

through a self-executed measure in a rule that was passed last month.

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That's why we have a chance to do it. I believe it should be done.

I am happy to yield to my friend.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I will tell the gentleman that this resolution that we are now considering does not seek to trivialize the issue. I suggest that the gentleman is trying to trivialize this issue. This issue does not deal with traffic tickets.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, if I could reclaim my time, I am not trivializing. I am not trivializing this issue at all.

Mr. HOYER. If the gentleman wants an answer, then he ought to give me the time to answer.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I am not trivializing this issue at all. There is nothing trivial about this issue.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's time has expired.

Mr. DREIER. My time has expired? Will the gentleman from Maryland yield me time to respond?

Mr. HOYER. How much time do I have?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Maryland has 4½ minutes remaining.

Mr. HOYER. I yield the gentleman from California 1 minute.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, let me say there is absolutely nothing trivial about this issue. We are here on the floor because of the fact that we have faced a very serious attack with an indictment against one of our colleagues. That Member happens to be a Democrat.

We have all discussed the fact that this is a bipartisan issue, and there is a goal to ensure that this institution is held to the highest possible ethical standards. We have before us a resolution, which, based on my experience in this House, is very poorly crafted. It is a resolution which creates the potential for all kinds of havoc.

I have been spending the last 40 minutes making a feeble attempt at trying to create some kind of legislative history as to how Members of this institution in the future are going to be treated, as our friends on other side of the aisle have rushed to the floor and tried to politicize this very, very important substantive issue.

They have done it. They have done it through the campaign process last fall, and I believe that we need to do what we can to put this measure before the Committee on Rules so we can, in fact, have a decent hearing on it.

I thank my friend for yielding.

Mr. HOYER. The gentleman is welcome.

The pain of accountability is evident. What this resolution says, and I am pleased that the gentleman from California is going to vote for it, is that the American people are going to have confidence that when a criminal act is committed by a Member, whatever

that act, that the Ethics Committee will look at it.

I said earlier in the course of this debate that I have full confidence that the Ethics Committee will dismiss summarily, summarily, the examples that the gentleman from California raises. That's not what the American public are concerned about.

Yes, perhaps it's politicized. But when Duke Cunningham takes \$2.5 million of bribes to put earmarks in bills and calls the Defense Department and says, give Mr. Wade a contract, the American people knows that's something they want looked at. They want action taken. That Member was not expelled until conviction.

When Mr. Abramoff takes trips with a lot of people to Scotland for free, the American people knows that's not a traffic ticket. It's not demonstrating in front of the Embassy of Sudan to say stop the genocide in Darfur. The American public knows the difference.

When a gentleman gets \$5,000 in chips to put in his pocket and pay his bills with, they know that's not a traffic ticket, particularly when legislative action is taken shortly thereafter on this floor. They know the difference.

I would hope that every Member would vote for this, because I believe that every Member in this House wants an ethical House, Republican and Democrat. Why? Because unethical conduct, yes, criminal conduct, reflects on every one of us, because the American public too readily assumes, well, if one does it, all do it.

That is not the case. I believe that I am privileged to serve with those of you on the Republican side and those on the Democratic side with some very ethical members of our society who have been chosen by your neighbors to represent them in this body.

All we are saying in this resolution is that, ladies and gentlemen of America, we are going to hold accountable each and every one of us if we do not act in accordance with your justifiably high expectations. I hope every Member of this body votes for this resolution and says to our constituents, this body will be an ethical, honest body representing your interest.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 451.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order: motion to suspend the rules on H. Res. 397, by the yeas and nays; motion to suspend the rules on H. Res. 422, by the yeas and nays; motion to suspend the rules on H. Res. 430, by the yeas and nays; motion to suspend the rules on H. Res. 451, by the yeas and nays; adoption of H. Res. 452, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 397, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 397, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 412, nays 0, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 426]

YEAS—412

Abercrombie	Brady (PA)	Crenshaw
Ackerman	Brady (TX)	Crowley
Aderholt	Braley (IA)	Cubin
Akin	Brown (SC)	Cuellar
Alexander	Brown, Corrine	Culberson
Allen	Brown-Waite,	Cummings
Altmire	Ginny	Davis (AL)
Andrews	Buchanan	Davis (CA)
Arcuri	Burgess	Davis (IL)
Bachmann	Burton (IN)	Davis (KY)
Bachus	Butterfield	Davis, David
Baird	Buyer	Davis, Jo Ann
Baker	Calvert	Davis, Lincoln
Baldwin	Camp (MI)	Davis, Tom
Barrett (SC)	Campbell (CA)	Deal (GA)
Barrow	Cannon	DeFazio
Bartlett (MD)	Capito	DeGette
Barton (TX)	Capps	Delahunt
Bean	Capuano	DeLauro
Berkley	Cardoza	Dent
Berman	Carnahan	Diaz-Balart, L.
Berry	Carney	Diaz-Balart, M.
Biggert	Carson	Dicks
Bilbray	Carter	Dingell
Bilirakis	Castle	Doggett
Bishop (GA)	Castor	Donnelly
Bishop (NY)	Chabot	Doolittle
Bishop (UT)	Chandler	Doyle
Blackburn	Clarke	Drake
Blumenauer	Clay	Dreier
Blunt	Cleaver	Duncan
Boehner	Clyburn	Edwards
Bonner	Coble	Ehlers
Bono	Cohen	Ellison
Boozman	Cole (OK)	Ellsworth
Boren	Conaway	Emanuel
Boswell	Conyers	Emerson
Boucher	Costa	Engel
Boustany	Costello	English (PA)
Boyd (FL)	Courtney	Eshoo
Boyda (KS)	Cramer	Etheridge