

promises for reform, or we can pretend to keep our promises. The only true reform is known by McCain-Feingold and Shays-Meehan. Let us pass that today.

OPPOSE THE RESTRICTIONS ON FREE SPEECH IN SHAYS-MEEHAN MEASURE

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

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, this body is on the verge of a very important vote today, a vote that at its essence is really a vote on whether or not to uphold the constitutional right Americans have to free speech.

The restrictions in the Shays-Meehan bill are an affront to the Jeffersonian values of individual liberty and freedom that form the foundation of our country and its rule of law. Individuals, organizations, and businesses in our great land should be able to support the viewpoint and the party of their choice. If we place burdensome restrictions on how citizens are allowed to participate in our electoral process, we begin to undermine the basis of our Government by the people, a government to which citizens must be able to contribute freely.

As we cast our vote today on campaign finance reform, I urge my colleagues to remember the most essential reform is to ensure that everyone in America has the right to decide how to contribute to our system of democracy.

SUPPORT REAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

(Mrs. DAVIS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of real campaign finance reform.

Why is this so critical? Why is it so important to us today? There is far too much special interest money in our political democracy. Special interests are drowning out the voice of the American people, and they are sick of it.

In my race in San Diego, my opponent and I were outspent by special interests by a ratio of 4 to 1. Special interests' television and mailers flooded the 49th district constituents. All of this soft money made it virtually impossible for the candidates to communicate directly to the voters. Voters were frustrated with a lack of honest information. There was so much information coming from so many undisclosed sources that they did not know whom to believe and what was coming from whom.

Mr. Speaker, we need to make sure that voters are the center of our democratic election system. They deserve

nothing less. So I urge this House to pass strong and effective campaign finance reform today, to do it without games, and to do it in an honest and straightforward way. The American public is depending upon us.

MINNESOTANS WANT REAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

(Ms. MCCOLLUM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, Minnesotans want real campaign finance reform. They want it now. My State has led the Nation in how we run our elections. From our voters registering on election day to limiting our campaign spending, Minnesota campaigns have a reputation of being open, honest and competitive; and we consistently lead the Nation in voter turnout.

One of the reasons why I ran for Congress was to work to help to restore the public's trust in our elected leaders. The Shays-Meehan bill is the first good step in cleaning up our campaign finance system. By eliminating soft money, Americans' confidence in our electoral system will be restored.

Mr. Speaker, this bill helps to control the amount of money contributed in campaigns, but we need to go farther. We must take control of how much money is spent on elections. I will work to take the next step on campaign finance reform by limiting the hundreds of millions of dollars spent on our elections. However, we must begin now. We must begin today.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support Shays-Meehan and begin the process.

DEFEAT CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM BILL

(Ms. SOLIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, today we have a very important issue before us: campaign finance reform. I want to talk about two amendments that are going to be coming up before us.

One is known as the Linder-Schrock amendment, and it bans the use of funds that unions and corporations would give to communicate with their members and stockholders. How ridiculous.

In California we had a similar proposition, and it failed miserably; and that proposition was known as Prop 226. I am glad to say that the residents and those that voted in that election defeated that overwhelmingly. Let us make sure that we defeat that amendment here also.

Another amendment that I believe is egregious would also restrict and limit

legal immigrants from making contributions to Federal candidates. Again, we are limiting their ability to voice their opinions. This is known as the Bereuter-Wicker amendment, which would preclude individuals from communicating with people and ideals that they support.

If this is truly America, then we have to stand up for all legal immigrants that are tax-paying, that serve our country, that are playing by the rules, and that are maybe one step away of becoming citizens. Let us do the right thing and defeat these two amendments.

OPPOSE THE RULE ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

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

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am anxious, we are all anxious, to begin campaign finance reform and to begin it by making our rules more fair. Unfortunately, we need to oppose the rule that is coming before this House this morning. It is a rule that tells the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS) and the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MEEHAN) that they cannot present their bill to this House in the form that they want to present it. Instead, the manager's amendment is chopped up into 12 pieces.

This is unprecedented. This is unfair. This is not reform. This is not the way this House should conduct its business. A vote on Shays-Meehan should be a vote on the bill that the authors would like us to vote on, not an old draft from 3 or 4 weeks ago. If we have a manager's amendment that comes before this House, it should be one amendment, not chopped up into 12 time-wasting pieces.

Vote "no" on the rule.

TIME TO END CORRUPTING INFLUENCE OF MONEY ON PUBLIC POLICY

(Mr. DOGGETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, the corrupting influence of money on public policy is evident in this House every day. It is evident not only as a principal concern that arises here on vote after vote, significantly influenced by who, gave how much, to whom, when, but it is also particularly evident in the silence on critical issues of public policy, on what is never discussed. When we are unable to consider critical issues of public health because of the soft money contributions from Philip Morris and the tobacco industry; when we are never able to debate the outrageous price discrimination against our seniors on their pharmaceuticals

because of the millions of dollars that the pharmaceutical companies contribute, and by the multiple issues never considered that impact our children, who make no campaign contribution.

Today we have an opportunity to consider a very modest, a very incomplete and imperfect answer to this troubling predicament through bipartisan legislation. This legislation represents our best hope to begin to correct this outrage and restore our democracy to the people.

PASS MEANINGFUL CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, the time has come to pass meaningful campaign finance reform. What it will do, what the bipartisan Shays-Meehan Campaign Reform Act will do is to take the soft money out of politics, take the special interest money out of politics. It will help us to restore the integrity to our political system. It will help us today to restore the confidence that the American public needs to have in people who serve in public life, restore their confidence in our government that, in fact, we can act on behalf of the interests of the people that we represent and not the interests of the moneyed interests in this country.

Mr. Speaker, we have an obligation here to pass meaningful campaign finance reform so that, in fact, we can get about the business of making sure that we have a Patients' Bill of Rights, which is a bipartisan piece of legislation; that we have a prescription drug benefit so that we can bring some relief to people who are struggling with the high cost of drugs in this country; that we can have a clean and a safe environment.

That is what this bill is about. It is a bipartisan bill. It is authored by the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS) and the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MEEHAN). This bill has passed twice in this House before, and we should take today that opportunity to make it a law.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). Pursuant to clause 8 of 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.

Mr. McNULTY. 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 362, nays 50, answered "present" 1, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 222]

YEAS—362

Ackerman	DeMint	Israel
Akin	Deutsch	Issa
Allen	Diaz-Balart	Istook
Andrews	Dicks	Jackson (IL)
Armey	Dingell	Jackson-Lee
Baca	Doggett	(TX)
Bachus	Dooley	Jefferson
Baker	Doolittle	Jenkins
Baldacci	Doyle	John
Ballenger	Dreier	Johnson (CT)
Barcia	Duncan	Johnson (IL)
Barr	Dunn	Johnson, E. B.
Barrett	Edwards	Johnson, Sam
Bartlett	Ehlers	Jones (NC)
Barton	Ehrlich	Jones (OH)
Bass	Emerson	Kanjorski
Bentsen	Engel	Kaptur
Bereuter	Eshoo	Keller
Berkley	Etheridge	Kelly
Berman	Evans	Kennedy (RI)
Berry	Everett	Kerns
Biggett	Farr	Kildee
Bilirakis	Ferguson	Kilpatrick
Bishop	Flake	Kind (WI)
Blagojevich	Fletcher	King (NY)
Blumenauer	Foley	Kingston
Blunt	Forbes	Kirk
Boehkert	Ford	Kleczka
Boehner	Fossella	Knollenberg
Bonilla	Frank	Kolbe
Bono	Frelinghuysen	LaFalce
Boswell	Frost	LaHood
Boucher	Gallely	Lampson
Boyd	Ganske	Langevin
Brady (TX)	Gekas	Largent
Brown (FL)	Gibbons	Larson (CT)
Brown (SC)	Gilchrist	Latham
Bryant	Gillmor	LaTourette
Burr	Gilman	Lee
Burton	Gonzalez	Levin
Buyer	Goode	Lewis (KY)
Callahan	Goodlatte	Linder
Calvert	Gordon	Lipinski
Camp	Goss	Lofgren
Cannon	Graham	Lowe
Cantor	Granger	Lucas (KY)
Capito	Graves	Lucas (OK)
Capps	Green (TX)	Luther
Cardin	Green (WI)	Maloney (CT)
Carson (IN)	Greenwood	Maloney (NY)
Carson (OK)	Grucci	Manzullo
Castle	Hall (OH)	Markey
Chabot	Hall (TX)	Mascara
Chambliss	Hansen	Matheson
Clay	Harman	Matsui
Clement	Hart	McCarthy (MO)
Clyburn	Hastings (WA)	McCarthy (NY)
Coble	Hayes	McCollum
Collins	Hayworth	McCrery
Combest	Heger	McHugh
Condit	Hill	McInnis
Conyers	Hilleary	McIntyre
Cooksey	Hinojosa	McKeon
Coyne	Hobson	Meehan
Cramer	Hoefel	Meek (FL)
Crenshaw	Hoekstra	Meeks (NY)
Cubin	Holden	Mica
Cummings	Holt	Millender-
Cunningham	Honda	McDonald
Davis (CA)	Hooley	Miller (FL)
Davis (FL)	Horn	Miller, Gary
Davis (IL)	Hostettler	Miller, George
Davis, Jo Ann	Houghton	Mink
Davis, Tom	Hoyer	Mollohan
Deal	Hulshof	Moore
DeGette	Hunter	Moran (VA)
Delahunt	Hyde	Morella
DeLauro	Inslee	Myrick
DeLay	Isakson	Nadler

Napolitano	Rogers (KY)	Spratt
Neal	Rogers (MI)	Stearns
Nethercutt	Rohrabacher	Stenholm
Ney	Ros-Lehtinen	Strickland
Northup	Ross	Stump
Norwood	Rothman	Sununu
Nussle	Roukema	Tanner
Obey	Roybal-Allard	Tauscher
Oliver	Royce	Tauzin
Ortiz	Rush	Taylor (NC)
Osborne	Ryan (WI)	Terry
Ose	Ryun (KS)	Thornberry
Otter	Sanchez	Thune
Owens	Sanders	Thurman
Oxley	Sandlin	Tiahrt
Pallone	Sawyer	Tiberti
Pascrell	Saxton	Tierney
Pastor	Scarborough	Toomey
Payne	Schakowsky	Towns
Pelosi	Schiff	Trafficant
Pelosi	Schrock	Turner
Pence	Scott	Udall (CO)
Peterson (PA)	Sensenbrenner	Upton
Petri	Serrano	Vitter
Phelps	Sessions	Walden
Pickering	Shadegg	Walsh
Pitts	Shays	Watson (CA)
Pombo	Sherman	Watt (NC)
Pomeroy	Sherwood	Watts (OK)
Portman	Shimkus	Waxman
Price (NC)	Shows	Weiner
Pryce (OH)	Shuster	Weldon (FL)
Putnam	Simmons	Weldon (PA)
Quinn	Simpson	Wexler
Radanovich	Skeen	Whitfield
Rahall	Skelton	Wicker
Regula	Slaughter	Wilson
Rehberg	Smith (MI)	Wolf
Reyes	Smith (TX)	Woolsey
Reynolds	Smith (WA)	Wynn
Riley	Snyder	Young (FL)
Rivers	Solis	
Rodriguez	Souder	
Roemer		

NAYS—50

Aderholt	Gutknecht	Ramstad
Baird	Hastings (FL)	Sabo
Baldwin	Hefley	Schaffer
Baldwin	Hilliard	Stark
Becerra	Hincher	Stupak
Bonior	Kennedy (MN)	Sweeney
Borski	Kucinich	Taylor (MS)
Brady (PA)	Larsen (WA)	Thompson (CA)
Brown (OH)	Lewis (GA)	Thompson (MS)
Capuano	Lewis (GA)	Udall (NM)
Costello	LoBiondo	Velázquez
Crane	McDermott	Visclosky
Crowley	McGovern	Wamp
DeFazio	McNulty	Waters
English	Menendez	Weller
Filler	Moran (KS)	Wu
Gephardt	Oberstar	
Gutierrez	Peterson (MN)	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Tancredo

NOT VOTING—20

Abercrombie	Leach	Shaw
Clayton	Lewis (CA)	Smith (NJ)
Cox	McKinney	Spence
Culberson	Murtha	Thomas
Fattah	Paul	Watkins (OK)
Hutchinson	Platts	Young (AK)
Lantos	Rangel	

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Mr. THOMPSON of California changed his vote from "yea" to "nay." So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. McNULTY).