

Tiberi	Walsh (NY)	Whitfield
Upton	Weldon (FL)	Wilson (SC)
Walberg	Weller	Wolf
Walden (OR)	Westmoreland	Young (AK)

NOT VOTING—8

Baker	Johnson, E. B.	Sessions
Davis, Jo Ann	Kanjorski	Young (FL)
Fattah	Pence	

□ 1301

Messrs. MILLER of Florida, SUL-LIVAN, WELDON of Florida and Ms. GRANGER changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Messrs. CARNEY, SAXTON, ROTHMAN, LOBIONDO, PORTER, OBERSTAR, SHAYS, JOHNSON of Illinois, FLAKE, PLATTS, ROHRBACHER, JONES of North Carolina, GILCHREST, DENT, DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, and MORAN of Kansas changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the motion was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

LEADERSHIP FROM BOTH SIDES
MUST COME TOGETHER

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

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, first I appreciate your recognizing me.

Mr. Speaker, the process we have just gone through where we had a vote whereby a significant majority voted to overrule the ruling of the Chair would suggest to me it is very important at the highest level our leadership come together from both sides of the aisle and discuss how this kind of thing can happen in the House. It is not good for the body. It does not allow us to go forward with our work effectively.

I thank the Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, is it not the case that the vote did not overrule the Chair? Is it not the case that the Chair's ruling that the words were out of order was not challenged, and was it not the case that the motion was simply to restore the right of the gentleman from Mississippi to speak and in no way overruled the ruling of the Chair?

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PAS-TOR). The gentleman is correct. The motion was to allow the gentleman from Mississippi to proceed in order on this day.

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Georgia.

Mr. WESTMORELAND. We just had a vote to restore the floor privileges for a Member who had his words taken down. Is it not true that the Democratic leadership, Speaker PELOSI, made the comments that we were going

to have a more civil House and that we—

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Point of order, Mr. Speaker. The gentleman has not stated a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman may state a parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Parliamentary inquiry: Is it true that we did not pass rules in this House that talked about civility?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The rules that have been adopted address order in the House.

The gentlewoman from Texas.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

I am not sure everyone heard you. I would appreciate it, so the vote we just voted is clarified, would you please restate the vote and also indicate whether or not that was an overruling of the Chair? Would you restate it for the full body, please?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. By motion, the gentleman from Mississippi was allowed to proceed in order on this day.

The gentleman from Mississippi.

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Mississippi?

Mr. ISSA. I object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

Mr. STEARNS. Parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Florida.

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to inquire of the Rules of the House, when the words of a Member is taken down and the Speaker rules that these words were incorrect and not within the decorum of the House and that these words would be stricken, is the normal procedure, notwithstanding the motion from Mr. FRANK, is the normal procedure that the Member is no longer allowed to debate for the full day in the House? Is that the procedure? I want to confirm that procedure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The answer is yes; the presumptive sanction is a disability from further recognition on that day; but in this case, by motion, the gentleman from Mississippi is allowed to proceed in order on this day.

Mr. STEARNS. I have a follow-up question, Mr. Speaker.

If that is the normal procedure, when is the last time we have allowed someone to speak on the floor after his words were taken down and stricken from the RECORD? Would the Parliamentarian please provide it to this Member? When was the last time we allowed someone to continue to debate on this floor after his words were stricken from the RECORD?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair cannot place today's proceedings in historical context. That is not the role of the Chair.

Mr. BUYER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Mississippi be recognized for 1 minute out of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Indiana?

There was no objection.

Mr. TAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Mr. BUYER.

In the course of the debate I encouraged, with words that were a little bit too strong, my colleague from Georgia to come visit south Mississippi and see the aftermath of Katrina. I used the word “decency” when I should have said “the courtesy.” If I have offended his decency, then I apologize for that.

But the offer stands. The gentleman was good enough to admit privately that he has not visited south Mississippi since the storm, has not seen that the town of Waveland is virtually gone, that Bay Saint Louis is virtually gone, that Pass Christian is virtually gone. To the point of his amendment: How does a town that is gone come up with matching funds to restore itself?

So I appreciate the gentleman yielding. I hope I have made my point to the membership, and I thank the body.

GULF COAST HURRICANE HOUSING
RECOVERY ACT OF 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 254 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 1227.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1227) to assist in the provision of affordable housing to low-income families affected by Hurricane Katrina, with Mr. HOLDEN (Acting Chairman) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, 5 minutes debate remained on amendment No. 7 printed in part B of House Report 110-53 by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. PRICE).

The gentleman from Georgia (Mr. PRICE) has 3½ minutes remaining and the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS) has 1½ minutes remaining.

Who yields time?

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Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I appreciate the apology of the gentleman from Mississippi. It should be noted that it was an offer from this Member to forego what occurred over the past hour in this House to the gentleman from Mississippi during the process, and that offer was declined. But I appreciate his apology, and I accept his apology.