

recession. The President wisely asked Congress to pass both months ago.

The House passed a comprehensive energy bill in August. The House passed a tax relief bill to spur the economy more than 6 weeks ago. Meanwhile, America is still waiting for the other body to act on both of these high priorities.

How much longer will the other body leadership keep Americans on hold, Mr. Speaker?

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The Chair would remind all Members once again to refrain from encouraging action or inaction in the Senate.

#### TRADE PROMOTION AUTHORITY

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

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, a week from tomorrow, we in this House are going to be voting on the very important trade promotion authority that the President of the United States needs. The administration has not had it, the past administration did not have it, it expired in 1994; and because of the fact that it was not there and has not been there, we have been a party to only 2 of the 130 free trade agreements that have been established worldwide in the last several years, basically meaning that the United States of America has ceded its very important leadership role when it comes to global economic growth.

What is it that we need to do? We need to make sure that we step up to the plate and do everything that we can to militarily provide leadership, geopolitically provide leadership and, yes, economically provide leadership. That is what trade promotion authority is all about. It is an important vote. We will be giving this authority to the President so that he can pry open new markets and find opportunities for U.S. workers and businesses around the world. It is about creating jobs right here in the United States. I hope that a week from tomorrow, in a bipartisan way, we can provide overwhelming support for this very important measure.

#### ECONOMIC STIMULUS

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I must start out by saying I know that we have been admonished not to refer to the other body, but in a bicameral leg-

islative body such as the U.S. Congress, often one side of government will pass legislation that the other side does not pass. That is our situation right now.

This House has passed a Patients' Bill of Rights. This House has passed an education bill. This House has passed a ban on human cloning. And this House has passed a jobs economic stimulus plan. Unfortunately, it is not moving. It has to pass both bodies in order to become law and get the President's signature.

Meanwhile, folks are getting laid off. Meanwhile, workers who are laid off are not getting the benefits that they need. Meanwhile, workers who are laid off and their families are not getting the health care extensions that they need. I hope, as a Christmas present to the American people and to the economy and to all the jobs that are out there at risk, that the other body will in fact pass this job security program so that we can give the American people a very merry Christmas.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Once again Members are reminded not to urge action or inaction in the other body across the Rotunda.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on approving the Journal and then on each remaining motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed yesterday in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Approving the Journal, de novo;  
House Concurrent Resolution 77, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 2722, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first vote in this series.

#### THE JOURNAL

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

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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

Mr. LAHOOD. 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 372, nays 39, answered "present" 1, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 451]  
YEAS—372

Abercrombie	DeMint	Jenkins
Ackerman	Deutsch	John
Akin	Diaz-Balart	Johnson (IL)
Allen	Dicks	Johnson, E. B.
Andrews	Dingell	Johnson, Sam
Armey	Doggett	Jones (NC)
Baca	Dooley	Kanjorski
Barcia	Doolittle	Kaptur
Baker	Doyle	Keller
Baldacci	Dreier	Kennedy (RI)
Baldwin	Duncan	Kerns
Ballenger	Dunn	Kildee
Barcia	Edwards	Kilpatrick
Barr	Ehlers	Kind (WI)
Barrett	Ehrlich	King (NY)
Bartlett	Emerson	Kingston
Barton	Engel	Kirk
Bass	Eshoo	Klecicka
Becerra	Etheridge	Knollenberg
Bentsen	Evans	Kolbe
Bereuter	Farr	LaFalce
Berkley	Fattah	LaHood
Berman	Ferguson	Lampson
Berry	Flake	Langevin
Biggert	Fletcher	Lantos
Bilirakis	Foley	Largent
Bishop	Forbes	LaTourette
Blagojevich	Fossella	Leach
Blumenauer	Frank	Lee
Blunt	Frelinghuysen	Levin
Boehlert	Frost	Lewis (CA)
Boehner	Gallely	Lewis (GA)
Bonilla	Ganske	Lewis (KY)
Bonior	Gekas	Linder
Bono	Gephardt	Lipinski
Boswell	Gibbons	Lofgren
Boucher	Gilchrest	Lowey
Boyd	Gillmor	Lucas (KY)
Brady (TX)	Gilman	Lucas (OK)
Brown (FL)	Gonzalez	Luther
Brown (OH)	Goode	Lynch
Brown (SC)	Goodlatte	Maloney (CT)
Bryant	Gordon	Maloney (NY)
Burr	Goss	Manzullo
Burton	Graham	Markey
Buyer	Granger	Masaca
Callahan	Graves	Matheson
Calvert	Green (TX)	Matsui
Camp	Green (WI)	McCarthy (MO)
Cannon	Greenwood	McCarthy (NY)
Cantor	Grucci	McCollum
Capito	Gutierrez	McCreery
Capps	Hall (OH)	McGovern
Capuano	Hall (TX)	McHugh
Cardin	Hansen	McInnis
Carson (OK)	Harman	McIntyre
Castle	Hart	McKeon
Chabot	Hastings (WA)	McKinney
Chambliss	Hayes	McNulty
Clayton	Hayworth	Meehan
Clement	Herger	Meek (FL)
Clyburn	Hill	Meeks (NY)
Coble	Hobson	Menendez
Collins	Hoefel	Mica
Combest	Hoekstra	Millender-
Condit	Holden	McDonald
Conyers	Holt	Miller, Dan
Cooksey	Honda	Miller, Gary
Coyne	Hoolley	Miller, Jeff
Cramer	Horn	Mink
Crenshaw	Hostettler	Mollohan
Crowley	Houghton	Moran (VA)
Culberson	Hoyer	Morella
Cummings	Hulshof	Murtha
Cunningham	Hunter	Myrick
Davis (CA)	Hyde	Nadler
Davis (FL)	Inslee	Napolitano
Davis (IL)	Isakson	Neal
Davis, Jo Ann	Israel	Nethercutt
Davis, Tom	Issa	Ney
Deal	Istook	Northup
DeGette	Jackson (IL)	Norwood
Delahunt	Jackson-Lee	Nussle
DeLauro	(TX)	Obey
DeLay	Jefferson	Ortiz