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Lofgren, Zoe  
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Lungren, Daniel E.  
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Miller (FL)  
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Miller, Gary  
Miller, George  
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Murphy (CT)  
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Olver  
Owens  
Palazzo  
Pallone  
Pascrell  
Paulsen  
Pearce  
Pelosi  
Pence

NOT VOTING—18

Bachmann  
Bilirakis  
Coble  
Crawford  
Duffy  
Filner

□ 1519

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. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall 920, I was away from the Capitol due to prior commitments to my constituents. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye.”

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, I was absent during rollcall vote No. 920. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3246, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15455 Manchester Road in

Ballwin, Missouri, as the “Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building.”

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE BREAST CANCER RESEARCH AUTHORITY ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill (S. 384) to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 417, noes 1, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 921]

AYES—417

Ackerman  
Adams  
Aderholt  
Akin  
Alexander  
Altmire  
Amodei  
Andrews  
Austria  
Baca  
Bachus  
Baldwin  
Barletta  
Barrow  
Bartlett  
Barton (TX)  
Chu  
Cicilline  
Bass (CA)  
Bass (NH)  
Becerra  
Benishkek  
Berg  
Berkley  
Berman  
Biggert  
Bilbray  
Bilirakis  
Bishop (GA)  
Bishop (NY)  
Bishop (UT)  
Black  
Blackburn  
Blumenauer  
Bonner  
Bono Mack  
Boren  
Boswell  
Boustany  
Brady (PA)  
Brady (TX)  
Braley (IA)  
Brooks  
Broun (GA)  
Brown (FL)  
Buchanan  
Bucshon  
Buerkle  
Burgess  
Burton (IN)  
Butterfield  
Calvert  
Camp  
Campbell

Guinta  
Guthrie  
Hahn  
Hall  
Hanabusa  
Hanna  
Harper  
Harris  
Hartzler  
Hastings (FL)  
Hastings (WA)  
Hayworth  
Heck  
Heinrich  
Hensarling  
Herger  
Herrera Beutler  
Higgins  
Himojosa  
Hirono  
Hochul  
Holden  
Holt  
Hoyer  
Huelskamp  
Huizenga (MI)  
Hultgren  
Hunter  
Hurt  
Inslee  
Israel  
Issa  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson Lee  
(TX)  
Jenkins  
Johnson (GA)  
Johnson (IL)  
Johnson (OH)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Jones  
Jordan  
Kaptur  
Keating  
Kelly  
Kildee  
Kind  
King (IA)  
King (NY)  
Kingston  
Kissell  
Kline  
Kucinich  
Labrador  
Lamborn  
Lance  
Landry  
Langevin  
Lankford  
Larsen (WA)  
Larson (CT)  
Latham  
LaTourette  
Latta  
Lee (CA)  
Levin  
Lewis (CA)  
Lewis (GA)  
Lipinski  
LoBiondo  
Loeb sack  
Lofgren, Zoe  
Long  
Lowey  
Lucas  
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Lungren, Daniel E.  
Lynch  
Maloney  
Manzullo  
Marchant  
Marino  
Markey

NOES—1

Amash

NOT VOTING—15

Bachmann  
Coble  
Duffy  
Filner  
Giffords

Gutierrez  
Honda  
Kinzinger (IL)  
Paul  
Payne  
Turner (OH)

□ 1526

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. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall 921, I was away from the Capitol due to prior commitments to my constituents. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, I was absent during rollcall vote No. 921. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on the motion to suspend the rules and pass S. 384, to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research.

#### RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(a), paragraph 1 of rule IX, I rise to give notice of my intention to offer a resolution to raise a question of the privileges of the House.

The form of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. ———

Whereas although our Nation's economy is gradually improving after one of the worst economic crises in our Nation's history, the economic crisis remains a daily reality for the 13.3 million unemployed workers and for the millions of Americans experiencing record levels of food insecurity, poverty, and foreclosure;

Whereas the national unemployment rate is 8.6 percent, with over 42.8 percent of all unemployed workers, more than 5.7 million people, having been out of work for more than 6 months;

Whereas while there were 1.8 unemployed Americans for every job opening in December 2007, when the Great Recession began, data recently released by the Department of Labor show that, as of October 2011, there were over 4.3 unemployed Americans for every job opening;

Whereas data recently released by the Department of Labor show that, as of October 2011, there were 3.3 million job openings, which is well below the 4.8 million job openings in March 2007, when job openings were at their highest point during the most recent business cycle;

Whereas recent data demonstrate that most unemployed Americans no longer receive unemployment insurance benefits, reflecting the crisis that exists for the millions of Americans who have exhausted their benefits and still cannot find work, including the 100,000 Illinoisans estimated to have exhausted their benefits in 2010 and the additional 100,000 Illinoisans who, it is estimated, would exhaust their benefits in 2012 if current law were extended;

Whereas unemployment benefits are a critical lifeline for our citizens and our economy, including by keeping 3.2 million Americans (including nearly 1 million children) from falling into poverty in 2010 alone; generating \$2 in economic stimulus for every \$1 the Federal Government spent during this recession; and saving or creating 1.1 million jobs as of the fourth quarter of 2009 alone;

Whereas all Members of the House of Representatives have a responsibility to protect

Americans and our country from physical and economic harm, especially during times of national crisis;

Whereas the recently-introduced Republican proposal to address the unemployment crisis facing our Nation fails to protect Americans by drastically cutting 40 weeks of unemployment assistance and imposing new restrictions that would make it more difficult and costly for employees to receive the benefits for which they have paid;

Whereas the Republican proposal fails to protect Americans by cutting the number of Federally-funded weeks of unemployment benefits from 73 to 33 in high unemployment States, abandoning over 1 million Americans in 2012 by slashing their benefits;

Whereas the Republican proposal would likely result in the following States, with elevated unemployment rates, losing 40 weeks of unemployment benefits in 2012: Alabama, California, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Washington;

Whereas the Republican proposal would cause all other States to lose between 14 and 34 weeks of Federal unemployment benefits;

Whereas the Republican proposal would erode the unemployment safety net by undermining the requirement that unemployment dollars fund unemployment benefits to help individual workers cover basic necessities, such as food and housing;

Whereas the Republican proposal would further erode the unemployment safety net by undermining the eligibility standard that unemployment benefits be determined solely on the basis of a claimant's unemployment;

Whereas the Republican proposal demands untested, punitive measures that hurt unemployed workers, including deducting money from one's unemployment check to pay for required reemployment assessments and delayed or prohibited benefits depending on educational attainment;

Whereas the Republican proposal would disproportionately harm groups of Americans who are hardest hit by unemployment and long-term unemployment, including older Americans, low-income Americans, Americans from racial and ethnic minority groups, and Americans without a high school diploma;

Whereas now that emergency assistance is about to expire, the Republican proposal reflects comfort with \$180 billion in tax breaks for the wealthiest 3 percent of Americans for 2012, but not the \$50 billion needed to help millions of the neediest Americans who still cannot find a job;

Whereas the Economic Policy Institute estimates that the Republican proposal would result in as much as \$22 billion in lost economic growth, and the Center for American Progress estimates that the Republican proposal would lead to a loss of approximately 275,000 jobs in 2012;

Whereas it will tarnish the dignity and integrity of the House proceedings if the House considers a bill that cuts critical emergency assistance to millions of Americans, hinders economic recovery, and disproportionately harms older Americans, Americans from racial and ethnic minority groups, low-income Americans, and Americans without a high school degree;

Whereas it will tarnish the dignity and integrity of the House proceedings if the Republican Leadership holds hostage the 2.5 million Americans who, the Department of Labor estimates, will lose their benefits by March 2012 if Congress fails to act, in order to push a radical agenda the American people have already rejected; and

Whereas failure to allow consideration of amendments to protect vulnerable Americans during consideration of a bill that substantially and permanently changes Federal unemployment benefits tarnishes the integrity of the legislative process: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes the immediate need to extend current emergency unemployment benefits to promote our Nation's economic recovery by stimulating purchases, creating jobs, and preventing the loss of jobs;

(2) recognizes the immediate need to extend current emergency unemployment benefits to help the approximately 6 million unemployed Americans who will lose benefits if current emergency unemployment benefits are not extended through 2012;

(3) disapproves of drastically limiting Federal unemployment benefits until economic growth is robust and the Nation is in a period of full employment; and

(4) calls on the Leadership of the House to bring to a vote a clean extension of all current emergency unemployment benefits for a full year to protect the millions of Americans who will lose benefits if the current statute sunsets at the end of December 2011 or if H.R. 3630, as posted by the Committee on Rules on December 9, 2011, is enacted.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would now entertain the resolution.

Does the gentleman from Illinois wish to offer it at this point?

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Yes, I do.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. ———

Whereas although our Nation's economy is gradually improving after one of the worst economic crises in our Nation's history, the economic crisis remains a daily reality for the 13.3 million unemployed workers and for the millions of Americans experiencing record levels of food insecurity, poverty, and foreclosure;

Whereas the national unemployment rate is 8.6 percent, with over 42.8 percent of all unemployed workers, more than 5.7 million people, having been out of work for more than 6 months;

Whereas while there were 1.8 unemployed Americans for every job opening in December 2007, when the Great Recession began, data recently released by the Department of Labor show that, as of October 2011, there were over 4.3 unemployed Americans for every job opening;

Whereas data recently released by the Department of Labor show that, as of October 2011, there were 3.3 million job openings, which is well below the 4.8 million job openings in March 2007, when job openings were at their highest point during the most recent business cycle;

Whereas recent data demonstrate that most unemployed Americans no longer receive unemployment insurance benefits, reflecting the crisis that exists for the millions of Americans who have exhausted their benefits and still cannot find work, including the 100,000 Illinoisans estimated to have exhausted their benefits in 2010 and the additional 100,000 Illinoisans who, it is estimated, would exhaust their benefits in 2012 if current law were extended;

Whereas unemployment benefits are a critical lifeline for our citizens and our economy, including by keeping 3.2 million Americans (including nearly 1 million children) from falling into poverty in 2010 alone; generating \$2 in economic stimulus for every \$1