

The Washington Post got it absolutely right when they said the Democrats, let by the president, chose instead to present themselves as the demagogues that they are.

WHY IS THE GOVERNMENT SHUT DOWN?

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

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, the country is asking today: Why is the Government shut down?

The President has made it clear the Government is shut down because he will not yield to the blackmail on Medicare, on Medicaid, on school lunch, on student loans.

What we did not understand is why is the Speaker, why is the Speaker going forward to shut down the Government?

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. KINGSTON. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina). The gentleman will suspend. The gentleman makes a point of order.

Mr. MILLER of California. Why is the Speaker going forward? Because he is angry about his treatment.

Mr. KINGSTON. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend. The gentleman from California will suspend.

Mr. MILLER of California. I have 1 minute to speak.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

Mr. MILLER of California. He is upset.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

For what purpose does the gentleman from Georgia rise?

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, point of order. Was it not the opinion of the Chair that the chart in the gentleman's hand is out of order?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is correct.

Mr. DOGGETT. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. MILLER of California. May I be heard on the point of order?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, since it is obvious the Democrat Party does not want to play by the rules of the House, would it not be in order to remove the chart from the floor?

Mr. MILLER of California. If I may be heard on the point of order.

Mr. DOGGETT. Point of order, Mr. Speaker. I would like to state my point of order.

Mr. MILLER of California. The point of order—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend. The gentleman from California may be heard on the point of order.

Mr. MILLER of California. The point of order, I believe, is to suggest what, that I am holding the cover of the front page of the New York Daily News?

Mr. KINGSTON. Point of order, Mr. Speaker. He is trying to debate. My point of order and question to the Chair was: Should not that chart be removed from the Chamber, since the Democrats obviously do not have the self-discipline to follow the rules of the House?

Mr. MILLER of California. On the point of order, Mr. Speaker, this chart is in order under the House rules because this chart provides and has provided to 800,000 New Yorkers the explanation of why the Speaker shut down the Government.

Mr. DOGGETT. Point of order, Mr. Speaker; point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is prepared to rule on the point of order.

All Members should not use charts that are demeaning to other Members, in order to preserve the decorum of the House.

Mr. DOGGETT. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry. When we had a previous objection—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend. The gentleman from Texas was on his feet first.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, under the rules of the House, if the gentleman or any of the other gentleman of the majority wish to object to this chart, instead of continuing to interrupt our speakers who use it, the proper approach under the rules is to state an objection. Then we can have a vote on it in the House, and I raise a point of order against these continued obstructions of the orderly debate and ask them to state their objection, if that is what they want, and get a ruling from the Chair.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas will suspend.

The Chair is prepared to rule. The Chair ruled in this case on the point of order that the chart was not in order because it was demeaning to another Member, the Speaker.

Mr. DOGGETT. You have ruled it is out of order? Are you directing us to remove it from the floor?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That is correct.

Mr. DOGGETT. Then I ask for a vote on that.

Mr. Speaker, I appeal the ruling of the Chair. I appeal the ruling of the Chair that the chart of the front page of the Daily News is out of order.

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I move to table the motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question, first, is, shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?

The gentleman from Georgia moves to lay the appeal on the table.

The question is on the motion to table offered by the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. KINGSTON].

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

Mr. HOKE. 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. On that, I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 231, nays 173, not voting 28, as follows:

[Roll No. 803]

YEAS—231

Allard	Gallegly	Moorhead
Archer	Ganske	Morella
Armey	Gekas	Myers
Bachus	Gilchrest	Myrick
Baker (CA)	Gillmor	Nethercutt
Baker (LA)	Gilman	Neumann
Ballenger	Goodlatte	Ney
Barr	Goodling	Norwood
Barrett (NE)	Gordon	Nussle
Bartlett	Goss	Oxley
Barton	Graham	Packard
Bass	Greenwood	Parker
Bateman	Gunderson	Paxon
Beilenson	Gutknecht	Petri
Bereuter	Hancock	Pombo
Bilbray	Hansen	Portman
Bilirakis	Hastert	Pryce
Bliley	Hastings (WA)	Quillen
Blute	Hayes	Quinn
Boehlert	Hayworth	Radanovich
Boehner	Hefley	Ramstad
Bonilla	Heineman	Regula
Bono	Herger	Roberts
Brownback	Hilleary	Rogers
Bryant (TN)	Hobson	Rohrabacher
Bunn	Hoekstra	Ros-Lehtinen
Bunning	Hoke	Roth
Burr	Horn	Roukema
Burton	Hostettler	Royce
Buyer	Houghton	Salmon
Callahan	Hoyer	Sanford
Calvert	Hunter	Saxton
Camp	Hutchinson	Scarborough
Canady	Hyde	Schaefer
Castle	Inglis	Schiff
Chabot	Istook	Seastrand
Chambliss	Jacobs	Sensenbrenner
Chenoweth	Johnson (CT)	Shaw
Christensen	Johnson, Sam	Shays
Chrysler	Jones	Shuster
Clinger	Kasich	Skeen
Coble	Kelly	Smith (MI)
Coburn	Kim	Smith (TX)
Collins (GA)	King	Smith (WA)
Combest	Kingston	Solomon
Cooley	Klug	Souder
Crapo	Knollenberg	Spence
Cremeans	Kolbe	Stearns
Cubin	LaHood	Stockman
Cunningham	Largent	Stump
Davis	Latham	Talent
Deal	LaTourette	Tate
DeLay	Laughlin	Tauzin
Diaz-Balart	Lazio	Taylor (MS)
Dickey	Leach	Taylor (NC)
Doolittle	Lewis (CA)	Thomas
Dreier	Lewis (KY)	Thornberry
Duncan	Lightfoot	Tiahrt
Dunn	Linder	Torkildsen
Ehlers	Livingston	Trafficant
Ehrlich	LoBiondo	Upton
Emerson	Longley	Vucanovich
English	Lucas	Waldholtz
Ensign	Manzullo	Walker
Everett	Martini	Walsh
Ewing	McCollum	Wamp
Fawell	McDade	Watts (OK)
Flanagan	McHugh	Weldon (FL)
Foley	McInnis	Weller
Forbes	McIntosh	White
Fowler	McKeon	Whitfield
Fox	Metcalf	Wicker
Franks (CT)	Meyers	Wolf
Franks (NJ)	Mica	Young (AK)
Frelinghuysen	Miller (FL)	Young (FL)
Frisa	Molinari	Zeliff
Funderburk	Montgomery	Zimmer