

today, it has been made in order by the Committee on Rules, but the gentleman from Texas as the ranking member on the Committee on Agriculture will be offering a long-term approach to this situation in the months ahead. While today's bill will offer some short-term relief to farmers, there will need to be a more comprehensive approach down the road which the gentleman from Texas will offer at the appropriate time.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of the rule so that we may proceed to consideration of this legislation today.

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

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

As my colleague the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FROST) has suggested, I would like to thank the participants from the Committee on Agriculture, including the gentleman from Texas (Mr. COMBEST) and also the gentleman from Texas (Mr. STENHOLM) not only for their leadership but for their care and consideration of the men and women who are involved in agriculture.

Mr. Speaker, I support this rule. I am asking for each one of our Members to support this bipartisan rule and piece of legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered. THE SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NUSSLE). The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. FROST. 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.

This 15-minute vote will be followed by a 5-minute vote on the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 422, nays 1, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 458]

YEAS—422

Abercrombie	Barton	Boehner
Ackerman	Bass	Bonilla
Aderholt	Bateman	Bonior
Allen	Becerra	Bono
Andrews	Bentsen	Borski
Archer	Bereuter	Boswell
Armey	Berkley	Boucher
Bachus	Berman	Boyd
Baird	Berry	Brady (PA)
Baker	Biggart	Brady (TX)
Baldacci	Bilbray	Brown (FL)
Baldwin	Bilirakis	Brown (OH)
Ballenger	Bishop	Bryant
Barcia	Blagojevich	Burr
Barr	Bliley	Burton
Barrett (NE)	Blumenauer	Buyer
Barrett (WI)	Blunt	Callahan
Bartlett	Boehler	Calvert

Camp	Granger	McDermott
Campbell	Green (TX)	McGovern
Canady	Green (WI)	McHugh
Cannon	Greenwood	McInnis
Capps	Gutierrez	McIntosh
Capuano	Gutknecht	McIntyre
Cardin	Hall (OH)	McKeon
Carson	Hall (TX)	McKinney
Castle	Hansen	McNulty
Chabot	Hastings (FL)	Meehan
Chambliss	Hastings (WA)	Meek (FL)
Chenoweth	Hayes	Meeks (NY)
Clay	Hayworth	Menendez
Clayton	Hefley	Mencalf
Clement	Hergert	Mica
Clyburn	Hill (MT)	Millender-
Coble	Hilleary	McDonald
Coburn	Hilliard	Miller (FL)
Collins	Hinchee	Miller, Gary
Combest	Hinojosa	Miller, George
Condit	Hobson	Minge
Conyers	Hoefel	Mink
Cook	Hoekstra	Moakley
Cooksey	Holden	Mollohan
Costello	Holt	Moore
Cox	Hoolley	Moran (KS)
Coyne	Horn	Moran (VA)
Cramer	Hostettler	Morella
Crane	Houghton	Murtha
Crowley	Hoyer	Myrick
Cubin	Hulshof	Napolitano
Cummings	Hunter	Neal
Cunningham	Hutchinson	Nethercutt
Danner	Hyde	Ney
Davis (FL)	Inslee	Northup
Davis (IL)	Isakson	Norwood
Davis (VA)	Jackson (IL)	Nussle
Deal	Jackson-Lee	Oberstar
DeFazio	(TX)	Obey
DeGette	Jenkins	Olver
Delahunt	John	Ortiz
DeLauro	Johnson (CT)	Ose
DeLay	Johnson, E. B.	Owens
DeMint	Johnson, Sam	Oxley
Deutsch	Jones (NC)	Packard
Diaz-Balart	Jones (OH)	Pallone
Dickey	Kanjorski	Pascarell
Dicks	Kaptur	Pastor
Dingell	Kasich	Paul
Doggett	Kelly	Payne
Dooley	Kennedy	Pease
Doolittle	Kildee	Pelosi
Doyle	Kilpatrick	Peterson (MN)
Dreier	Kind (WI)	Peterson (PA)
Duncan	King (NY)	Petri
Dunn	Kingston	Phelps
Edwards	Kleczka	Pickering
Ehlers	Klink	Pickett
Ehrlich	Knollenberg	Pitts
Emerson	Kolbe	Pombo
Engel	Kucinich	Pomeroy
English	Kuykendall	Porter
Eshoo	LaFalce	Portman
Etheridge	LaHood	Price (NC)
Evans	Lampson	Pryce (OH)
Everett	Lantos	Quinn
Ewing	Largent	Radanovich
Farr	Larson	Rahall
Fattah	Latham	Ramstad
Finler	LaTourrette	Rangel
Fletcher	Lazio	Regula
Foley	Leach	Reyes
Forbes	Lee	Reynolds
Ford	Levin	Riley
Fossella	Lewis (CA)	Rivers
Fowler	Lewis (GA)	Rodriguez
Frank (MA)	Lewis (KY)	Roemer
Franks (NJ)	Linder	Rogan
Frelinghuysen	Lipinski	Rogers
Frost	LoBiondo	Rohrabacher
Gallely	Lofgren	Ros-Lehtinen
Ganske	Lowey	Rothman
Gejdenson	Lucas (KY)	Roukema
Gekas	Lucas (OK)	Roybal-Allard
Gephardt	Luther	Royce
Gibbons	Maloney (CT)	Rush
Gilchrest	Maloney (NY)	Ryan (WI)
Gillmor	Manzullo	Ryun (KS)
Gilman	Markey	Sabo
Gonzalez	Martinez	Salmon
Goode	Mascara	Sanchez
Goodlatte	Matsui	Sanders
Goodling	McCarthy (MO)	Sandlin
Gordon	McCarthy (NY)	Sanford
Goss	McCollum	Sawyer
Graham	McCrery	Saxton

Schaffer	Stearns	Upton
Schakowsky	Stenholm	Velazquez
Scott	Strickland	Visclosky
Sensenbrenner	Stump	Vitter
Serrano	Stupak	Walden
Sessions	Sununu	Walsh
Shadegg	Sweeney	Wamp
Shaw	Talent	Waters
Shays	Tancredo	Watkins
Sherman	Tanner	Watt (NC)
Sherwood	Tauscher	Waxman
Shimkus	Tauzin	Weiner
Shows	Taylor (MS)	Weldon (FL)
Shuster	Taylor (NC)	Weldon (PA)
Simpson	Terry	Weller
Sisisky	Thompson (CA)	Wexler
Skeen	Thompson (MS)	Weygand
Skelton	Thornberry	Whitfield
Slaughter	Thune	Wicker
Smith (MI)	Thurman	Wilson
Smith (NJ)	Tiahrt	Wise
Smith (TX)	Tierney	Wolf
Smith (WA)	Toomey	Woolsey
Snyder	Towns	Wynn
Souder	Trafficant	Young (AK)
Spence	Turner	Young (FL)
Stabenow	Udall (CO)	
Stark	Udall (NM)	

NAYS—1

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NOT VOTING—10

Dixon	Nadler	Watts (OK)
Hill (IN)	Scarborough	Wu
Istook	Spratt	
Jefferson	Thomas	

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Mr. HILLIARD and Mr. RAMSTAD changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 458, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NUSSLE). Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, the pending business is the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 375, nays 43, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 459]

YEAS—375

Abercrombie	Barr	Berry
Ackerman	Barrett (NE)	Biggart
Allen	Barrett (WI)	Bilbray
Andrews	Bartlett	Bilirakis
Archer	Barton	Bishop
Armey	Bass	Blagojevich
Bachus	Bateman	Bliley
Baker	Becerra	Blumenauer
Baldacci	Bentsen	Blunt
Baldwin	Bereuter	Boehler
Ballenger	Berkley	Boehner
Barcia	Berman	Bonilla

Boniior	Graham	Menendez
Bono	Granger	Metcalf
Boucher	Green (TX)	Mica
Boyd	Greenwood	Millender-
Brady (TX)	Hall (OH)	McDonald
Brown (FL)	Hall (TX)	Miller (FL)
Bryant	Hansen	Miller, Gary
Burr	Hastings (FL)	Minge
Burton	Hastings (WA)	Mink
Buyer	Hayes	Moakley
Callahan	Hayworth	Mollohan
Calvert	Hefley	Moore
Camp	Herger	Moran (VA)
Campbell	Hill (IN)	Morella
Canady	Hill (MT)	Murtha
Cannon	Hinojosa	Myrick
Capps	Hobson	Napolitano
Cardin	Hoefel	Neal
Carson	Hoekstra	Nethercutt
Castle	Holden	Ney
Chabot	Holt	Northup
Chambliss	Horn	Norwood
Chenoweth	Hostettler	Nussle
Clayton	Houghton	Obey
Clement	Hoyer	Olver
Clyburn	Hunter	Ortiz
Coble	Hutchinson	Ose
Coburn	Hyde	Owens
Collins	Inslee	Oxley
Combest	Isakson	Packard
Condit	Jackson (IL)	Pallone
Conyers	Jackson-Lee	Pascarell
Cook	(TX)	Paul
Cooksey	Jenkins	Payne
Cox	John	Pease
Coyne	Johnson (CT)	Pelosi
Cramer	Johnson, E. B.	Peterson (PA)
Crowley	Johnson, Sam	Petri
Cummings	Jones (NC)	Pickering
Cunningham	Jones (OH)	Pitts
Danner	Kanjorski	Pombo
Davis (FL)	Kaptur	Pomeroy
Davis (IL)	Kasich	Porter
Davis (VA)	Kelly	Portman
Deal	Kennedy	Price (NC)
DeGette	Kildee	Pryce (OH)
DeLahunt	Kilpatrick	Quinn
DeLauro	King (NY)	Radanovich
DeMint	Kingston	Rahall
Deutsch	Kleczka	Rangel
Diaz-Balart	Klink	Regula
Dickey	Knollenberg	Reyes
Dicks	Kolbe	Reynolds
Dingell	Kuykendall	Rivers
Doggett	LaFalce	Rodriguez
Dooley	LaHood	Roemer
Doolittle	Lampson	Rogan
Doyle	Lantos	Rogers
Dreier	Largent	Rohrabacher
Duncan	Larson	Ros-Lehtinen
Dunn	Latham	Rothman
Edwards	LaTourette	Roukema
Ehlers	Lazio	Roybal-Allard
Ehrlich	Leach	Royce
Emerson	Lee	Rush
Engel	Levin	Ryan (WI)
Eshoo	Lewis (CA)	Ryun (KS)
Etheridge	Lewis (GA)	Salmon
Evans	Lewis (KY)	Sanchez
Everett	Linder	Sanders
Ewing	Lipinski	Sandlin
Farr	Lofgren	Sanford
Fattah	Lowey	Sawyer
Fletcher	Lucas (KY)	Saxton
Foley	Lucas (OK)	Schakowsky
Forbes	Luther	Scott
Ford	Maloney (CT)	Sensenbrenner
Fossella	Maloney (NY)	Serrano
Fowler	Manzullo	Sessions
Frank (MA)	Martinez	Shadegg
Franks (NJ)	Mascara	Shaw
Frelinghuysen	Matsui	Shays
Frost	McCarthy (MO)	Sherman
Galleghy	McCarthy (NY)	Sherwood
Ganske	McCollum	Shimkus
Gejdenson	McCrery	Shows
Gekas	McGovern	Shuster
Gephardt	McHugh	Simpson
Gilchrest	McInnis	Sisisky
Gillmor	McIntosh	Skeen
Gilman	McIntyre	Skelton
Gonzalez	McKeon	Smith (MI)
Goode	McKinney	Smith (NJ)
Goodlatte	Meehan	Smith (TX)
Goodling	Meek (FL)	Smith (WA)
Goss	Meeks (NY)	Snyder

Souder	Thune	Watt (NC)
Spence	Thurman	Watts (OK)
Spratt	Tiahrt	Waxman
Stabenow	Tierney	Weiner
Stark	Toomey	Weldon (FL)
Stearns	Towns	Weldon (PA)
Stump	Trafficant	Wexler
Stupak	Turner	Weygand
Sununu	Udall (CO)	Whitfield
Sweeney	Udall (NM)	Wicker
Talent	Upton	Wilson
Tancredo	Velazquez	Wise
Tanner	Vento	Wolf
Tauscher	Vitter	Woolsey
Tauzin	Walden	Wynn
Taylor (NC)	Walsh	Young (AK)
Terry	Wamp	Young (FL)
Thornberry	Watkins	

NAYS—43

Aderholt	Hilleary	Ramstad
Baird	Hilliard	Riley
Borski	Hinchey	Sabo
Brady (PA)	Hooley	Schaffer
Brown (OH)	Hulshof	Slaughter
Capuano	Kucinich	Stenholm
Clay	LoBiondo	Strickland
Costello	Markey	Taylor (MS)
Crane	McDermott	Thompson (CA)
DeFazio	McNulty	Thompson (MS)
English	Miller, George	Visclosky
Finer	Moran (KS)	Waters
Gibbons	Oberstar	Weller
Gutierrez	Pastor	
Gutknecht	Pickett	

NOT VOTING—15

Boswell	Green (WI)	Peterson (MN)
Cubin	Istook	Phelps
DeLay	Jefferson	Scarborough
Dixon	Kind (WI)	Thomas
Gordon	Nadler	Wu

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So the Journal was approved.
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:
Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 459, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

AGRICULTURAL RISK PROTECTION ACT OF 1999

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NUSSLE). Pursuant to House Resolution 308 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. 2559.

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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. 2559) to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act, to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers by providing greater access to more affordable risk management tools and improve protection from production and income loss, to improve the efficiency and integrity of the Federal crop insurance program, and for other purposes, with Mr. LATOURETTE in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.
The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered as having been read the first time.

Under the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. COMBEST) and the gen-

tleman from Texas (Mr. STENHOLM) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. COMBEST).

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, today we consider H.R. 2559, the Agriculture Risk Protection Act of 1999. This important legislation was approved by a voice vote in the subcommittee and the full committee and enjoys broad bipartisan support from colleagues representing farmers and ranchers from all regions of the country. Equally important, I am pleased to report that this bill fully complies within the budget resolution approved by the Congress earlier this year.

As my colleagues know, this country's farmers and ranchers are not experiencing the prosperity that other Americans enjoy today. Confronted by adverse weather and low prices, they are facing a second year of extreme economic crisis.

Mr. Chairman, there are two ways a farmer or rancher can lose money. That is where a strong farm safety net is needed. The culprits are low prices and lost production, and, sadly, both of these culprits are at work again this year.

On the price side of the equation, just as examples, cotton is expected to receive the lowest price in 13 years; wheat the lowest in 22 years; and soybeans the lowest in a quarter century. Fortunately, in an effort to avert a financial disaster in farm country, the House and Senate are working together to provide an emergency farm relief package.

Mr. Chairman, I believe the short-term assistance provided in the fiscal year 2000 agricultural appropriations bill is urgently needed and will bring our Nation's farmers and ranchers at least some peace of mind. But make no mistake, ad hoc relief of any kind will not bring about a long-term solution to chronic problems. That is why I have announced the committee's intention to convene a series of hearings early next year to evaluate current and future American farm policy. By providing our farmers and ranchers an opportunity to fully participate in this process, we will steer clear of the kind of fixes in farm policy that are made in haste and ultimately do more harm than good.

On the other side of the equation, there is something Congress can do now about severe crop losses that each year rob farmers and ranchers of their livelihood. After more than 8 months of input from farmers and ranchers on the problems with crop insurance, Congress is in a position to act.

The Federal crop insurance program was created in 1938, but it was not a case where the government intruded on the private sector thinking it could do better. Instead, the program came