

coming out, more political cover than actual reform. I am reminded of the U.S. Senate. The U.S. House has always had galleries so that people could watch what is taking place. But at the very beginning of the United States, the Senate convened in a closed room and no one could see what was taking place in that particular Chamber. The first employee of the United States Senate was actually the Senate secretary, a protege of John Adams who held the job for 25 years. The second employee of the Senate was the doorkeeper whose responsibility was to make sure that the public and House Members did not enter into the Chamber of the United States Senate. In fact, the Senate went on at that time to establish a funding schedule that would pay all Members of Congress \$6 a day and Members of the Senate \$7 a day. They also established a rule that a secretary could take any communication to the House, but at least two House Members had to be responsible for taking any communication to the Senate.

Well, the doorkeeper turned into the Sergeant of Arms as time went on. And eventually the Senate broke down and decided to actually allow people to watch the proceedings on the floor. Yet once again we find ourselves in an amazingly similar situation where the most important issue of our time is what we do with this energy crisis, and yet the bill that is supposed to be debated this day, this week on the floor, supposed to be being heard in Rules Committee as we speak, has yet to be heard in any public forum, has not had any kind of public hearing, and has not had any kind of committee work. And my bets are still that there won't be a heck of a lot of amendments that will be allowed to that particular procedure, all of it done in secret and private and then unveiled on the floor.

That is not the way of good regular order. Regular order should allow public process and open vetting so that all ideas are explored and the best ideas are those that surface to the top. We are not doing that this week. And we vitally and desperately need to do that, or just go back to the days where we keep a couple of doorkeepers around so the wrong people are not allowed to participate in the process of the policy of the United States.

We need to do that. We need a real energy policy that looks good not on paper, but keeps vital American resources viable and usable, not under lock and key. The students of this college need that for their future. All students need that for their future. Teachers need that if their retirement and their salaries are going to be kept intact. All of us need that if this economy is going to be vibrant and move forward.

Mr. Speaker, I do not have other speakers at this time, and I would yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I have no other speakers, and I wish to yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HINOJOSA) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1372, as amended.

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. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

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

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

FORMER VICE PRESIDENT PROTECTION ACT OF 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and concurring in the Senate amendments to the bill, H.R. 5938.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendments to the bill, H.R. 5938.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the Senate amendments were concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 14 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR) at 6 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H. Res. 1200, de novo;

H. Con. Res. 390, de novo;

H.R. 6889, 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.

HONORING MILITARY SUPPORT GROUPS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 1200, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1200, as amended.

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. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 374, nays 0, not voting 59, as follows:

[Roll No. 589]

YEAS—374

Abercrombie	Cannon	Drake
Ackerman	Cantor	Duncan
Aderholt	Capito	Edwards (MD)
Akin	Capps	Edwards (TX)
Alexander	Capuano	Ellsworth
Allen	Cardoza	Emanuel
Altmire	Carnahan	Emerson
Andrews	Carney	Engel
Baca	Carson	English (PA)
Bachmann	Carter	Eshoo
Bachus	Castle	Etheridge
Baird	Castor	Everett
Baldwin	Cazayoux	Fallin
Barrow	Chabot	Farr
Bartlett (MD)	Chandler	Fattah
Barton (TX)	Childers	Feeney
Bean	Clarke	Ferguson
Becerra	Clay	Filner
Berkley	Cleaver	Flake
Berman	Clyburn	Forbes
Berry	Coble	Fortenberry
Biggert	Cohen	Fossella
Bilbray	Cole (OK)	Poster
Bilirakis	Conaway	Foxx
Bishop (GA)	Conyers	Frank (MA)
Bishop (NY)	Cooper	Franks (AZ)
Bishop (UT)	Costa	Frelinghuysen
Blackburn	Courtney	Gallegly
Blumenauer	Cramer	Garrett (NJ)
Blunt	Crenshaw	Gerlach
Boehner	Crowley	Giffords
Bono Mack	Cuellar	Gilchrest
Boozman	Cummings	Gillibrand
Boren	Davis (AL)	Gingrey
Boswell	Davis (CA)	Gohmert
Boucher	Davis (IL)	Gonzalez
Boyd (FL)	Davis (KY)	Goode
Boyda (KS)	Davis, David	Goodlatte
Braley (IA)	Davis, Lincoln	Gordon
Broun (GA)	Deal (GA)	Granger
Brown (SC)	DeFazio	Graves
Brown-Waite,	DeGette	Grijalva
Ginny	Delahunt	Hall (NY)
Buchanan	DeLauro	Hall (TX)
Burgess	Dent	Hare
Burton (IN)	Dicks	Hastings (FL)
Butterfield	Dingell	Hastings (WA)
Buyer	Doggett	Hayes
Calvert	Donnelly	Heller
Camp (MI)	Doolittle	Hensarling
Campbell (CA)	Doyle	Herger