

Last week, the Republicans said no to tapping the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to help lower gas prices immediately. And this week they said no to going after speculation.

Madam Speaker, if House Republicans are serious about helping the American people, they need to stop protecting Big Oil.

PRICE AT THE PUMP IS NOT A HOAX

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

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise to express my sincere disappointment with the liberal Democrat leadership of this House.

I think it's important that they realize the price at the pump is not a hoax, it's not a mirage, it is not a bad dream, it is real life. And to my constituents in the Seventh District of Tennessee, they are angry with the price at the pump.

What we are hearing from them is this, Madam Speaker: we can't afford the change the Democrat Congress has wrought. We can't afford the price that they have delivered at the pump. And we definitely cannot afford for the Democrat Congress to vote themselves an adjournment resolution and leave for 5 weeks—5 weeks, while the price at the pump continues to rise, while the price of electric power rises, while home heating oil prices are going to triple.

This is reality. It is real life. And it is what is facing our constituents every single day. Take some of the power you're using to save the planet and use it to address this issue.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2009

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. SOLIS). Pursuant to House Resolution 1384 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. 6599.

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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. 6599) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes, with Mr. LYNCH (Acting Chairman) in the chair. The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose on the legislative day of Thursday, July 31, 2008, the bill had been read through page 55, line 19.

Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, proceedings will now resume on those

amendments printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

Amendment No. 11 by Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey.

Amendment No. 6 by Mr. McCAUL of Texas.

Amendment No. 4 by Mr. FLAKE of Arizona.

Amendment No. 3 by Mr. KING of Iowa.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 11 OFFERED BY MR. GARRETT OF NEW JERSEY

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. GARRETT) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment No. 11 offered by Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey:

Page 36, line 5, after the dollar amount, insert "(reduced by \$18,018,000)".

Page 41, line 22, after the dollar amount, insert "(increased by \$18,018,000)".

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIRMAN. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 185, noes 227, not voting 27, as follows:

[Roll No. 558]

AYES—185

Aderholt	Dent	Keller
Akin	Diaz-Balart, L.	King (IA)
Alexander	Diaz-Balart, M.	King (NY)
Bachmann	Drake	Kingston
Bachus	Dreier	Kline (MN)
Barrett (SC)	Duncan	Knollenberg
Bartlett (MD)	Ehlers	LaHood
Barton (TX)	English (PA)	Lamborn
Biggart	Everett	Latham
Bilbray	Fallin	LaTourette
Bilirakis	Feeney	Latta
Bishop (UT)	Ferguson	Lewis (CA)
Blackburn	Flake	Lewis (KY)
Blunt	Forbes	Linder
Boehner	Fortenberry	LoBiondo
Bonner	Fossella	Lucas
Bono Mack	Fox	Lungren, Daniel
Boozman	Franks (AZ)	E.
Boustany	Frelinghuysen	Mack
Brady (TX)	Gallegly	Manzullo
Brown (GA)	Garrett (NJ)	Marchant
Brown (SC)	Gerlach	McCarthy (CA)
Buchanan	Giffords	McCaul (TX)
Burton (IN)	Gingrey	McCotter
Buyer	Goode	McCrery
Calvert	Goodlatte	McHenry
Camp (MI)	Granger	McHugh
Campbell (CA)	Graves	McKeon
Cantor	Hastings (WA)	McMorris
Capito	Hayes	Rodgers
Carter	Heller	Mica
Castle	Hensarling	Miller (FL)
Chabot	Herger	Miller (MI)
Coble	Hobson	Miller, Gary
Cole (OK)	Hoekstra	Mitchell
Conaway	Holt	Moran (KS)
Crenshaw	Hunter	Murphy, Tim
Culberson	Inglis (SC)	Musgrave
Davis (KY)	Issa	Neugebauer
Davis, David	Johnson (IL)	Nunes
Davis, Tom	Johnson, Sam	Pallone
Deal (GA)	Jordan	Pascarell

Paul	Roskam
Pearce	Rothman
Pence	Royce
Petri	Ryan (WI)
Pickering	Sali
Platts	Scalise
Poe	Schmidt
Pomeroy	Sensenbrenner
Price (GA)	Sessions
Putnam	Shadegg
Radanovich	Shays
Ramstad	Shimkus
Regula	Shuler
Rehberg	Shuster
Reichert	Simpson
Renzi	Sires
Reynolds	Smith (NE)
Rogers (KY)	Smith (NJ)
Rogers (MI)	Smith (TX)
Rohrabacher	Space
Ros-Lehtinen	Stearns

Sullivan
Tancred
Tanner
Terry
Thornberry
Tiahrt
Tiberi
Turner
Upton
Walberg
Walden (OR)
Walsh (NY)
Wamp
Weldon (FL)
Westmoreland
Wilson (SC)
Wittman (VA)
Wolf
Young (FL)

NOES—227

Abercrombie	Filner	Moran (VA)
Ackerman	Foster	Murphy (CT)
Allen	Frank (MA)	Murphy, Patrick
Altmire	Gilchrest	Murtha
Arcuri	Gillibrand	Myrick
Baca	Gohmert	Nadler
Baird	Gonzalez	Napolitano
Baldwin	Gordon	Neal (MA)
Barrow	Green, Al	Norton
Bean	Green, Gene	Oberstar
Becerra	Grijalva	Obey
Berkley	Gutierrez	Olver
Berman	Hall (NY)	Ortiz
Berry	Hall (TX)	Pastor
Bishop (GA)	Hare	Payne
Bishop (NY)	Hastings (FL)	Perlmutter
Blumenauer	Herseth Sandlin	Peterson (MN)
Bordallo	Higgins	Porter
Boren	Hill	Price (NC)
Boucher	Hincheey	Rahall
Boyd (FL)	Hinojosa	Rangel
Boyda (KS)	Hirono	Reyes
Brady (PA)	Hodes	Richardson
Braley (IA)	Holden	Rodriguez
Burgess	Honda	Ross
Butterfield	Hoolley	Roybal-Allard
Capps	Hoyer	Ruppersberger
Capuano	Inslee	Ryan (OH)
Cardoza	Israel	Salazar
Carnahan	Jackson (IL)	Sanchez, Linda
Carney	Jackson-Lee	T.
Carson	(TX)	Sanchez, Loretta
Castor	Jefferson	Sarbanes
Cazayoux	Johnson (GA)	Schakowsky
Chandler	Johnson, E. B.	Schiff
Childers	Jones (NC)	Schwartz
Christensen	Jones (OH)	Scott (GA)
Clarke	Kagen	Scott (VA)
Clay	Kanjorski	Serrano
Cleaver	Kildee	Sestak
Clyburn	Kind	Shea-Porter
Cohen	Kirk	Sherman
Conyers	Kucinich	Skelton
Cooper	Kuhl (NY)	Slaughter
Costa	Lampson	Smith (WA)
Costello	Langevin	Snyder
Courtney	Larsen (WA)	Solis
Cramer	Larson (CT)	Souder
Crowley	Lee	Speier
Cuellar	Lewis (GA)	Spratt
Davis (AL)	Lipinski	Stark
Davis (CA)	Loeb sack	Stupak
Davis (IL)	Lofgren, Zoe	Sutton
Davis, Lincoln	Lowe y	Tauscher
DeFazio	Lynch	Taylor
DeGette	Mahoney (FL)	Markey
Delahunt	Markey	Marshall
DeLauro	Marshall	Matheson
Dicks	Matheson	Matsui
Dingell	Matsui	McCarthy (NY)
Doggett	McCarthy (NY)	McCollum (MN)
Donnelly	McCollum (MN)	McDermott
Doolittle	McDermott	McGovern
Doyle	McGovern	McIntyre
Edwards (MD)	McIntyre	McNerney
Edwards (TX)	McNerney	McNulty
Ellison	McNulty	Meeke s (NY)
Ellsworth	Meeke s (NY)	Melancon
Emanuel	Melancon	Michaud
Emerson	Michaud	Miller (NC)
Eshoo	Miller (NC)	Miller, George
Etheridge	Miller, George	Mollohan
Faleomavaega	Mollohan	Moore (KS)
Farr	Moore (KS)	Moore (WI)
Fattah	Moore (WI)	Welch (VT)