

[Roll No. 10]

AYES—236

Adams	Gowdy	Nunes
Aderholt	Granger	Nader
Akin	Graves (GA)	Olson
Alexander	Graves (MO)	Palazzo
Amash	Griffin (AR)	Paul
Bachmann	Griffith (VA)	Paulsen
Bachus	Grimm	Pence
Barletta	Guinta	Petri
Bartlett	Guthrie	Pitts
Bass (NH)	Hall	Platts
Benishek	Hanna	Poe (TX)
Berg	Harper	Pompeo
Biggert	Harris	Posey
Bilbray	Hartzler	Price (GA)
Bilirakis	Hastings (WA)	Quayle
Bishop (UT)	Heck	Reed
Black	Heller	Rehberg
Blackburn	Hensarling	Reichert
Bonner	Hergert	Renacci
Bono Mack	Herrera Beutler	Ribble
Boren	Huelskamp	Rigell
Boustany	Huizenga (MI)	Rivera
Brady (TX)	Hultgren	Roby
Brooks	Hunter	Roe (TN)
Broun (GA)	Hurt	Rogers (AL)
Buchanan	Issa	Rogers (KY)
Bucshon	Jenkins	Rogers (MI)
Buerkle	Johnson (IL)	Rohrabacher
Burgess	Johnson (OH)	Rokita
Burton (IN)	Johnson, Sam	Rooney
Calvert	Jordan	Ros-Lehtinen
Camp	Kelly	Roskam
Campbell	King (IA)	Ross (AR)
Canseco	King (NY)	Ross (FL)
Cantor	Kingston	Royce
Capito	Kinzinger (IL)	Runyan
Carter	Kissell	Ryan (WI)
Cassidy	Kline	Scalise
Chabot	Labrador	Schilling
Chaffetz	Lamborn	Schmidt
Coble	Lance	Schock
Coffman (CO)	Landry	Schweikert
Cole	Lankford	Scott (SC)
Conaway	Latham	Scott, Austin
Cravaack	LaTourette	Sensenbrenner
Crawford	Latta	Shimkus
Crenshaw	Lee (NY)	Shuster
Culberson	Lewis (CA)	Simpson
Davis (KY)	LoBiondo	Smith (NJ)
Denham	Long	Smith (TX)
Dent	Lucas	Southerland
DesJarlais	Luetkemeyer	Stearns
Diaz-Balart	Lummis	Stivers
Dreier	Lungren, Daniel	Stutzman
Duffy	E.	Sullivan
Duncan (SC)	Mack	Terry
Duncan (TN)	Manzullo	Thompson (PA)
Ellmers	Marchant	Thornberry
Emerson	Marino	Tiberi
Farenthold	McCarthy (CA)	Tipton
Fincher	McCaul	Turner
Flake	McClintock	Upton
Fleischmann	McCotter	Walberg
Fleming	McHenry	Walden
Flores	McIntyre	Walsh (IL)
Forbes	McKeon	Webster
Fortenberry	McKinley	West
Fox	McMorris	Westmoreland
Franks (AZ)	Rodgers	Whitfield
Frelinghuysen	Meehan	Wilson (SC)
Gallely	Mica	Wittman
Gardner	Miller (FL)	Wolf
Garrett	Miller (MI)	Womack
Gerlach	Miller, Gary	Woodall
Gibbs	Mulvaney	Yoder
Gibson	Murphy (PA)	Young (AK)
Gingrey (GA)	Myrick	Young (FL)
Gohmert	Neugebauer	Young (IN)
Goodlatte	Noem	
Gosar	Nugent	

NOES—181

Ackerman	Braley (IA)	Cleaver
Altmire	Brown (FL)	Clyburn
Andrews	Butterfield	Cohen
Baca	Capps	Connolly (VA)
Baldwin	Capuano	Conyers
Barrow	Cardoza	Cooper
Bass (CA)	Carnahan	Costa
Becerra	Carney	Costello
Berkley	Carson (IN)	Courtney
Berman	Castor (FL)	Critz
Bishop (GA)	Chandler	Crowley
Bishop (NY)	Chu	Cuellar
Blumenauer	Clarke (NY)	Cummings
Brady (PA)	Clay	Davis (CA)

DeFazio	Langevin	Richmond
DeGette	Larsen (WA)	Rothman (NJ)
DeLauro	Larson (CT)	Ruppersberger
Deutch	Lee (CA)	Rush
Dicks	Levin	Ryan (OH)
Dingell	Lewis (GA)	Sánchez, Linda
Doggett	Lipinski	T.
Donnelly (IN)	Loeb sack	Sanchez, Loretta
Doyle	Lofgren, Zoe	Sarbanes
Edwards	Lowey	Schakowsky
Ellison	Lujan	Schiff
Engel	Lynch	Schrader
Eshoo	Markey	Schwartz
Farr	Matheson	Scott (VA)
Fattah	Matsui	Scott, David
Finer	McCarthy (NY)	Serrano
Frank (MA)	McCollum	Sewell
Fudge	McDermott	Sherman
Giffords	McGovern	Shuler
Gonzalez	McNerney	Sires
Green, Al	Meeke	Slaughter
Green, Gene	Michaud	Smith (WA)
Grijalva	Miller (NC)	Speier
Gutierrez	Miller, George	Stark
Hanabusa	Moore	Sutton
Harman	Moran	Thompson (CA)
Hastings (FL)	Murphy (CT)	Thompson (MS)
Heinrich	Nader	Tierney
Higgins	Napolitano	Tonko
Himes	Neal	Towns
Hinche	Olver	Tsongas
Hinojosa	Owens	Van Hollen
Hirono	Pallone	Velázquez
Holden	Pascrell	Visclosky
Holt	Pastor (AZ)	Walz (MN)
Hoyer	Payne	Wasserman
Inslee	Pelosi	Schultz
Israel	Perlmutter	Waters
Jackson (IL)	Peters	Watt
Jackson Lee	Peterson	Waxman
(TX)	Pingree (ME)	Weiner
Johnson (GA)	Polis	Welch
Johnson, E. B.	Price (NC)	Wilson (FL)
Kaptur	Quigley	Woolsey
Keating	Rahall	Wu
Kildee	Rangel	Yarmuth
Kind	Reyes	
Kucinich	Richardson	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—2

Fitzpatrick	Sessions
	NOT VOTING—15

Austria	Davis (IL)	Jones
Barton (TX)	Dold	Maloney
Boswell	Garamendi	Pearce
Cicilline	Hayworth	Roybal-Allard
Clarke (MI)	Honda	Smith (NE)

□ 1104

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.

## PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I am standing on the floor of the House of Representatives where Members of Congress get sworn in, and I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his inquiry.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, under the rules of the House and the United States Constitution, can a committee of the House be presided over by someone who is not a Member of the House of Representatives and who is not a member of that committee?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. No. Only sworn Members may serve on committees.

## RELATING TO THE STATUS OF CERTAIN ACTIONS TAKEN BY MEMBERS-ELECT

Mr. DREIER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 26, I send to

the desk as the designee of the majority leader a resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

Mr. WEINER. I reserve a point of order, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. A point of order is reserved.

The Clerk will report the resolution.  
The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 27

Whereas, Representative-elect Sessions and Representative-elect Fitzpatrick were not administered the oath of office pursuant to the third clause in article VI of the Constitution until after the completion of legislative business on January 6, 2011; and

Whereas, the votes cast by Representative-elect Sessions and Representative-elect Fitzpatrick on rollcalls 3 through 8 therefore were nullities: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, That—*

(1) the votes recorded for Representative-elect Sessions and Representative-elect Fitzpatrick on rollcalls 3 through 8 be deleted and the vote-totals for each of those rollcalls be adjusted accordingly, both in the Journal and in the Congressional Record;

(2) the election of Representative-elect Sessions to a standing committee and his participation in its proceedings be ratified;

(3) the measures delivered to the Speaker for referral by Representative-elect Sessions be considered as introduced and retain the numbers assigned;

(4) any submissions to the Congressional Record by Representative-elect Sessions or Representative-elect Fitzpatrick be considered as valid;

(5) any cosponsor lists naming Representative-elect Sessions or Representative-elect Fitzpatrick be considered as valid; and

(6) any non-voting participation by Representative-elect Sessions or Representative-elect Fitzpatrick in proceedings on the floor be ratified.

## POINT OF ORDER

Mr. WEINER. Madam Speaker, I rise to a point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. WEINER. Madam Speaker, I make a point of order that the consideration of this resolution is in violation of the House rules that we just passed in which a new section was created to rule XXI that required at least 3 days' notice to consider legislation, that it be posted on the Internet and we have a chance to review it. It is particularly important in this case since we're dealing with a constitutional issue, one that is without precedent, and I insist on the point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair must observe that the rule cited applies to bills and joint resolutions; and pursuant to House Resolution 26, all points of order are waived.

## PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. WEINER. Madam Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. WEINER. Am I to understand that under the rules that were just passed, they are already exempting this resolution, which is of a question of the interpretation of the Constitution of the United States, that it is already being waived, that that new rule requiring 3 days is already being waived?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The rule that the gentleman cites applies only to bills and joint resolutions.

□ 1110

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 26, the gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. WEINER) each will control 2 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

Mr. DREIER. Madam Speaker, I am the only speaker on my side, so I will reserve the balance of my time.

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

I thought that the chairman was going to say that he was going to be brief. Well, he had no choice with this rule. It's a pretty short one.

I just want to say in the brief 2 minutes that we have here that this is a pretty important issue that we are faced with. And I should say just at the outset that I have the greatest respect for my friend, Mr. SESSIONS. I consider him to be a friend. I hope to get to know Mr. FITZPATRICK as well and to call him a friend as well. But what we are dealing with today is perhaps the most basic test that we have of whether we're going to take legislation seriously.

To the great credit of the maker of this resolution, which we just got, it stipulates right in the first couple of sections, we violated the Constitution on our very first day. The constitutional requirement for oath was violated. And I give you great credit for recognizing that in the resolution.

Now you do say that it created nullities, which is, frankly, a way of saying we operated outside this document on the same day we were reading it. When Mr. SESSIONS and Mr. FITZPATRICK stood up in front of a television set and held their right hand up—not unlike about 2,000 of my constituents, I suspect—they were violating a very important part of these proceedings, and yet we have a grand total of 2 minutes on each side, Mr. DREIER, and to my colleagues, in which to debate how to fix that infirmity.

Mr. SESSIONS presided over the Rules Committee during a large portion in which he was not even a duly sworn Member of the United States Congress. Yet we are doing nothing to go back and see would that participation influence proceedings at all.

I strongly urge my colleagues to vote against this resolution, not because Mr. FITZPATRICK and Mr. SESSIONS are not Members of Congress, they clearly are and I congratulate them, but because for the first time in American history, the first time in the history of this body, we are going to pass a fix of a constitutional infirmity with—wait for it—4 minutes of debate when we didn't have the bill until just now. I strongly urge my colleagues to think about the precedent this sets.

I ask the consent of the chairman for an additional 1 minute so we can have an understanding.

Mr. DREIER. I have no authority to do that. We are living under this rule that was passed by the House.

Mr. WEINER. The gentleman may yield to a unanimous consent request.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman from New York has expired.

Mr. WEINER. Only does Mr. DREIER have the ability to accede to a unanimous consent request.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentleman from California yield for such a request?

Mr. DREIER. I have my time, and I will be utilizing that, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman from New York has expired.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

Mr. DREIER. Madam Speaker, I appreciate the fact that my friend from New York has stated his respect for Mr. SESSIONS and Mr. FITZPATRICK.

These two individuals were in this Capitol. They were in this Capitol when they took the oath of office. They didn't happen to be in this exact room. Under the standard of collegiality in Jefferson's Manual, it is indicated that they have to be within the proximity of the Speaker.

Madam Speaker, any Member who does not vote in favor of this resolution is allowing the problem to persist. This resolution rectifies the problem which we all realize has happened. I believe that we have a responsibility to this institution, we have a responsibility to the Constitution, we have a responsibility to the American people, and this resolution rectifies a problem that has existed.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. WEINER. Parliamentary inquiry, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. WEINER. Madam Speaker, under the rules of the House, are the Members of Congress who are not duly sworn entitled to be paid for the days of service in which they were here and were not sworn in?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has not stated a proper parliamentary inquiry.

Pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 26, the previous question is ordered on the resolution.

The question is on the resolution.

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

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. WEINER. Madam Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 257, noes 159,

answered "present" 3, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 11]

AYES—257

Adams	Gibbs	Neugebauer
Aderholt	Gibson	Noem
Akin	Gingrey (GA)	Nugent
Alexander	Gohmert	Nunes
Altmire	Goodlatte	Nunnelee
Amash	Gosar	Olson
Bachmann	Gowdy	Palazzo
Bachus	Granger	Paulsen
Barletta	Graves (GA)	Pence
Barrow	Graves (MO)	Peterson
Bartlett	Green, Al	Petri
Bass (NH)	Griffin (AR)	Pitts
Benishek	Griffith (VA)	Platts
Berg	Grimm	Poe (TX)
Biggert	Guinta	Polis
Billbray	Guthrie	Pompeo
Bilirakis	Hall	Posey
Bishop (UT)	Hanna	Price (GA)
Black	Harper	Quayle
Blackburn	Harris	Reed
Bonner	Hartzler	Rehberg
Bono Mack	Hastings (WA)	Reichert
Boren	Hayworth	Renacci
Boustany	Heck	Ribble
Brady (PA)	Heller	Rigell
Brady (TX)	Hensarling	Rivera
Brooks	Herger	Roby
Broun (GA)	Herrera Beutler	Roe (TN)
Buchanan	Himes	Rogers (AL)
Bucshon	Holden	Rogers (KY)
Buerkle	Huelskamp	Rogers (MI)
Burgess	Huizenga (MI)	Rohrabacher
Burton (IN)	Hultgren	Rokita
Calvert	Hunter	Rooney
Camp	Hurt	Ros-Lehtinen
Campbell	Jenkins	Roskam
Canseco	Johnson (IL)	Ross (AR)
Cantor	Johnson (OH)	Ross (FL)
Capito	Johnson, E. B.	Rothman (NJ)
Cardoza	Johnson, Sam	Royce
Carter	Jordan	Runyan
Cassidy	Kelly	Ryan (WI)
Castor (FL)	King (IA)	Schilling
Chabot	King (NY)	Schmidt
Chaffetz	Kingston	Schock
Chandler	Kinzinger (IL)	Schwartz
Coble	Kline	Schweikert
Coffman (CO)	Labrador	Scott (SC)
Cole	Lamborn	Scott, Austin
Conaway	Lance	Sensenbrenner
Costa	Landry	Shimkus
Costello	Lankford	Shuler
Cravaack	Latham	Shuster
Crawford	LaTourette	Simpson
Crenshaw	Latta	Smith (NJ)
Critz	Lee (NY)	Smith (TX)
Cuellar	Lewis (CA)	Southerland
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Dold	Lungren, Daniel	Thornberry
Donnelly (IN)	E.	Tiberi
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Duffy	Marchant	Turner
Duncan (SC)	Marino	Upton
Duncan (TN)	McCarthy (CA)	Walberg
Ellmers	McCaul	Walden
Emerson	McClintock	Walsh (IL)
Farenthold	McCotter	Watt
Fattah	McHenry	Webster
Fincher	McKeon	West
Flake	McKinley	Westmoreland
Fleischmann	McMorris	Whitfield
Fleming	Rodgers	Wilson (SC)
Flores	Meehan	Wittman
Forbes	Mica	Wolf
Fortenberry	Michaud	Womack
Fox	Miller (FL)	Woodall
Franks (AZ)	Miller (MI)	Yoder
Frelinghuysen	Miller, Gary	Young (AK)
Gallely	Mulvaney	Young (FL)
Gardner	Murphy (CT)	Young (IN)
Garrett	Murphy (PA)	
Gerlach	Myrick	

NOES—159

Ackerman	Bass (CA)	Bishop (GA)
Andrews	Becerra	Bishop (NY)
Baca	Berkley	Blumenauer
Baldwin	Berman	Braley (IA)

Brown (FL)	Holt	Peters
Butterfield	Hoyer	Pingree (ME)
Capps	Inslee	Price (NC)
Capuano	Israel	Quigley
Carnahan	Jackson (IL)	Rahall
Carney	Jackson Lee	Rangel
Carson (IN)	(TX)	Reyes
Chu	Johnson (GA)	Richardson
Clarke (MI)	Kaptur	Richmond
Clarke (NY)	Keating	Royal-Allard
Clay	Kildee	Ruppersberger
Cleaver	Kind	Rush
Clyburn	Kissell	Ryan (OH)
Cohen	Kucinich	Sánchez, Linda
Connolly (VA)	Langevin	T.
Conyers	Larsen (WA)	Sanchez, Loretta
Cooper	Larson (CT)	Sarbanes
Courtney	Lee (CA)	Schakowsky
Crowley	Levin	Schiff
Cummings	Lewis (GA)	Schrader
Davis (CA)	Loebsock	Scott (VA)
DeGette	Lofgren, Zoe	Scott, David
DeLauro	Lowey	Serrano
Deutch	Lujan	Sewell
Dicks	Lynch	Sherman
Dingell	Markey	Sires
Doggett	Matheson	Slaughter
Doyle	Matsui	Smith (WA)
Edwards	McCarthy (NY)	Stark
Ellison	McCollum	Sutton
Engel	McDermott	Thompson (CA)
Eshoo	McGovern	Thompson (MS)
Farr	McIntyre	Tierney
Filner	McNerney	Tonko
Frank (MA)	Meeks	Towns
Fudge	Miller (NC)	Tsongas
Garamendi	Miller, George	Van Hollen
Giffords	Moore	Velázquez
Gonzalez	Moran	Visclosky
Green, Gene	Nadler	Walz (MN)
Grijalva	Napolitano	Wasserman
Gutierrez	Neal	Schultz
Hanabusa	Olver	Waters
Harman	Owens	Waxman
Hastings (FL)	Pallone	Weimer
Heinrich	Pascarell	Welch
Higgins	Pastor (AZ)	Wilson (FL)
Hinche	Payne	Woolsey
Hinojosa	Pelosi	Wu
Hirono	Perlmutter	Yarmuth

## ANSWERED "PRESENT"—3

DeFazio Fitzpatrick Sessions

## NOT VOTING—15

Austria	Honda	Paul
Barton (TX)	Issa	Pearce
Boswell	Jones	Scalise
Ciilline	Mack	Smith (NE)
Davis (IL)	Maloney	Speier

□ 1132

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.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. AUSTRIA. Madam Speaker, had I been present for votes, I would have voted for the previous question and for adoption of the rule to repeal the Democrats' job-killing health care law, and for H. Res. 27.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, on Friday, January 7th, I was unavoidably detained on account of official business in California and was not present for three rollcall votes on that day.

Had I been present I would have voted: "Nay" on rollcall No. 9 on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 26; "nay" on rollcall No. 10 on passage of H. Res. 26, rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2, Patients Rights Repeal Act, H. Res. 9, Instructing certain committees to report legislation replacing the Affordable Care Act, and H. Res. 27, Ses-

sion/Fitzpatrick Clean up Resolution; and "nay" on rollcall No. 11 on passage of H. Res. 27, Session/Fitzpatrick Clean up Resolution.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BOSWELL. Mr. Speaker, I regret my absence in the House today as I was in my district attending to personal business. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall votes 9, 10, and 11.

## COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, January 7, 2011.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Under Clause 2(g) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I herewith designate Robert Reeves, Deputy Clerk, to sign any and all papers and do all other acts for me under the name of the Clerk of the House which they would be authorized to do by virtue of this designation, except such as are provided by statute, in case of my temporary absence or disability.

This designation shall remain in effect for the 112th Congress or until modified by me. With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,  
Clerk of the House.

## LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I congratulate the gentleman from Virginia on his election as majority leader of his party. He and I have had the opportunity to work together over the recent years. It's been a positive relationship, and I look forward to continuing that positive relationship, albeit in my diminished status.

I yield to my friend.

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Maryland for those kind remarks. I want to also reiterate my pleasure of being able to develop a positive working relationship with him, understanding full well there will be disagreements, but there is probably a lot more that we can agree on, and I look forward to exploring those avenues. I want to congratulate him on his election to the position of Democratic whip, and I look forward to working in this relationship. I know that these roles have been reversed now in these colloquies, so I look forward to that as well.

Madam Speaker, on Monday, the House is not in session. On Tuesday, the House will meet at 12 p.m. for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business, with votes postponed until 6:30 p.m. On Wednesday, the House will meet at 9 a.m. for legisla-

tive business. On Thursday and Friday, the House will not be in session to accommodate the Republican retreat.

On Tuesday, we will consider at least one bill under suspension of the rules, which will be announced later today. We will also begin consideration of H.R. 2, the Repealing the Job-Killing Health Care Law Act. I expect the House to complete debate on H.R. 2 Wednesday afternoon.

Also, on Wednesday, Madam Speaker, the House will consider H. Res. 9, instructing certain committees to report legislation replacing the job-killing health care law.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for outlining the schedule. There was an interesting article in The Washington Post today about your job-killing comments always being attached to the health care bill. There are obviously some of us who know full well that was not part of the title, as I'm sure the gentleman would admit, and that in fact it does not do that at all. In fact, we think it creates jobs. But, in any event, I thank the gentleman for announcing the schedule.

I want to say we're disappointed, however, as he was when he was in my position, that we don't have a committee process for this very important piece of legislation. I think it's important from your perspective and it's important from our perspective, although we may have different perspectives on whether it should pass or fail. But it is an important piece of legislation. There was no committee process and no hearings; no opportunity for the public to be heard on the bill; no opportunity for the Members to testify with respect to that bill; no witnesses were heard. Furthermore, under the rule, of course we have been given no opportunity to amend.

The gentleman, when he was in my position, repeatedly indicated how disappointed he was that there were no amendments allowed on certain bills. I want to reiterate that concern. And given the lack of amendments, I want to clarify when he believes will be the finishing of votes on Wednesday. I understand debate will begin on Tuesday and it will conclude on Wednesday.

Mr. CANTOR. I would ask the gentleman to repeat the question.

Mr. HOYER. What time do you expect to conclude business on Wednesday?

Mr. CANTOR. I would say to the gentleman, Madam Speaker, that it is our intention to conclude by 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for that response.

In light of the fact that your side has made a pledge to allow ample time for Members to read and consider it, and notwithstanding that they have already not pursued that as vigorously as I think you would have hoped and perhaps we would have hoped as well in the 112th Congress, I was wondering if the gentleman can enlighten us on what he expects to consider the rest of January, after next week, so that