

Because the vote today may look bad for the Democratic majority they will say "the vote on the previous question is simply a vote on whether to proceed to an immediate vote on adopting the resolution . . . [and] has no substantive legislative or policy implications whatsoever." But that is not what they have always said. Listen to the definition of the previous question used in the Floor Procedures Manual published by the Rules Committee in the 109th Congress, (page 56). Here's how the Rules Committee described the rule using information form Congressional Quarterly's "American Congressional Dictionary": "If the previous question is defeated, control of debate shifts to the leading opposition member (usually the minority Floor Manager) who then manages an hour of debate and may offer a germane amendment to the pending business."

Deschler's Procedure in the U.S. House of Representatives, the subchapter titled "Amending Special Rules" states: "a refusal to order the previous question on such a rule [a special rule reported from the Committee on Rules] opens the resolution to amendment and further debate." (Chapter 21, section 21.2) Section 21.3 continues: Upon rejection of the motion for the previous question on a resolution reported from the Committee on Rules, control shifts to the Member leading the opposition to the previous question, who may offer a proper amendment or motion and who controls the time for debate thereon."

Clearly, the vote on the previous question on a rule does have substantive policy implications. It is one of the only available tools for those who oppose the Democratic majority's agenda and allows those with alternative views the opportunity to offer an alternative plan.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time and move the previous question on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

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

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

**PROVIDING FOR THE SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE 110TH CONGRESS**

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 271) and ask for its immediate consideration.

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

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 271

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring).* That when the House adjourns on any legislative day from Tuesday, December 18, 2007, through Saturday, December 22, 2007, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned sine die, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 3 of this concurrent reso-

lution; and when the Senate adjourns on any day from Tuesday, December 18, 2008, through Monday, December 31, 2007, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned sine die, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 3 of this concurrent resolution.

SEC. 2. When the House adjourns on the legislative day of Thursday, January 3, 2008, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it shall stand adjourned until noon on Tuesday, January 15, 2008, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 3 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and when the Senate recesses or adjourns on Thursday, January 3, 2008, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it shall stand recessed or adjourned until noon on Tuesday, January 15, 2008, or such other time on that day as may be specified in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 3 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 3. The Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate, or their respective designees, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House and the Minority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the House and the Senate, respectively, to reassemble at such place and time as they may designate if, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the concurrent resolution.

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

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, this 15-minute vote on the concurrent resolution will be followed by 5-minute votes on ordering the previous question on House Resolution 878; adoption of House Resolution 878, if ordered; and motion to suspend the rules on H.R. 4286.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 184, nays 218, not voting 30, as follows:

[Roll No. 1167]

YEAS—184

Abercrombie	Clay	Eshoo
Ackerman	Cleaver	Etheridge
Allen	Clyburn	Farr
Altmire	Cohen	Fattah
Andrews	Conyers	Filner
Arcuri	Costello	Frank (MA)
Baca	Courtney	Gonzalez
Baird	Crowley	Gordon
Baldwin	Cummings	Green, Al
Bean	Davis (AL)	Green, Gene
Becerra	Davis (CA)	Grijalva
Berkley	Davis (IL)	Hall (NY)
Berman	DeFazio	Hare
Bishop (NY)	DeGette	Higgins
Boswell	Delahunt	Hill
Boucher	DeLauro	Hinchesy
Brady (PA)	Dicks	Hinojosa
Braley (IA)	Doggett	Hirono
Brown, Corrine	Donnelly	Hodes
Butterfield	Doyle	Holden
Capps	Edwards	Holt
Capuano	Ellison	Honda
Carnahan	Ellsworth	Hoyer
Castor	Emanuel	Inslee
Clarke	Engel	Israel

Jackson (IL)	Miller (NC)	Serrano
Jackson-Lee	Miller, George	Sestak
(TX)	Mollohan	Shea-Porter
Jefferson	Moore (WI)	Sherman
Johnson (GA)	Moran (VA)	Sires
Johnson (IL)	Murphy (CT)	Skelton
Jones (OH)	Murphy, Patrick	Slaughter
Kagen	Murtha	Smith (WA)
Kaptur	Nadler	Snyder
Kennedy	Napolitano	Solis
Kildee	Neal (MA)	Space
Kilpatrick	Oberstar	Spratt
Kind	Obey	Stark
Klein (FL)	Olver	Stupak
Kucinich	Pallone	Sutton
Langevin	Pascrell	Tauscher
Lantos	Payne	Thompson (MS)
Larsen (WA)	Perlmutter	Tierney
Larson (CT)	Pomeroy	Townes
Lee	Price (NC)	Tsongas
Levin	Rahall	Udall (CO)
Lipinski	Rangel	Udall (NM)
Loeb sack	Reyes	Van Hollen
Lofgren, Zoe	Richardson	Velázquez
Lowey	Rodriguez	Visclosky
Lynch	Rothman	Walz (MN)
Maloney (NY)	Roybal-Allard	Wasserman
Markey	Ruppersberger	Schultz
Matsui	Rush	Waters
McCarthy (NY)	Ryan (OH)	Watson
McCollum (MN)	Sánchez, Linda	Watt
McDermott	T.	Waxman
McGovern	Sanchez, Loretta	Wilson (OH)
McIntyre	Sarbanes	Wu
McNerney	Schakowsky	Wynn
McNulty	Schwartz	Yarmuth
Meek (FL)	Scott (GA)	
Meeks (NY)	Scott (VA)	

NAYS—218

Aderholt	Dent	Lewis (CA)
Akin	Diaz-Balart, L.	Lewis (GA)
Alexander	Diaz-Balart, M.	Lewis (KY)
Bachmann	Doolittle	Linder
Bachus	Drake	LoBiondo
Baker	Dreier	Lucas
Barrett (SC)	Duncan	Luengren, Daniel
Barrow	Ehlers	E.
Bartlett (MD)	Emerson	Mack
Barton (TX)	English (PA)	Mahoney (FL)
Berry	Everett	Manzullo
Biggart	Fallin	Marchant
Bilbray	Feeney	Marshall
Bilirakis	Ferguson	Matheson
Bishop (GA)	Flake	McCarthy (CA)
Bishop (UT)	Forbes	McCaul (TX)
Blackburn	Fortenberry	McCotter
Boehner	Fossella	McCreery
Bonner	Fox	McHugh
Bono	Franks (AZ)	McKeon
Boozman	Frelinghuysen	McMorris
Boren	Garrett (NJ)	Rodgers
Boustany	Gerlach	Melancon
Boyd (FL)	Giffords	Mica
Boyda (KS)	Gillibrand	Michaud
Brady (TX)	Gingrey	Miller (FL)
Broun (GA)	Gohmert	Miller (MI)
Brown (SC)	Goode	Mitchell
Brown-Waite,	Goodlatte	Moore (KS)
Ginny	Granger	Moran (KS)
Buchanan	Graves	Murphy, Tim
Burgess	Harman	Musgrave
Burton (IN)	Hastings (WA)	Neugebauer
Buyer	Hayes	Nunes
Calvert	Heller	Pearce
Camp (MI)	Hensarling	Pence
Campbell (CA)	Herger	Peterson (MN)
Cannon	Herseth Sandlin	Peterson (PA)
Cantor	Hoekstra	Petri
Capito	Hulshof	Pickering
Cardoza	Inglis (SC)	Pitts
Carney	Issa	Platts
Carter	Johnson, Sam	Poe
Castle	Jones (NC)	Porter
Chabot	Jordan	Price (GA)
Chandler	Keller	Putnam
Coble	King (IA)	Radanovich
Cole (OK)	King (NY)	Ramstad
Conaway	Kingston	Regula
Cooper	Kirk	Rehberg
Costa	Klaine (MN)	Reichert
Cramer	Knollenberg	Renzi
Crenshaw	Kuhl (NY)	Reynolds
Cuellar	LaHood	Rogers (AL)
Culberson	Lamborn	Rogers (KY)
Davis (KY)	Lampson	Rogers (MI)
Davis, David	Latham	Ros-Lehtinen
Davis, Lincoln	LaTourette	Roskam
Deal (GA)	Latta	Ross