So the bill was passed. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded. A motion to reconsider was laid on the table. Stated against: Mr. AKIN, Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 680, had I been present, I would have voted "no." 

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey, Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 679 and 680, had I been present, I would have voted "no" on 679 and "yes" on 680.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3183. An act making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes. The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 3183). "An act making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BYRD, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. REED, Mr. LAPPENBERG, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. INOUYE, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BOND, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. SHELY, Mr. AL-KREXANDER, and Mr. VOINOVICH, to be the conferes on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrency of the House is requested:

S. 1391. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.
S. 1392. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military construction, and for other purposes.
S. 1393. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

PROVIDING FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF PAYDAY CHANGES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill. H.R. 1772, as amended. The Clerk read the title of the bill. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mrs. DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1772, 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. LATHAM, Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered. The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote. The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 282, noes 144, not voting 7, as follows:

[Vote Roll No. 681]

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The Speaker pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 355, as amended. The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The Speaker pro tempore. 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.

RECOGNIZING DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD

The Speaker pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 550.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The Speaker pro tempore. The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to. A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 848

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended, was agreed to. A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a proud cosponsor of H.R. 848, the Performance Rights Act.

The Speaker pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

AMERICANS NEED HEALTH CARE FACTS: FROM DEMOCRAT-MEDIA ALLIANCE

Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, poll after poll shows that Americans reject the administration’s health care plan, but the national media continue to downplay the results of their own surveys.

For example, in its report on the new NBC/Wall Street Journal poll, NBC itself failed to mention that more people disagree than approve of the way the President is handling health care.

President Obama says his health care plan is deficit neutral, but the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office says the legislation will substantially increase the deficit.

President Obama says Americans’ health care plans will cost less, but the CBO Director says the legislation will cost more, much more.

President Obama says “if you like your current health care plan, you can keep it,” but an independent study found that most Americans will lose their current health care plan.

Mr. Speaker, Americans need the facts about health care the biased news from the Democrat-media alliance.

PAYGO

Mr. PETERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a proud cosponsor of H.R. 2920, the Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2009. This important legislation will establish mandatory budget rules to rein in deficit spending, and reduce the national debt.

In the 1990s, pay-as-you-go budget discipline was enshrined in law, and it led to record budget surpluses. After PAYGO was originally codified in 1990, total Federal spending as a percentage of GDP decreased each year from 1991 through 2000. After Congress let PAYGO expire in 2002, projected surpluses of $5.6 trillion were transformed into record deficits. Passing the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2009 will require Congress to make the tough choices necessary to get unacceptable high budget deficits under control and avoid passing today’s costs onto our children, grandchildren, and future generations.

Families make tough budget decisions to live within their means, and the government should be forced to do the same. I urge passage of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2009.

HEALTH CARE

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I agree with President Obama when he says there’s a need for affordable health care.

Mr. Speaker, a trillion-dollar plan is not affordable, particularly when it leaves millions of Americans without insurance.

The Republican health care plan offers a solution for all Americans for health care access, affordability, quality, and choice. Under the GOP plan, medical decisions will be made by patients and their doctors, not a government bureaucrat such as the Democrat-proposed Health Insurance Commissioner.