

Dunn	King (NY)	Ramstad
Ehlers	Kingston	Regula
English	Kirk	Rehberg
Everett	Kline	Renzi
Feeney	Knollenberg	Reynolds
Ferguson	LaHood	Rogers (AL)
Flake	Latham	Rogers (KY)
Foley	LaTourette	Rogers (MI)
Forbes	Lewis (CA)	Rohrabacher
Franks (AZ)	Lewis (KY)	Ros-Lehtinen
Frelinghuysen	Linder	Royce
Galleghy	LoBiondo	Ryan (WI)
Garrett (NJ)	Lucas (OK)	Ryun (KS)
Gerlach	Manzullo	Saxton
Gibbons	McCotter	Schrock
Gilchrest	McCrery	Sensenbrenner
Gillmor	McHugh	Sessions
Gingrey	McInnis	Shadegg
Goode	McKeon	Shaw
Goodlatte	Mica	Sherwood
Goss	Miller (FL)	Shimkus
Granger	Miller (MI)	Shuster
Graves	Miller, Gary	Simmons
Green (WI)	Moran (KS)	Simpson
Gutknecht	Murphy	Smith (MI)
Hall	Musgrave	Smith (NJ)
Harris	Myrick	Smith (TX)
Hart	Nethercutt	Souder
Hastert	Neugebauer	Stearns
Hastings (WA)	Ney	Sullivan
Hayes	Northup	Sweeney
Hayworth	Norwood	Tancredo
Hefley	Nunes	Terry
Hensarling	Nussle	Thomas
Herger	Osborne	Thornberry
Hobson	Ose	Tiahrt
Hoekstra	Otter	Tiberi
Hostettler	Oxley	Toomey
Hunter	Paul	Turner (OH)
Hyde	Pearce	Vitter
Isakson	Pence	Walden (OR)
Issa	Peterson (PA)	Walsh
Istook	Pickering	Weldon (FL)
Jenkins	Pitts	Weldon (PA)
Johnson (CT)	Platts	Weller
Johnson (IL)	Pombo	Whitfield
Johnson, Sam	Porter	Wicker
Jones (NC)	Portman	Wilson (NM)
Keller	Pryce (OH)	Wilson (SC)
Kelly	Putnam	Wolf
Kennedy (MN)	Quinn	Young (AK)
King (IA)	Radanovich	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—16

Bell	Fossella	Neal (MA)
Berman	Frank (MA)	Tanner
Burton (IN)	Gephardt	Tauzin
Conyers	Houghton	Taylor (NC)
Culberson	Hoyer	
DeMint	Hulshof	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised that 2 minutes remain in this vote.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. THOMPSON of California (during the vote). Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The gentleman may inquire.

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, everyone has voted. How long does the Chair plan to keep the roll open?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is a minimum 5-minute vote.

Mr. THOMPSON of California. So what is the maximum, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. There is no maximum.

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I thought that we had House rules that limited the time that the roll could be kept open.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. There is no House rule that limits the time. Rule XX provides a minimum time.

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, how long will the Chair keep the role open on this particular vote?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Until all the Members wishing to vote have voted.

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, how long has the roll been open?

Mr. Speaker, I have a point of parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman may inquire.

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, how long has the roll been open on this 5-minute vote?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Thirteen minutes on this minimum 5-minute vote.

Mr. THOMPSON of California. How much longer does the Chair plan to keep the roll open?

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

Mr. SPRATT (during the vote). Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman may state his inquiry.

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, if the purpose of setting the vote at 5 minutes was to save time, the House's time, what purpose is served by allowing the roll to stay open for more than 20 minutes?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is exercising his discretion.

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, but if the original purpose was to save time, why are we now extending time?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is exercising his discretion and can do so under the rule.

Mr. SPRATT. Can the Chair give us an estimate of when he expects to close the roll and announce the vote?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair cannot predict the future.

Mr. RANGEL. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman may inquire.

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, could the brilliant Chair share with us the basis of his discretionary decision on this most important vote?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has the discretion as to when to close a vote.

Mr. RANGEL. I know that, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. After the minimum time has expired.

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, we will never challenge the Chair's discretion, because we appreciate the intelligence which he brings to this august body. So that is the reason why we should like to support the Chair if he could only share with us the basis of his decision.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Another Member has entered the Chamber to vote.

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I think this one vote has answered my question. The Chair wanted just one more affirmative vote.

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Messrs. DUNCAN, OSE, SMITH of Michigan and WHITFIELD changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. OWENS changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the motion was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on rollcall 97, the motion to instruct conferees. I was attending a memorial service for the wife of a very dear friend and, therefore, could not attend. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted for the motion to instruct, which I understand would have made the tally 210 for and 209 against.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees: For consideration of the Senate concurrent resolution and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. NUSSLE, PORTMAN and SPRATT.

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6, rule XX.

RECORD votes on postponed questions will be taken later today.

WELCOMING THE ACCESSION OF BULGARIA, ESTONIA, LATVIA, LITHUANIA, ROMANIA, SLOVAKIA, AND SLOVENIA TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

Mr. BEREUTER. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 558) welcoming the accession of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 558

Whereas since 1949 the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) has played an essential role in guaranteeing the security, freedom, and prosperity of the United States and its allies in Europe and North America;

Whereas since 1994 Congress has repeatedly endorsed the enlargement of NATO through the NATO Participation Act of 1994, the NATO Enlargement Facilitation Act of 1996, the European Security Act of 1998, the Gerald B. H. Solomon Freedom Consolidation Act of 2002, the Transatlantic Security and NATO Enhancement Resolution of 2002, and House Concurrent Resolution 209 (2003);

Whereas NATO heads of state and government, meeting in Prague on November 21, 2002, invited Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia to commence accession negotiations with NATO;