

party-line vote that is doomed either in the Senate or by presidential veto, while providing Democrats political cover from voters angry about high gasoline prices. . . . The bill backed by PELOSI, a long-time opponent of offshore drilling, would keep the ban in effect within 50 miles of the shore. It would allow drilling from 50 to 100 miles from the shore if adjacent States gave their approval and would extend it beyond 100 miles with or without such approval. That means that 88 percent of the estimated 18 billion barrels of oil in waters now under drilling bans would remain off limits."

The Washington Examiner editorial. "Pelosi's sham editorial bill is an oily dodge." It says, "The reality is this sham legislation effectively keeps the 26 year-old congressional drilling ban in place for 85 percent of all offshore petroleum reserves. Pelosi's measure allows virtually no drilling within 100 miles of U.S. coastlines, yet that's where most of the untapped resources are.

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"Incredibly, that's not the worst of it. Pelosi's bill leaves in place the endless delays created via lawsuits filed by rabid environmentalists. U.S. Representative JOHN SHADEGG calls this problem the bill's 'litigation loophole.'"

The Charleston, West Virginia Daily Mail editorial, "A Drilling Bill That Does Nothing. When House Democrats came back to Washington, they quickly passed a bill that Democratic Senator MARY LANDRIEU of oil-producing Louisiana pronounced dead on arrival in the Senate."

It goes on to say: "Pelosi's plan is a slap in the face of Americans. Americans need to be as independent of foreign oil as possible. The public sees that. Yet Democrats refuse to pursue policies that will increase American oil production. This position is senseless, and it is especially so in an election year."

The Los Angeles Times editorial: "Wasted Energy Bill. House Democrats' push for expanded offshore oil and gas drilling was more about electoral positioning than drilling, aimed at convincing voters that the party shares their pain at the pump."

And then an op-ed in Forbes, "Washington's Offshore Snake Oil. On Tuesday, the House Democrats went on the record supporting an offshore drilling bill in a piece of legislation that now heads promptly over to the Senate to die."

Mr. Speaker, I would like to put the remainder of my comments in the RECORD.

Investor's Business Daily Editorial: "Drill-Shy Congress . . . House Democrats have passed an 'oil drilling bill that bans drilling where most of the oil is . . . On that first day of the new fiscal year, the congressional prohibitions expire on offshore drilling for oil and natural gas, as well as for the oil shale available in Western states. The Democratic-controlled, do-nothing Congress for once is

frantic to do something before that deadline hits. In a big election year, with summer gas prices exceeding \$4 a gallon, voters won't swallow an extension of the ban. So Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Tuesday had the House of Representatives pass legislation she unveiled less than 24 hours earlier, with Republicans blocked from offering amendments . . . But Texas Rep. Jeb Hensarling, the Republicans' Study Committee chairman, correctly called the bill 'a sham' with no provision addressing the dire need for construction of new oil refineries, 'no clean coal, no energy exploration in arctic Alaska, no nuclear energy and—if you read it—no exploration in the Outer Continental Shelf for energy in their bill.'" (9/18/08)

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Maryland (Ms. EDWARDS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1471, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

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 4 o'clock and 32 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. COHEN) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment, concurrent resolutions of the House of the following titles:

H. Con Res. 163. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress in support of further research and activities to increase public awareness, professional education, diagnosis, and treatment of Dandy-Walker syndrome and hydrocephalus.

H. Con Res. 296. Concurrent resolution expressing support for the designation of August 2008 as "National Heat Stroke Awareness Month" to raise awareness and encourage prevention of heat stroke.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a joint resolution of the House of the following title:

H.J. Res. 62. Joint resolution to honor the achievements and contributions of Native Americans to the United States, and for other purposes.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5244, CREDIT CARDHOLDERS' BILL OF RIGHTS ACT OF 2008

Ms. CASTOR, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-867) on the resolution (H. Res. 1476) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5244) to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of credit under an open end consumer credit plan, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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.R. 6685, by the yeas and nays;
- H.R. 1907, by the yeas and nays;
- H.R. 6853, 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.

IRONWORKER TRAINING PROGRAM FOR NATIVE AMERICANS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6685, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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 pass the bill, H.R. 6685.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 302, nays 72, not voting 59, as follows:

[Roll No. 616]

YEAS—302

Abercrombie	Boyd (FL)	Cooper
Ackerman	Boyda (KS)	Costa
Aderholt	Braley (IA)	Costello
Allen	Brown (SC)	Courtney
Altmire	Brown, Corrine	Cramer
Andrews	Buchanan	Crenshaw
Arcuri	Butterfield	Crowley
Baca	Calvert	Cuellar
Bachus	Camp (MI)	Cummings
Baird	Capito	Davis (AL)
Baldwin	Capps	Davis (CA)
Barrow	Capuano	Davis (IL)
Bartlett (MD)	Cardoza	Davis (KY)
Bean	Carnahan	Davis, Lincoln
Becerra	Carney	DeFazio
Berkley	Carson	DeGette
Berman	Castle	Delahunt
Berry	Castor	DeLauro
Biggert	Cazayoux	Dent
Bilbray	Chabot	Diaz-Balart, L.
Bishop (GA)	Chandler	Diaz-Balart, M.
Bishop (NY)	Childers	Dingell
Blumenauer	Clarke	Doggett
Boehner	Clay	Donnelly
Bono Mack	Cleaver	Doyle
Boren	Clyburn	Drake
Boswell	Cohen	Dreier
Boucher	Cole (OK)	Edwards (MD)
Boustany	Conyers	Edwards (TX)