

Vote "no" on the rule.

TIME TO END CORRUPTING INFLUENCE OF MONEY ON PUBLIC POLICY

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

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, the corrupting influence of money on public policy is evident in this House every day. It is evident not only as a principal concern that arises here on vote after vote, significantly influenced by who, gave how much, to whom, when, but it is also particularly evident in the silence on critical issues of public policy, on what is never discussed. When we are unable to consider critical issues of public health because of the soft money contributions from Philip Morris and the tobacco industry; when we are never able to debate the outrageous price discrimination against our seniors on their pharmaceuticals because of the millions of dollars that the pharmaceutical companies contribute, and by the multiple issues never considered that impact our children, who make no campaign contribution.

Today we have an opportunity to consider a very modest, a very incomplete and imperfect answer to this troubling predicament through bipartisan legislation. This legislation represents our best hope to begin to correct this outrage and restore our democracy to the people.

PASS MEANINGFUL CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, the time has come to pass meaningful campaign finance reform. What it will do, what the bipartisan Shays-Meehan Campaign Reform Act will do is to take the soft money out of politics, take the special interest money out of politics. It will help us to restore the integrity to our political system. It will help us today to restore the confidence that the American public needs to have in people who serve in public life, restore their confidence in our government that, in fact, we can act on behalf of the interests of the people that we represent and not the interests of the moneyed interests in this country.

Mr. Speaker, we have an obligation here to pass meaningful campaign finance reform so that, in fact, we can get about the business of making sure that we have a Patients' Bill of Rights, which is a bipartisan piece of legislation; that we have a prescription drug benefit so that we can bring some relief to people who are struggling with the high cost of drugs in this country; that we can have a clean and a safe environment.

That is what this bill is about. It is a bipartisan bill. It is authored by the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS) and the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MEEHAN). This bill has passed twice in this House before, and we should take today that opportunity to make it a law.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

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

Mr. McNULTY. 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 362, nays 50, answered "present" 1, not voting 20, as follows:

(Roll No. 222)
YEAS—362

Ackerman	Chambliss	Ford
Akin	Clay	Fossella
Allen	Clement	Frank
Andrews	Clyburn	Frelinghuysen
Arney	Coble	Frost
Baca	Collins	Galleghy
Bachus	Combest	Ganske
Baker	Condit	Gekas
Baldacci	Conyers	Gibbons
Ballenger	Cooksey	Gilchrest
Barcia	Coyne	Gillmor
Barr	Cramer	Gilman
Barrett	Crenshaw	Gonzalez
Bartlett	Cubin	Goode
Barton	Cummings	Goodlatte
Bass	Cunningham	Gordon
Bentsen	Davis (CA)	Goss
Bereuter	Davis (FL)	Graham
Berkley	Davis (IL)	Granger
Berman	Davis, Jo Ann	Graves
Berry	Davis, Tom	Green (TX)
Biggert	Deal	Green (WI)
Bilirakis	DeGette	Greenwood
Bishop	Delahunt	Grucci
Blagojevich	DeLauro	Hall (OH)
Blumenauer	DeLay	Hall (TX)
Blunt	DeMint	Hansen
Boehkert	Deutsch	Harman
Boehner	Diaz-Balart	Hart
Bonilla	Dicks	Hastings (WA)
Bono	Dingell	Hayes
Boswell	Doggett	Hayworth
Boucher	Dooley	Heger
Boyd	Doolittle	Hill
Brady (TX)	Doyle	Hilleary
Brown (FL)	Dreier	Hinojosa
Brown (SC)	Duncan	Hobson
Bryant	Dunn	Hoefel
Burr	Edwards	Hoekstra
Burton	Ehlers	Holden
Buyer	Ehrlich	Holt
Callahan	Emerson	Honda
Calvert	Engel	Hooley
Camp	Eshoo	Horn
Cannon	Etheridge	Hostettler
Cantor	Evans	Houghton
Capito	Everett	Hoyer
Capps	Farr	Hulshof
Cardin	Ferguson	Hunter
Carson (IN)	Flake	Hyde
Carson (OK)	Fletcher	Inslee
Castle	Foley	Isakson
Chabot	Forbes	Israel

Issa	Miller, Gary	Scarborough
Istook	Miller, George	Schakowsky
Jackson (IL)	Mink	Schiff
Jackson-Lee	Mollohan	Schrock
(TX)	Moore	Scott
Jefferson	Moran (VA)	Sensenbrenner
Jenkins	Morella	Serrano
John	Myrick	Sessions
Johnson (CT)	Nadler	Shadegg
Johnson (IL)	Napolitano	Shays
Johnson, E. B.	Neal	Sherman
Johnson, Sam	Nethercutt	Sherwood
Jones (NC)	Ney	Shimkus
Jones (OH)	Northup	Shows
Kanjorski	Norwood	Shuster
Kaptur	Nussle	Simmons
Keller	Obey	Simpson
Kelly	Oliver	Skeen
Kennedy (RI)	Ortiz	Skelton
Kerns	Osborne	Slaughter
Kildee	Ose	Smith (MI)
Kilpatrick	Otter	Smith (TX)
Kind (WI)	Owens	Smith (WA)
King (NY)	Oxley	Snyder
Kingston	Pallone	Solis
Kirk	Pascrell	Souder
Klecza	Pastor	Spratt
Knollenberg	Payne	Stearns
Kolbe	Pelosi	Stenholm
LaFalce	Pence	Strickland
LaHood	Peterson (PA)	Stump
Lampson	Petri	Sununu
Langevin	Phelps	Tanner
Largent	Pickering	Tauscher
Larson (CT)	Pitts	Tauzin
Latham	Pombo	Taylor (NC)
LaTourette	Pomeroy	Terry
Lee	Portman	Thornberry
Levin	Price (NC)	Thune
Lewis (KY)	Pryce (OH)	Thurman
Linder	Putnam	Tiahrt
Lipinski	Quinn	Tiberi
Lofgren	Radanovich	Tierney
Lowey	Rahall	Toomey
Lucas (KY)	Regula	Towns
Lucas (OK)	Rehberg	Traficant
Luther	Reyes	Turner
Maloney (CT)	Reynolds	Udall (CO)
Maloney (NY)	Riley	Upton
Manzullo	Rivers	Vitter
Markey	Rodriguez	Walden
Mascara	Roemer	Walsh
Matheson	Rogers (KY)	Watson (CA)
Matsui	Rogers (MI)	Watt (NC)
McCarthy (MO)	Rohrabacher	Watts (OK)
McCarthy (NY)	Ros-Lehtinen	Waxman
McCollum	Ross	Weiner
McCrery	Rothman	Weldon (FL)
McHugh	Roukema	Weldon (PA)
McInnis	Roybal-Allard	Wexler
McIntyre	Royce	Whitfield
McKeon	Rush	Wicker
Meehan	Ryan (WI)	Wilson
Meek (FL)	Ryan (KS)	Wolf
Meeks (NY)	Sanchez	Woolsey
Mica	Sanders	Wynn
Millender-	Sandin	Young (FL)
McDonald	Sawyer	
Miller (FL)	Saxton	

NAYS—50

Aderholt	Gutknecht	Ramstad
Baird	Hastings (FL)	Sabo
Baldwin	Hefley	Schaffer
Becerra	Hilliard	Stark
Bonior	Hinchev	Stupak
Borski	Kennedy (MN)	Sweeney
Brady (PA)	Kucinich	Taylor (MS)
Brown (OH)	Larsen (WA)	Thompson (CA)
Capuano	Lewis (GA)	Thompson (MS)
Costello	LoBiondo	Udall (NM)
Crane	McDermott	Velazquez
Crowley	McGovern	Visclosky
DeFazio	McNulty	Wamp
English	Menendez	Waters
Filner	Moran (KS)	Weller
Gephardt	Oberstar	Wu
Gutierrez	Peterson (MN)	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Tancredo

NOT VOTING—20

Abercrombie	Hutchinson	Murtha
Clayton	Lantos	Paul
Cox	Leach	Platts
Culberson	Lewis (CA)	Rangel
Fattah	McKinney	