppose the Results Act goal of changing the old ways of doing business here in Washington.

I believe opposition to this bill comes from its threat to the status quo, a threat to the belief that Federal government programs are the answer to all of our problems. There seems to be a lot of talk by this administration about wanting to change the way government works for people. But as we try to change how government is run, true colors begin to show.

Let me be clear. If Members vote against this bill and they vote to let agencies off the hook, they vote to continue to accept low quality as a government standard. Vote in favor of this bill, and we vote for accountability in the Federal Government, and vote against failure, inefficiency, ineffectiveness, waste, and mismanagement.

Mr. Chairman, this effort started out as a bipartisan effort 5 years ago. It should remain a bipartisan effort.

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I urge all of my colleagues to vote yes on H.R. 2883.

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Chairman, I yield 10 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN), distinguished former chairman of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman for yielding me the time.