

Galleghy  
Garrett (NJ)  
Gilchrist  
Gingrey  
Goode  
Goodlatte  
Granger  
Hall (TX)  
Hastings (WA)  
Hayes  
Hensarling  
Herger  
Hobson  
Hoekstra  
Hunter  
Inglis (SC)  
Issa  
Johnson (IL)  
Johnson, Sam  
King (IA)  
King (NY)  
Kline (MN)  
Knollenberg  
LaHood  
Lamborn  
Latta  
Lewis (CA)  
Lewis (KY)  
Lucas  
Lungren, Daniel  
E.  
Mack

McCarthy (CA)  
McCaul (TX)  
McCrery  
McHenry  
McHugh  
McKeon  
McMorris  
Rodgers  
Miller (FL)  
Miller, Gary  
Myrick  
Neugebauer  
Nunes  
Paul  
Pearce  
Pence  
Petri  
Pickering  
Pitts  
Price (GA)  
Putnam  
Radanovich  
Regula  
Rehberg  
Reichert  
Reynolds  
Rogers (AL)  
Rogers (KY)  
Rohrabacher  
Royce  
Ryan (WI)  
Sanchez, Loretta

Saxton  
Scalise  
Schmidt  
Sensenbrenner  
Sessions  
Shadegg  
Shays  
Shimkus  
Shuster  
Simpson  
Smith (NE)  
Smith (TX)  
Souder  
Stearns  
Sullivan  
Tancredo  
Taylor  
Thornberry  
Tiberi  
Upton  
Walden (OR)  
Walsh (NY)  
Wamp  
Weldon (FL)  
Weller  
Whitfield (KY)  
Wilson (NM)  
Wilson (SC)  
Wittman (VA)  
Young (AK)  
Young (FL)

Rahall  
Ramstad  
Rangel  
Reyes  
Rodriguez  
Rogers (MI)  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Roskam  
Ross  
Rothman  
Roybal-Allard  
Ruppersberger  
Ryan (OH)  
Salazar  
Sali  
Sánchez, Linda  
T.  
Sarbanes  
Schakowsky  
Schiff  
Upton  
Schwartz  
Scott (GA)  
Scott (VA)  
Serrano

Sestak  
Shea-Porter  
Sherman  
Shuler  
Sires  
Skeltton  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (WA)  
Snyder  
Solis  
Space  
Spratt  
Stark  
Stupak  
Sutton  
Tanner  
Tauscher  
Terry  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Tiahrt  
Tierney  
Towns  
Tsongas

Turner  
Udall (CO)  
Udall (NM)  
Van Hollen  
Velázquez  
Visclosky  
Walberg  
Walz (MN)  
Wasserman  
Schultz  
Waters  
Watson  
Watt  
Waxman  
Weiner  
Welch (VT)  
Westmoreland  
Wexler  
Wilson (OH)  
Wolf  
Woolsey  
Wu  
Wynn  
Yarmuth

NOT VOTING—29

Bachus  
Berkley  
Berry  
Bishop (NY)  
Campbell (CA)  
Cleaver  
Conaway  
Costello  
Davis, Tom  
DeFazio

Dicks  
Emerson  
Feeney  
Harman  
Hinojosa  
Hodes  
Hooley  
LaTourette  
Linder  
Maloney (NY)

Marchant  
Musgrave  
Peterson (PA)  
Pryce (OH)  
Renzi  
Richardson  
Rush  
Slaughter  
Speier

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE  
The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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So the motion to adjourn was rejected.  
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, earlier today I travelled back to my district and was honored to participate in a ceremony dedicating a memorial to Lieutenant Michael P. Murphy, a Long Island native and constituent who was killed while serving in Afghanistan and posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Had I been here, I would have voted in the following manner:

Rollcall vote No. 267, I would have voted "nay";  
Rollcall vote No. 268, I would have voted "aye";  
Rollcall vote No. 269, I would have voted "aye";  
Rollcall vote No. 270, I would have voted "aye";  
Rollcall vote No. 271, I would have voted "nay";  
Rollcall vote No. 272, I would have voted "nay";  
Rollcall vote No. 273, I would have voted "nay";  
Rollcall vote No. 274, I would have voted "aye";  
Rollcall vote No. 275, I would have voted "aye";  
Rollcall vote No. 276, I would have voted "nay";  
Rollcall vote No. 277, I would have voted "aye";  
Rollcall vote No. 278, I would have voted "aye";  
Rollcall vote No. 279, I would have voted "nay";

Rollcall vote No. 280, I would have voted "nay";  
Rollcall vote No. 281, I would have voted "aye";  
Rollcall vote No. 282, I would have voted "aye";  
Rollcall vote No. 283, I would have voted "aye";  
Rollcall vote No. 284, I would have voted "aye";  
Rollcall vote No. 285, I would have voted "nay";  
Rollcall vote No. 286, I would have voted "nay";  
Rollcall vote No. 287, I would have voted "aye";  
Rollcall vote No. 288, I would have voted "aye";  
Rollcall vote No. 289, I would have voted "aye";  
Rollcall vote No. 290, I would have voted "aye";  
Rollcall vote No. 291, I would have voted "nay."

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 2419, FOOD AND ENERGY SECURITY ACT OF 2007

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, under rule XXII, clause 7(c), I hereby announce my intention to offer a motion to instruct on H.R. 2419.

The form of the motion is as follows:

Mr. Shimkus moves that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 2419 (an Act to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012) be instructed to recede to the provisions contained in section 9021 of the Senate amendment (relating to the E 85 Fuel Program).

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 2419, FOOD AND ENERGY SECURITY ACT OF 2007

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, under rule XXII, clause 7(c), I hereby announce my intention to offer a motion to instruct on H.R. 2419.

The form of the motion is as follows:

Mr. Terry moves that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 2419 (an Act to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012) be instructed to recede to the provisions contained in section 12312 subtitle C of title XII of the Senate amendment (relating to a cellulosic biofuel production tax credit).

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 2419, FOOD AND ENERGY SECURITY ACT OF 2007

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, under rule XXII, clause 7(c), I hereby announce my intention to offer a motion to instruct on H.R. 2419.

The form of the motion is as follows:

NOES—264

Abercrombie  
Ackerman  
Allen  
Altmire  
Andrews  
Arcuri  
Baca  
Baird  
Baldwin  
Barrow  
Bean  
Becerra  
Berman  
Bishop (GA)  
Blumenauer  
Boren  
Boswell  
Boucher  
Boyd (FL)  
Boyd (KS)  
Brady (PA)  
Brady (TX)  
Braley (IA)  
Brown, Corrine  
Buchanan  
Burgess  
Butterfield  
Cannon  
Capito  
Capps  
Capuano  
Cardoza  
Carnahan  
Carney  
Carson  
Castle  
Castor  
Cazayoux  
Clarke  
Clyburn  
Cohen  
Conyers  
Cooper  
Costa  
Courtney  
Cramer  
Crowley  
Cuellar  
Culberson  
Cummins  
Davis (AL)  
Davis (CA)  
Davis (IL)  
Davis (KY)  
Davis, Lincoln  
DeGette  
Delahunt  
DeLauro  
Dent  
Diaz-Balart, L.  
Diaz-Balart, M.  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Donnelly  
Doyle

Edwards  
Ehlers  
Ellison  
Ellsworth  
Emanuel  
Engel  
Eshoo  
Etheridge  
Farr  
Fattah  
Filner  
Fortenberry  
Fossella  
Foster  
Fox  
Frank (MA)  
Frelinghuysen  
Gerlach  
Giffords  
Gillibrand  
Gohmert  
Gonzalez  
Gordon  
Graves  
Green, Al  
Green, Gene  
Grijalva  
Gutierrez  
Hall (NY)  
Hare  
Hastings (FL)  
Heller  
Herseth Sandlin  
Higgins  
Hill  
Hinchey  
Hirono  
Holden  
Holt  
Honda  
Hoyer  
Hulshof  
Inslee  
Israel  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson-Lee  
(TX)  
Jefferson  
Johnson (GA)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Jones (NC)  
Jones (OH)  
Jordan  
Kagen  
Kanjorski  
Kaptur  
Keller  
Kennedy  
Kildee  
Kilpatrick  
Kind  
Kingston  
Kirk  
Klein (FL)  
Kucinich

Kuhl (NY)  
Lampson  
Langevin  
Larsen (WA)  
Larson (CT)  
Latham  
Lee  
Levin  
Lewis (GA)  
Lipinski  
LoBiondo  
Loeb  
Lofgren, Zoe  
Lowe  
Lynch  
Mahoney (FL)  
Manzullo  
Markey  
Marshall  
Matheson  
Matsui  
McCarthy (NY)  
McCollum (MN)  
McCotter  
McDermott  
McGovern  
McIntyre  
McNerney  
McNulty  
Meek (FL)  
Meeks (NY)  
Melancon  
Mica  
Michaud  
Miller (MI)  
Miller (NC)  
Miller, George  
Mitchell  
Mollohan  
Moore (KS)  
Moore (WI)  
Moran (KS)  
Moran (VA)  
Murphy (CT)  
Murphy, Patrick  
Murphy, Tim  
Murtha  
Nadler  
Napolitano  
Neal (MA)  
Oberstar  
Obey  
Olver  
Ortiz  
Pallone  
Pascarell  
Pastor  
Payne  
Perlmutter  
Peterson (MN)  
Platts  
Poe  
Pomeroy  
Porter  
Price (NC)

Mr. Upton moves that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 2419 (an Act to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012) be instructed to recede to the provisions proposed to be added to Section 9001 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 in the form of a definition of "Renewable Biomass."

#### APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS TO COMMISSION ON THE PREVENTION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION PROLIFERATION AND TERRORISM

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SERRANO). Pursuant to section 1853(a) of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-53), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following members on the part of the House to the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism:

Mr. Timothy J. Roemer, Great Falls, Virginia

Ms. Wendy R. Sherman, Bethesda, Maryland

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 5818, and to insert extraneous material thereon.

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

There was no objection.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION ACT OF 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1174 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 5818.

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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 consideration of the bill (H.R. 5818) to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make loans to States to acquire foreclosed housing and to make grants to States for related costs, with Mrs. TAUSCHER in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

The gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS) and the gentleman from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

Ms. WATERS. Madam Chairman, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Madam Chairman, I would like to first thank Chairman FRANK and all of the members of the Financial Services Committee, and particularly those members who serve on the subcommittee that I chair, the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity. I'm thanking Members on both sides of the aisle for helping to bring this bill to the floor today.

H.R. 5818, the Neighborhood Stabilization Act, authorizes a \$15 billion HUD administrative grant and loan program to State and local governments to purchase, rehabilitate and resell or rent foreclosed homes. To understand the urgent need to enact this legislation, one need only consider the sobering figures on foreclosures recently released by RealtyTrac, which show that foreclosure filings during the first quarter of 2008 are 112 percent higher than 1 year ago, and that actual bank repossessions of homes during March were a shocking 129 percent above March 2007.

The human reality behind these numbers is revealed if you visit, as I have the past year, cities and communities in cities like Cleveland, Ohio; Detroit, Michigan; or the San Bernardino and Stockton metropolitan areas in California, where block after block is dotted by foreclosed properties, many of them suffering from neglect or actual vandalism. These abandoned and foreclosed properties drag down the value of homes still occupied by working families, and contribute to a cascade effect whereby plummeting home prices erode the tax base of State and local governments and cause real estate related industries such as the construction trades to suffer.

States and most local governments must balance their budgets each year and, as a result, 20 States have already had to make or are proposing budget cuts due largely to revenue losses resulting from the subprime crisis, which further reduces demand in the economy and deepens the recession.

On April 10, the Financial Services Committee heard from Mayor Thomas Menino of Boston, Governor Martin O'Malley of Maryland, and others, that despite severe physical constraints, many States and cities are already dedicating their own shrinking tax revenues to purchase foreclosed properties and attempt to stabilize these neighborhoods. But they are overwhelmed by the scale of the problem in comparison to their shrinking tax revenues. For this reason, the National Governors Association has stated that a "one-time Federal funding commitment to support the acquisition and rehabilitation for foreclosed properties is vital."

The Governors are joined in their support for the stimulus contained in H.R. 5818 by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, National Association of Counties, National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies, and the Na-

tional Council of State Housing Finance Agencies. H.R. 5818 is also endorsed by nearly 40 civil rights, community development, labor and low income housing groups, including the AFL-CIO, Catholic Charities, Lutheran Services of America, the NAACP, the National Urban League, the National Low Income Housing Coalition, and the National Foreclosure Prevention and Neighborhood Stabilization Task Force.

This bill targets assistance where it is most needed. The \$7.5 billion in grants and \$7.5 billion in loans would be allocated to States based on two factors: The number of foreclosures, and the number of subprime loans 90 days delinquent. This is then subject to a limited adjustment for median home prices, a bipartisan compromise that was worked out in mark-up with the committee's members from Ohio, which, like many midwestern States, has faced skyrocketing foreclosures but did not experience an extraordinary run up in housing prices.

Second, the bill puts flexible resources in the hands of government with the capacity to address the crisis and put funds on the street quickly enough to stimulate the economy. Rather than expect HUD to process plans from 1,200 entitlement jurisdictions, the balance we struck at mark-up was to allocate funding to States and to the Nation's largest 100 cities, largest 50 counties, and cities over 50,000 with especially high foreclosure rates. The areas of States outside of those cities and counties would be addressed in the State's plans.

Under the bill's timelines, fund obligation must begin within 6 months of enactment, be completed within a year, and fully spent within 2 years of enactment. This is no "big government," immortal program, as our colleagues across the aisle suggest. Rather, it is a timely, targeted and temporary shot in the economy's arm, exactly where one is needed.

Indeed, using well-accepted construction activity multipliers, the National Foreclosure Prevention and Neighborhood Stabilization Task Force calculates that the bill's proposed \$15 billion investment will generate at least \$38 billion in direct and ripple effect economic activity nationwide, employ about 120,000 people, and restore nearly \$225 million per year in local real estate tax collections.

Some Republicans have tried to frame this bill as a bailout bill for investors. This simply is not so. Government and their nonprofit partners will drive a hard bargain with property owners because they are highly incentivized to make this money go as far as possible in their efforts to stabilize neighborhoods where many of them have been working for years, and because they must pay the government back any funds used to purchase homes.

In no event, moreover, can they pay more than 110 percent of the average