Mr. NADLER changed his vote from "yea" to "nay." So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded. A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**
Mr. OWENS, Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent on a matter of critical importance and missed the following votes:

- **On passage of the Journal, I would have voted "yea."**
- **On the bill, H.R. 4079, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a comprehensive fraud audit of the Department of Education, introduced by the gentleman from Michigan, Mr. HOEKSTRA, I would have voted "yea."**

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**
Mr. BALDACCI. Mr. Speaker, this morning, I was unavoidably detained at the White House at the release of a rural prescription drug coverage report with President Clinton. I missed rollcall vote 247 (approving the journal) and rollcall vote 248 (passage of H.R. 4079). Had I been present, I may have voted "yes" on both.

**GENERAL LEAVE**
Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 4077, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?