

that we move forward with that independent audit. Regardless of the reasons that may have led us to that conclusion, I think everyone here today agrees that it was a positive step. The only regret we all have is that, as outlined in the resolution in several whereas clauses, the books that the independent auditor and the inspector general had to look at where wholly inadequate to coming to some clear and final conclusions about financial transactions over the last 15 months.

This resolution, jointly sponsored by the majority and the minority leader, intends to clarify and rectify those areas of the financial books that the independent auditors were incapable of clarifying. We believe that based upon the representations made to us, the inspector general will be able to resolve the questions that are outstanding. We believe that the system was at fault. There is no reason at this time to try to draw any conclusions at all, given the difficulty of professional auditors in determining with some finality, what occurred.

It would be a service to no one, the American people, Members of this institution, or anyone else, to speculate on what might occur. Rather, the absolute appropriate approach of a House resolution, asking our inspector general to take on what resources are necessary to finalize this audit as soon as possible, but no later than November 30, is not only the appropriate step but really consciously the only one that we can take.

So it is with great pleasure, on a bipartisan note, that we offer for the Members consideration House Resolution 192.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

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

Mr. GEPHARDT. 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 414, nays 0, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 525]

YEAS—414

Abercrombie	Barcia	Bevill
Ackerman	Barr	Bilbray
Allard	Barrett (NE)	Bilirakis
Andrews	Barrett (WI)	Bishop
Archer	Bartlett	Bliley
Armey	Barton	Blute
Bachus	Bass	Boehlert
Baesler	Bateman	Boehner
Baker (CA)	Becerra	Bonilla
Baker (LA)	Beilenson	Bonior
Baldacci	Bentsen	Bono
Ballenger	Bereuter	Borski

Boucher	Frost	Luther
Browder	Funderburk	Maloney
Brown (CA)	Furse	Manton
Brown (FL)	Galleghy	Manzullo
Brown (OH)	Ganske	Markey
Brownback	Gejdenson	Martinez
Bryant (TN)	Gekas	Martini
Bunn	Gephardt	Mascara
Bunning	Geren	Matsui
Burr	Gibbons	McCarthy
Burton	Gilchrest	McCollum
Buyer	Gillmor	McCrery
Callahan	Gilman	McDade
Calvert	Gonzalez	McDermott
Camp	Goodlatte	McHale
Canady	Goodling	McHugh
Cardin	Gordon	McInnis
Castle	Goss	McIntosh
Chabot	Graham	McKeon
Chambliss	Green	McKinney
Chapman	Greenwood	McNulty
Chenoweth	Gunderson	Meehan
Christensen	Gutierrez	Meek
Chrysler	Gutknecht	Menendez
Clayton	Hall (OH)	Metcalf
Clement	Hall (TX)	Meyers
Clinger	Hamilton	Mfume
Clyburn	Hancock	Mica
Coble	Hansen	Miller (CA)
Coburn	Harman	Miller (FL)
Coleman	Hastings (FL)	Mineta
Coleman	Hastings (WA)	Minge
Collins (GA)	Hayes	Mink
Collins (IL)	Hayworth	Molinari
Combest	Hefley	Mollohan
Condit	Hefner	Montgomery
Conyers	Heineman	Moorhead
Cooley	Herger	Moran
Costello	Hillery	Morella
Cox	Hilliard	Myers
Coyne	Hinchey	Myrick
Cramer	Hobson	Nadler
Crapo	Hoekstra	Neal
Creameans	Hoke	Nethercutt
Cubin	Holden	Neumann
Cunningham	Horn	Ney
Danner	Hostettler	Norwood
Davis	Houghton	Nussle
de la Garza	Hoyer	Oberstar
Deal	Hunter	Obey
DeFazio	Hutchinson	Olver
DeLauro	Inglis	Ortiz
DeLay	Istook	Orton
Dellums	Jackson-Lee	Owens
Deutsch	Jacobs	Packard
Diaz-Balart	Jefferson	Parker
Dickey	Johnson (CT)	Pastor
Dicks	Johnson (SD)	Paxon
Dingell	Johnson, E. B.	Payne (NJ)
Dixon	Johnson, Sam	Payne (VA)
Doggett	Johnston	Pelosi
Dooley	Jones	Peterson (FL)
Doolittle	Kanjorski	Peterson (MN)
Dornan	Kaptur	Petri
Doyle	Kasich	Pickett
Dreier	Kelly	Pombo
Duncan	Kennedy (MA)	Pomeroy
Dunn	Kennelly	Porter
Durbin	Kildee	Portman
Edwards	Kim	Poshard
Ehlers	King	Pryce
Ehrlich	Kingston	Quillen
Emerson	Klecza	Quinn
Engel	Klink	Radanovich
English	Klug	Rahall
Ensign	Knollenberg	Ramstad
Eshoo	Kolbe	Rangel
Evans	LaFalce	Reed
Everett	LaHood	Regula
Ewing	Largent	Richardson
Farr	Latham	Riggs
Fattah	LaTourette	Rivers
Fawell	Laughlin	Roberts
Fazio	Lazio	Roemer
Fields (LA)	Leach	Rogers
Fields (TX)	Levin	Rohrabacher
Filner	Lewis (CA)	Ros-Lehtinen
Flake	Lewis (GA)	Rose
Flanagan	Lewis (KY)	Roth
Foglietta	Lightfoot	Roukema
Foley	Lincoln	Roybal-Allard
Forbes	Linder	Royce
Ford	Lipinski	Rush
Fowler	Livingston	Sabo
Fox	LoBiondo	Salmon
Frank (MA)	Lofgren	Sanders
Franks (CT)	Longley	Sanford
Franks (NJ)	Lowey	Sawyer
Frelinghuysen	Lucas	Saxton
Frist		

Scarborough	Stenholm	Visclosky
Schaefer	Stockman	Vucanovich
Schiff	Stokes	Waldholtz
Schroeder	Studds	Walker
Schumer	Stump	Walsh
Scott	Stupak	Wamp
Seastrand	Talent	Ward
Sensenbrenner	Tanner	Waters
Serrano	Tate	Watt (NC)
Shadegg	Tauzin	Watts (OK)
Shaw	Taylor (MS)	Waxman
Shays	Taylor (NC)	Weldon (FL)
Shuster	Tejeda	Weldon (PA)
Sisisky	Thomas	Weller
Skaggs	Thompson	White
Skeen	Thornberry	Whitfield
Skelton	Thornton	Wicker
Slaughter	Thurman	Williams
Smith (MI)	Torkildsen	Wilson
Smith (NJ)	Torres	Wise
Smith (TX)	Torrice	Wolf
Smith (WA)	Towns	Woolsey
Solomon	Trafficant	Wyden
Souder	Tucker	Wynn
Spence	Upton	Young (AK)
Spratt	Velazquez	Young (FL)
Stearns	Vento	Zimmer

NOT VOTING—20

Berman	Hyde	Reynolds
Brewster	Kennedy (RI)	Stark
Bryant (TX)	Lantos	Tiahrt
Clay	Moakley	Volkmer
Collins (MI)	Murtha	Yates
Crane	Oxley	Zeliff
Hastert	Pallone	

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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.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE BILL RICHARDSON FOR HIS WORK IN OBTAINING RELEASE OF THE TWO AMERICANS HELD CAPTIVE

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

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the gentleman from New Mexico [Mr. RICHARDSON] who is on the floor for his great work and have the House recognize his tremendous deed on behalf of the two Americans who were held captive. He is here. I want the House to extend its appropriate respect for the work of our colleague.

SPECIAL ORDERS

Mr. SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MCINNIS). Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida [Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio [Ms. KAPTUR] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. CANADY] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. CANADY of Florida addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. OLVER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. OLVER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. GOSS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. GOSS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

ADDRESSING AMERICA'S GROWING TRADE DEFICIT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon [Mr. DEFAZIO] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, today we had the latest in a round of disastrous statistics relating to the United States trade policy. We ran a record 1-month trade deficit for May. We ran a near record with Mexico, over \$1.5 billion. We are headed toward a \$20 billion trade deficit with Mexico; \$3.5 billion with that great bastion of democracy and capitalism, the People's Republic of China, a known terrorist nation, oppressing its own people, putting United States citizens in jail, dealing in nuclear weapons, and yet they still have most-favored-nation status.

What is the response of the new Republican majority, the Republican revolution, those who were going to bring change to Washington, DC? Do they defy the established order, the order that has been imposed in Washington, DC, by Wall Street and the multinational corporations? Are they calling for a change in this disastrous trade policy?

We are headed toward a \$170 billion trade deficit this year. If we use our own Commerce Department's statistics, that would mean over 3 million American manufacturing, family-wage jobs will be exported from this country due to unfair foreign trade practices.

True, the Clinton White House, Mickey Kantor, our Special Trade Representative, are complicit in this, also. In fact, they did something probably George Bush could not have done had he been reelected, that is, getting both NAFTA and GATT through the House of Representatives and signed into law.

So we have complicity at the top on both sides, a complicity of silence.

So much of the campaign contributions flow from the corporations that are doing so well, and so few of the campaign contributions flow from the workers and the communities that are being devastated by this trade policy, this export of technology, this export of jobs. It is time to admit that American trade policy is a failure. How can anybody look at a string of annual growing deficits in trade, every billion dollars meaning 20,000 lost jobs here in the United States of America and say this policy is successful?

There is only one major power in the world we run a trade surplus with, and that is Great Britain, because they are crazier about following the edicts of an economist that has been dead more than 200 years, Adam Smith, than we are. They have opened more of their markets and their country to unfair trading practices than even the United States of America has done.

Every other one of our major industry trading partners and our not-so-major trading partners, like Mexico, have figured it out. That is, that you should have a trade policy that creates wealth in your country, you should have a trade policy that raises wages in your country, you should have a trade policy that creates jobs in your country, you should have a trade policy set up so that you do not run annual account deficits to the tune of \$160 billion which puts your currency at risk in the world markets.

All of our trading partners have figured that out. The Japanese laugh at the things we do, the so-called concessions that the Clinton administration got on auto parts. Spark plugs still cost \$8 in Japan, and the same spark plug produced in the United States of America still costs \$1, and you cannot get that \$1 spark plug into Japan or into a Japanese engine because they say theirs are different.

They are not any different. What is different is they are protecting their industry, they are protecting their jobs, and we have done nothing to open those markets. The statistics we got today point to the further failure of that policy.

It is time to begin thinking about a new trade policy for this country. I am urging my colleagues to look at and hopefully sign a letter which I am writing to the President, the Speaker of the House, the majority leader of the Senate and the minority leaders on both sides asking that we name a bipartisan commission to review and investigate our trade policy and formulate a policy that make sense as we guide this country into the next century.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot go on forever piling \$160 billion trade deficit on \$160 billion trade deficit any more than we can go on piling \$200 billion national deficit on deficit year in and year out. You have got to get your trade in balance the same way you have got to get

your Federal budget in balance. It is time for a change. I urge Members to join me in this effort.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. BALLENGER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. BALLENGER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

GOP POSTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. RUSH] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a proud member of a body that was created to allow for differences of opinion and stands for the kind of bipartisan debate and discussion that provides for true representation of all Americans.

It is with great sadness and considerable regret that I learned that my Republican colleagues believe that, in this great House, there is room only for their political opinions and their lock-step ideology—an ideology that smacks of racism, antisemitism, and sexism.

And, as evident by the latest GOP fundraising tactic—a liberals "Wanted" poster—this is an ideology that provokes violence and the worst possible kind of hatred.

The Republican Party clearly knows no bounds when it eagerly targets lawmakers like myself and likens us to outlaws and criminals.

How shameful, that in the age of terrorism that has already struck in Oklahoma City and has made a virtual fortress out of the Nation's Capitol, the Republicans have made my picture into a virtual bull's eye that dares any right wing extremist to take aim and to shoot.

I will not allow a bounty to be placed on my head or on the heads of other black, Jewish, hispanic, or female Members of Congress. Those of us whose faces are plastered on the GOP's Wanted poster speak for thousands of Americans who have sent us to these hallowed halls so that their voices will be heard.

And even a gimmick as dirty and as sinister as this poster will not silence our voices.

We will continue to speak out loudly and clearly as the members of the loyal opposition who dare to take issue with Republican cuts in medicare; with Republican proposals to do away with student aid; and with a Republican agenda that seeks to disenfranchise all but the handful of rich fat cats that fill the Republican coffers.

It is with bitter irony that, after spending much of my lifetime as a target of the FBI, the Chicago police department, and others, my face appears