standing against this bill from a pro-life position. They’re good hearts. But they’ve been sold a bill of goods. You don’t have to believe me.

I had an incredible non-reversal rate as a judge and chief justice; as a lawyer very successful. But let me tell you, there are people waiting to get the executive order struck down the moment it is signed. You need to hear from somebody who understands your heart and understands where you’re coming from. The executive order won’t work. Then in the end, your standout will have been for nothing.

Please take another look at it. This is the wrong thing to have your vote swayed by. You can’t say you weren’t warned.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

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

Mr. KAGEN. Mr. Speaker, today in the House of Representatives, we must take a positive step forward and finally guarantee an end to discrimination against all citizens because of the way they were born or what illness they may have.

This bill that we’re about to pass today will save lives and save jobs by putting patients first, strengthening Medicare, and finally guaranteeing access to affordable care for all of us. No longer will a child’s illness cause their family to go broke and lose their home. Senior citizens in all of our communities will see a stronger and better Medicare as we begin to close the prescription drug program doughnut hole. Small business owners, like myself, will soon be able to buy health insurance for all of their employees at the same discounts that big corporations do.

We’re beginning to fix what’s broken in our health care system and improve on what we already have at a price we can all afford. Why because this bill will be not only paid for but will cut our deficit by a trillion dollars over 10 years.

WILL WE CHOOSE TYRANNY OR LIBERTY?

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today is a defining moment in this Nation’s history. Will we choose the path of individual liberty or will we choose the path of government tyranny? Will we choose the path to be in control of our own health, or will we choose the way of a European nanny state where government forces health choices upon us? Will we choose to uphold the sacred motto “We the People” or will we return to the chains and slavery of government and choose “We the Subjects”?

Our choice is clear. The American people don’t desire more oppressive, intrusive government in charge of their health. The people want to control their own lives.

Thomas Paine in the Revolution said, “These are the times that try men’s souls. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered.” Our Founders made the right difficult choice. So will we at this time, on this day, this hour, stand for government tyranny or personal liberty? I choose “We the People,” not “We the Subjects.” And that’s just the way it is.

RECOGNITION FOR 1-MINUTE SPEECHES

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to expand the number of 1-minutes to unlimited.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The SPEAKER pro tempore. Recognition for 1-minutes is within the discretion of the Chair.

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to expand the number of 1-minutes to 10.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is exercising his discretion not to recognize more than five 1-minutes on each side.

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Within the discretion of the Chair, is the Chair responsible for explaining his basis for not expanding the number of 1-minutes so the American public can have a greater opportunity to hear the debate continue before the vote is taken today?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. No. Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. I think the Speaker.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order: motion to suspend the rules on H.R. 4840, by the yeas and nays; motion to suspend the rules on H. Res. 1174, by the yeas and nays; approval of the Journal, by the yeas and nays; motion to suspend the rules on H. Res. 1075, by the yeas and nays.

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

CLARENCE D. LUMPINK POST OFFICE

Mr. Speaker pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4840, on which the yeas and nays were ordered. The Clerk read the title of the bill.
The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Georgia has not stated a proper parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. KINGSTON. Parliamentary inquiry. Why was that vote held open for 25 minutes?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will not entertain further such inquiries.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1174, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SPEIER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1174.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 420, nays 0, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 156]  

YEAS—420

Acland
Aderholt
Adler (NJ)
Akin
Al Green
Anderson
Arnold
Baca
Bachmann
Bachus
Bailey
Barrett (SC)
Barrow
Bartlett
Barton (TX)
Bean
Becerra
Berkeley
Berman
Berry
Biggert
Bilirakis
Bishop (GA) (roll call)
Bishop (NY)
Blackburn
Blumenauer
Bonfiglio
Bosco
Boehner
Bouyer
Bueno Mack
Boren
Bowser
Boucher
Boustany
Boyd
Brady (PA)
Brady (TX)
Braley (IA)
Bright
Brown (GA)
Brown (SC)

Cummings
Darst
Davis (CA)
Davis (IL)
Davis (NY)
DePasquale
Deutsch
Deutch
Diaz-Balart
Dicks
Dingell
Donnelly (NY)
Doyle
Dreier
Drew
Driehaus
Duncan
Edwards (MD)
Edwards (TX)
Ehlers
Ellison
Emerson
Engel
Besho
Bidgoli
Byrd
Bono
Boehner
Borum
Boucher
Boustany
Boyden
Boyden
Braley (IA)
Braley (IN)
Crenshaw
Crowley
Cuellar
Cuberson
Ganemeni
Garrett (NJ)
Giffords
Gingrey (GA)
Gohmert
Gonzalez
Goodlatte
Gordon (TN)
Granger
Graves
Gravel
Green, AL
Green, Gene
Grijalva
Guthrie
Hall (NY)
Hall (TX)
Halvorson
Hает
Harman
Harpers
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Heinrich
Hollings
Homer
Herseth Sandlin
Hill
Himes
Hinojosa
Hirono
Hodes
Holt
Honda
Hoyer
Horn
Hostler
House
Howard
Hovland
Hwang
Hynatt
Hunt
Hyde
Ibarra
Ingalls
Israel
Issa
Jackson (IL)
Jackson Lee
Jackson (TX)
Jacks
Johnson (GA)
Johnson (IL)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones
Jordan (OH)
Jones
Kagen
Kane
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kennedy
Kildee
Kilpatrick (MI)
Kingsley
Kind
King (IA)
King (NY)
Kingston
Kirk
Kissell
Klein (FL)
Kline (MN)
Kosmas
Krane
Kucinich
Lamborn
Lance
Langevin
Larsen (WA)
Larsen (CT)
Latham
Latta
Lee (CA)
Lee (NY)
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (GA)
Linder
Lipinski
LoBiondo
Loehner
London, Zoe
Lowey
Lucas
Luetkemeyer
Lucas
Lummers
Mack
Maitland
Manzullo
Marchant
Markey (CO)
Markey (MA)
Marshall
Marshall
Mast
Matsui
McCaul
McCloskey
McCracken
McGovern
McHenry
McIntyre
McKeon
McMahon
McMorris
McMorris (IL)
McNerney
Meeke (NY)
Melancon
Mica
Michaud
Miller (FL)
Miller (MI)
Miller (NJ)
Miller
Miller
Miller
Minnick
Mitchell
Mollohan
Moore (KS)
Moran (VA)
Murphy (CT)
Murphy (NY)
Murphy, Patrick
Murphy, Tim
Myrick
Nadler (NY)
Napolitano
Ned (MA)
Nexis
Nye
Oberstar
Obey
O&I
Oberstar
O’Leary
Oberstar
Oliver
Ortiz
Ownens
Pallone
Pasecker
Pastor (AZ)
Paul
Paulsen
Payne
Penelope
Perlmutter
Perriello
Peters
Peterson
Pett
Pigey
Pitts
Poe (TX)
Pouls (DQ)
NOT VOTING—10

Conyers
Cryderes
Hinchey
Cryderes

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry. I was wondering if the Chair could tell us why 15 minutes was held open for 25 minutes. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has not stated a proper parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. KINGSTON. Parliamentary inquiry. Could the Chair explain to us how long that last vote was officially and how long it was in reality, which was 25 minutes? And I am wondering why the vote was held open for so long.