

and perhaps new industries—I have challenged both the public sector and the private sector to devote more resources to research and development. And to achieve this, my budget puts us on a path to double investment in key research agencies and makes the research and experimentation tax credit permanent. We are also pursuing policies that will help us export more of our goods around the world, especially by small businesses and farmers. And by harnessing the growth potential of international trade—while ensuring that other countries play by the rules and that all Americans share in the benefits—we will support millions of good, high-paying jobs.

But hand in hand with increasing our reliance on the Nation's ingenuity is decreasing our reliance on the Nation's credit card, as well as reining in the excess and abuse in our financial sector that led large firms to take on extraordinary risks and extraordinary liabilities.

When my Administration took office, the surpluses our Nation had enjoyed at the start of the last decade had disappeared as a result of the failure to pay for two large tax cuts, two wars, and a new entitlement program. And decades of neglect of rising health care costs had put our budget on an unsustainable path.

In the long term, we cannot have sustainable and durable economic growth without getting our fiscal house in order. That is why even as we increased our short-term deficit to rescue the economy, we have refused to go along with business as usual, taking responsibility for every dollar we spend. Last year, we combed the budget, cutting waste and excess wherever we could, a process that will continue in the coming years. We are pursuing health insurance reforms that are essential to reining in deficits. I've called for a fee to be paid by the largest financial firms so that the American people are fully repaid for bailing out the financial sector. And I've proposed a freeze on nonsecurity discretionary spending for three years, a bipartisan commission to address the long-term structural imbalance between expenditures and revenues, and the enactment of "pay-go" rules so that Congress has to account for every dollar it spends.

In addition, I've proposed a set of common sense reforms to prevent future financial crises. For while the financial system is far stronger today than it was one year ago, it is still operating under the same rules that led to its near-collapse. These are rules that allowed firms to act contrary to the interests of customers; to hide their exposure to debt through complex financial dealings that few understood; to benefit from taxpayer-insured deposits while making speculative investments to increase their own profits; and to take on risks so vast that they

posed a threat to the entire economy and the jobs of tens of millions of Americans.

That is why we are seeking reforms to empower consumers with the benefit of a new consumer watchdog charged with making sure that financial information is clear and transparent; to close loopholes that allowed big financial firms to trade risky financial products like credit defaults swaps and other derivatives without any oversight; to identify system-wide risks that could cause a financial meltdown; to strengthen capital and liquidity requirements to make the system more stable; and to ensure that the failure of any large firm does not take the economy down with it. Never again will the American taxpayer be held hostage by a bank that is "too big to fail."

Through these reforms, we seek not to undermine our markets but to make them stronger: to promote a vibrant, fair, and transparent financial system that is far more resistant to the reckless, irresponsible activities that might lead to another meltdown. And these kinds of reforms are in the shared interest of firms on Wall Street and families on Main Street.

These have been a very tough two years. American families and businesses have paid a heavy price for failures of responsibility from Wall Street to Washington. Our task now is to move beyond these failures, to take responsibility for our future once more. That is how we will create new jobs in new industries, harnessing the incredible generative and creative capacity of our people. That is how we'll achieve greater economic security and opportunity for middle-class families in this country. That is how in this new century we will rebuild our economy stronger than ever before.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 11, 2010.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. MARKEY of Colorado) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2314, NATIVE HAWAIIAN GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION ACT OF 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a priv-

ileged report (Rept. No. 111-413) on the resolution (H. Res. 1083) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2314) to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 4425, by the yeas and nays, and H.R. 4238, by the yeas and nays.

Remaining postponed votes will be taken later in the week.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. The remaining electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4425, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4425.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 330, nays 0, not voting 102, as follows:

[Roll No. 49]
YEAS—330

Abercrombie	Brady (TX)	Coffman (CO)
Aderholt	Bright	Cohen
Adler (NJ)	Broun (GA)	Cole
Akin	Brown (SC)	Conaway
Alexander	Brown, Corrine	Connolly (VA)
Altmire	Brown-Waite,	Cooper
Andrews	Ginny	Costa
Arcuri	Buchanan	Courtney
Baca	Burgess	Crenshaw
Bachmann	Burton (IN)	Crowley
Bachus	Butterfield	Cummings
Baird	Buyer	Dahlkemper
Baldwin	Cantor	Davis (CA)
Bartlett	Cao	Davis (IL)
Becerra	Capito	Davis (KY)
Berkley	Capps	Davis (TN)
Berman	Capuano	DeGette
Bilbray	Cardoza	DeLauro
Bilirakis	Carney	Diaz-Balart, L.
Bishop (GA)	Carson (IN)	Diaz-Balart, M.
Bishop (NY)	Carter	Dicks
Bishop (UT)	Cassidy	Dingell
Blumenauer	Castle	Doggett
Blunt	Castor (FL)	Donnelly (IN)
Boehner	Chaffetz	Doyle
Bonner	Chandler	Driehaus
Boozman	Chu	Duncan
Boswell	Clarke	Edwards (MD)
Boustany	Clay	Edwards (TX)
Boyd	Clyburn	Ellison
Brady (PA)	Coble	Ellsworth

Emerson	Lee (NY)	Richardson
Eshoo	Levin	Rodriguez
Farr	Lewis (CA)	Roe (TN)
Fattah	Lewis (GA)	Rogers (AL)
Flake	Linder	Rogers (KY)
Fleming	LoBiondo	Rogers (MI)
Forbes	Lofgren, Zoe	Rohrabacher
Foster	Lowey	Rooney
Foxx	Lucas	Ross
Frank (MA)	Luetkemeyer	Rothman (NJ)
Franks (AZ)	Lujan	Royal-Allard
Frelinghuysen	Lummis	Royce
Fudge	Lungren, Daniel	Ruppersberger
Gallely	E.	Ryan (WI)
Garamendi	Lynch	Sánchez, Linda
Garrett (NJ)	Maloney	T.
Gerlach	Manzullo	Sarbanes
Gohmert	Marchant	Schakowsky
Gonzalez	Markey (CO)	Schauer
Goodlatte	Markey (MA)	Schiff
Gordon (TN)	Marshall	Schmidt
Grayson	Massa	Schock
Green, Al	Matheson	Schwartz
Green, Gene	Matsui	Scott (GA)
Griffith	McCarthy (CA)	Scott (VA)
Guthrie	McCarthy (NY)	Sensenbrenner
Hall (NY)	McCaul	Serrano
Hall (TX)	McClintock	Sestak
Halvorson	McCotter	Shadegg
Hare	McDermott	Shea-Porter
Harper	McGovern	Shimkus
Hastings (FL)	McHenry	Shuler
Heinrich	McKeon	Shuster
Heller	McMahon	Simpson
Hensarling	McMorris	Skelton
Herger	Rodgers	Skelton
Herse	Meeke (NY)	Slaughter
Hill	Mica	Smith (NE)
Himes	Michaud	Smith (NJ)
Hinche	Miller (FL)	Smith (TX)
Hinojosa	Miller, Gary	Snyder
Hirono	Miller, George	Souder
Holden	Minnick	Space
Holt	Mitchell	Speier
Honda	Mollohan	Spratt
Hoyer	Murphy (CT)	Stearns
Hunter	Murphy (NY)	Stupak
Inslee	Murphy, Tim	Sullivan
Israel	Myrick	Sutton
Issa	Nadler (NY)	Tanner
Jackson (IL)	Napolitano	Taylor
Jackson Lee	Nunes	Terry
(TX)	Nye	Thompson (CA)
Jenkins	Oberstar	Thompson (PA)
Johnson (GA)	Obey	Thornberry
Johnson, E.B.	Olson	Tiahrt
Johnson, Sam	Olver	Tiberi
Jones	Ortiz	Tierney
Kagen	Owens	Tonko
Kanjorski	Pallone	Towns
Kennedy	Pastor (AZ)	Tsongas
Kildee	Paul	Turner
Kilroy	Paulsen	Upton
Kind	Payne	Van Hollen
King (IA)	Pence	Visclosky
King (NY)	Perlmutter	Walden
Kingston	Perrillo	Walz
Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Peters	Wasserman
Klein (FL)	Peterson	Schultz
Kline (MN)	Petri	Waters
Kosmas	Pingree (ME)	Watt
Kratovil	Pitts	Waxman
Kucinich	Polis (CO)	Weiner
Lamborn	Posey	Welch
Lance	Price (NC)	Whitfield
Langevin	Putnam	Wilson (SC)
Larson (CT)	Quigley	Wittman
Latham	Rahall	Wolf
LaTourette	Rangel	Woolsey
Latta	Rehberg	Wu
Lee (CA)	Reyes	Yarmuth
		Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—102

Ackerman	Boucher	Davis (AL)
Austria	Bralley (IA)	Deal (GA)
Barrett (SC)	Calvert	DeFazio
Barrow	Camp	Delahunt
Barton (TX)	Campbell	Dent
Bean	Carnahan	Dreier
Berry	Childers	Ehlers
Biggert	Cleaver	Engel
Blackburn	Conyers	Etheridge
Bocchieri	Costello	Fallin
Bono Mack	Cuellar	Filner
Boren	Culberson	Fortenberry

Giffords	Maffei	Ros-Lehtinen
Gingrey (GA)	McCollum	Roskam
Granger	McIntyre	Rush
Graves	McNerney	Ryan (OH)
Grijalva	Meek (FL)	Salazar
Gutierrez	Melancon	Sanchez, Loretta
Harman	Miller (MI)	Scalise
Hastings (WA)	Miller (NC)	Schrader
Higgins	Moore (KS)	Sessions
Hodes	Moore (WI)	Sherman
Hoekstra	Moran (KS)	Sires
Inglis	Moran (VA)	Smith (WA)
Johnson (IL)	Murphy, Patrick	Stark
Jordan (OH)	Neal (MA)	Teague
Kaptur	Neugebauer	Thompson (MS)
Kilpatrick (MI)	Pascrell	Titus
Kirk	Platts	Velázquez
Kissell	Poe (TX)	Wamp
Larsen (WA)	Pomeroy	Watson
Lipinski	Price (GA)	Westmoreland
Loeb	Radanovich	Wilson (OH)
Mack	Reichert	Young (AK)

□ 1905

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall 49, I was away from the Capitol. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF REPRESENTATIVE JOHN P. MURTHA OF PENNSYLVANIA

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

Mr. KANJORSKI. As most Members of this Chamber know, we recently lost a dear friend and colleague. Congressman Jack Murtha passed away on February 8 after complications from gallbladder surgery.

Jack recently became the longest-serving Member of Congress from Pennsylvania ever. Jack was dedicated to his country, our military troops, and the people of Pennsylvania that he represented for 36 years. He will be greatly missed by our delegation, our State, and the entire Nation.

On Wednesday, there will be a Special Order following votes in memory of Jack Murtha. Anyone wishing to speak may contact my office for that privilege.

In closing, I respectfully request a moment of silence in memory of our dear friend, Jack Murtha.

I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PITTS).

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, I first got to know Jack as a freshman legislator in the Pennsylvania House of 1973-1974, where he and I served together until he was elected to Congress in 1974. We were both Vietnam veterans—the only two in the State house, so we had something in common with that that we chatted about.

Jack served his community in western Pennsylvania as both the State and Federal Representative for nearly four decades, and he will be missed by his

hometown of Johnstown and residents of the 12th Congressional District.

He served his country as a Marine drill instructor. As an officer, he remained in the Reserves after leaving full-time service in 1955. He volunteered to return to full-time service in 1967, and he served honorably in Vietnam, earning a Bronze Star with Valor and two Purple Hearts.

Even after being elected to the House in Congress, Representative Murtha continued his service in the Reserves, finally retiring as a colonel in 1990. Just a few weeks ago, he became the longest-serving Pennsylvania Member of the House of Representatives.

He will be dearly missed by his wife of 55 years and his children and grandchildren that he leaves behind. I join with my colleagues in the Pennsylvania delegation to extend our condolences to his family and friends.

Tonight, we honor his service.

The SPEAKER. Will all Members please rise for a moment of silence.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

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The SPEAKER. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4238, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. MARKEY of Colorado). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4238.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 331, nays 0, not voting 101, as follows:

[Roll No. 50]

YEAS—331

Abercrombie	Bonner	Carter
Aderholt	Boozman	Cassidy
Adler (NJ)	Boswell	Castle
Akin	Boustany	Castor (FL)
Alexander	Boyd	Chaffetz
Altmire	Brady (PA)	Chandler
Andrews	Brady (TX)	Chu
Arcuri	Bright	Clarke
Baca	Broun (GA)	Clay
Bachmann	Brown (SC)	Clyburn
Bachus	Brown, Corrine	Coble
Baird	Brown-Waite,	Coffman (CO)
Baldwin	Ginny	Cohen
Bartlett	Buchanan	Cole
Becerra	Burgess	Conaway
Berkley	Burton (IN)	Connolly (VA)
Berman	Butterfield	Cooper
Bilbray	Buyer	Costa
Bilirakis	Cantor	Courtney
Bishop (GA)	Cao	Crenshaw
Bishop (NY)	Capito	Crowley
Bishop (UT)	Capps	Cummings
Blackburn	Capuano	Dahlkemper
Blumenauer	Cardoza	Davis (CA)
Blunt	Carney	Davis (IL)
Boehner	Carson (IN)	Davis (KY)