

I ask my colleagues to oppose this resolution, in order to send a clear message to the American people that we understand and respect the role of the legislature in our democratic system.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

The resolution is considered read for amendment.

Pursuant to House Resolution 436, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the resolution.

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

Mr. DELAY. 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 259, nays 157, answered “present” 6, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 176]  
YEAS—259

Abercrombie	Dickey	Jenkins
Aderholt	Doolittle	John
Archer	Dreier	Johnson (CT)
Army	Duncan	Johnson, Sam
Bachus	Dunn	Jones
Baesler	Ehlers	Kasich
Baker	Ehrlich	Kelly
Ballenger	Emerson	Killde
Barcia	English	Kim
Barr	Ensign	King (NY)
Barrett (NE)	Etheridge	Kingston
Bartlett	Evans	Klug
Barton	Everett	Knollenberg
Bass	Ewing	Kolbe
Bereuter	Fawell	LaHood
Berry	Foley	Largent
Bilbray	Forbes	Latham
Billrakis	Fossella	LaTourrette
Bliley	Fowler	Lazio
Blunt	Fox	Leach
Boehlert	Franks (NJ)	Lewis (CA)
Boehner	Frelinghuysen	Lewis (KY)
Bonilla	Galleghy	Linder
Bono	Ganske	Lipinski
Boswell	Gekas	Livingston
Brady (TX)	Gibbons	LoBiondo
Bryant	Gilchrest	Lucas
Bunning	Gillmor	Maloney (CT)
Burr	Gilman	Manzullo
Burton	Goode	McCarthy (NY)
Buyer	Goodlatte	McCollum
Callahan	Goodling	McCreery
Calvert	Goss	McDade
Camp	Graham	McHale
Campbell	Granger	McHugh
Canady	Green	McInnis
Cannon	Greenwood	McIntosh
Castle	Gutknecht	McIntyre
Chabot	Hall (TX)	McKeon
Chambliss	Hamilton	McKinney
Chenoweth	Hansen	Metcalf
Christensen	Hastert	Mica
Coble	Hastings (WA)	Miller (FL)
Coburn	Hayworth	Mink
Collins	Hefley	Moran (KS)
Combest	Herger	Morella
Condit	Hill	Myrick
Cook	Hilleary	Nethercutt
Cooksey	Hobson	Neumann
Cox	Hoekstra	Ney
Cramer	Holden	Northup
Crane	Horn	Norwood
Cubin	Hostettler	Nussle
Cunningham	Hulshof	Oxley
Danner	Hunter	Packard
Davis (VA)	Hutchinson	Pappas
Deal	Hyde	Parker
DeLay	Inglis	Pascarell
Diaz-Balart	Istook	Paul

Paxon	Sanford
Pease	Saxton
Peterson (MN)	Scarborough
Peterson (PA)	Schaefer, Dan
Petri	Schaffer, Bob
Pickering	Sensenbrenner
Pitts	Sessions
Pombo	Shadegg
Porter	Shaw
Portman	Shays
Price (NC)	Sherman
Pryce (OH)	Shimkus
Quinn	Shuster
Radanovich	Sisisky
Ramstad	Skeen
Redmond	Smith (MI)
Regula	Smith (NJ)
Riggs	Smith (OR)
Riley	Smith (TX)
Roemer	Smith, Linda
Rogan	Snowbarger
Rogers	Solomon
Rohrabacher	Souder
Ros-Lehtinen	Spence
Roukema	Stabenow
Royce	Stearns
Ryun	Stenholm
Salmon	Strickland

Stump
Sununu
Talent
Tauzin
Taylor (MS)
Taylor (NC)
Thomas
Thornberry
Thune
Tiahrt
Traficant
Turner
Upton
Walsh
Wamp
Watkins
Watts (OK)
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
White
Whitfield
Wicker
Wolf
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

Messrs. PASCRELL, ABERCROMBIE, and STRICKLAND 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman, one of his secretaries.

CALLING UPON PRESIDENT TO URGE FULL COOPERATION WITH CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 436, I call up the resolution (H. Res. 433) calling upon the President of the United States to urge full cooperation by his former political appointees and friends and their associates with congressional investigations, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of House Resolution 433 is as follows:

Whereas approximately 90 witnesses in the campaign finance investigation have either asserted a fifth amendment privilege or fled the country to avoid testifying in congressional investigations;

Whereas prominent among those who have asserted the fifth amendment privilege or fled the country to avoid testifying are former political appointees and friends of the President of the United States, such as former Associate Attorney General Webster Hubbell; former Department of Commerce political appointee John Huang; former Presidential trade commission appointee Charlie Trie; former senior Presidential aide Mark Middleton; longtime Presidential friends James and Mochtar Riady, as well as family, friends, and associates of some of these individuals;

Whereas when the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Louis Freeh testified before the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee on December 9, 1997, he had the following exchange with the Chairman of the Committee:

Mr. Burton: Mr. Freeh, over 65 (at that time) people have invoked the Fifth Amendment or fled the country in the course of the committee's investigation. Have you ever experienced so many unavailable witnesses in any matter in which you have prosecuted or in which you have been involved?

Mr. Freeh: Actually, I have.  
Mr. Burton: You have. Give me a run-down on that real quickly.

Mr. Freeh: I spent about 16 years doing organized crime cases in New York City, and many people were frequently unavailable.

Whereas never in the recent history of congressional investigations has Congress been faced with so many witnesses who have asserted fifth amendment privileges or fled the country to avoid testifying in a congressional investigation; and

Whereas the unavailability of witnesses has severely limited the public's right to know about campaign finance violations which occurred over the past several years and related matters: Now, therefore, be it

NAYS—157

Ackerman	Gordon
Allen	Hall (OH)
Andrews	Hastings (FL)
Baldacci	Hefner
Becerra	Hilliard
Bentsen	Hinchey
Bishop	Hinojosa
Blagojevich	Hooley
Blumenauer	Houghton
Bonior	Hoyer
Borski	Jackson (IL)
Boucher	Jackson-Lee
Boyd	(TX)
Brady (PA)	Jefferson
Brown (CA)	Johnson, E.B.
Brown (FL)	Kanjorski
Brown (OH)	Kennedy (MA)
Capps	Kennedy (RI)
Cardin	Kennelly
Carson	Kilpatrick
Clay	Klecza
Clayton	Klink
Clement	Kucinich
Clyburn	LaFalce
Conyers	Lampson
Costello	Lantos
Coyne	Lee
Cummings	Levin
Davis (FL)	Lewis (GA)
Davis (IL)	Lofgren
DeFazio	Lowey
DeGette	Luther
DeLahunt	Maloney (NY)
DeLauro	Manton
Deutsch	Markey
Dicks	Martinez
Dingell	Mascara
Dixon	Matsui
Doggett	McCarthy (MO)
Dooley	McGovern
Doyle	McNulty
Edwards	Meehan
Engel	Meek (FL)
Eshoo	Menendez
Fattah	Millender-
Fazio	McDonald
Filner	Miller (CA)
Ford	Minge
Frank (MA)	Moakley
Frost	Mollohan
Furse	Moran (VA)
Gejdenson	Murtha
Gephardt	Nadler

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—6

Barrett (WI)	Johnson (WI)
Berman	Kind (WI)

NOT VOTING—11

Bateman	Gutierrez
Crapo	Harman
Farr	Kaptur
Gonzalez	McDermott

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Mr. CUMMINGS, and Mr. DAVIS of Florida changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”