

taxpayers, this bipartisan bill includes a number of key improvements in it. First, it cuts in half—from \$700 billion to \$350 billion—the funding available to Secretary Paulson without additional congressional approval. Second, the bill sets up an extensive, independent oversight process rather than giving Mr. Paulson complete control of the funds. Third, and this is important, the bill says that after 5 years, any taxpayer costs not recouped by the sale of government purchased assets must be repaid by financial services corporations, not by everyday taxpayers. Fourth, the bill cracks down on any new golden parachutes for executives whose companies benefit from this bill.

There is no guarantee that this bill will prevent a recession, because our economy faces a lot of challenges right now, but I believe a failure to pass recovery legislation could potentially start a downward economic spiral that could put millions of jobs and families at risk. I am angered that Wall Street greed has put us in this position, but as imperfect as this bill is, I believe the risk of inaction is far greater for our country and everyday citizens than the risk of this action.

Ms. HARMAN. Madam Speaker, recklessness on Wall Street and fecklessness in Washington have brought the American economy to the brink of disaster. Mounting corporate debts and collapsing real estate markets have all but frozen the flow of credit that is the life-blood of our system.

It is now clear that without immediate and dramatic action, we face an economic calamity—not just for Wall Street, but for small businesses, communities, and families around the country.

But while I agree that quick action is necessary, the Treasury Department's original three-page proposal—in essence “Dear Congress, please send a \$700 billion blank check, love, Hank.”—was a nonstarter.

We have come a long way in the past week, thanks mostly to tough negotiations by Democrats and the inclusion of improvements demanded by Senator OBAMA, my constituents, and others. The result is legislation that I can support.

The bill addresses the concerns of three important groups: families who are struggling to stay in their homes; small businesses and their employees; and taxpayers.

First, the legislation requires that the government renegotiate the terms, including principal, interest rates, or duration, of any mortgage owned in whole or in part by the Federal Government to prevent foreclosures and keep people in their homes. These provisions are vitally important.

The Government now controls Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which together own or back nearly 50 percent of the mortgages in America, and will be purchasing many thousands of new mortgages or shares of mortgages under this bill. The bill requires that the Government use its new market power to rework many of the flawed mortgages that are at the heart of this crisis. Done right, this effort can help families avoid the wrenching experiences of foreclosure and bankruptcy.

Second, it will allow all financial entities—big banks, regional banks, and local community banks—to sell off the toxic assets that have crippled the credit markets.

It also allows a 1-year write-off of losses stemming from the Government takeover of

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, removing a major burden from the financial hubs of our communities.

This means capital that breathes life into our economy will flow not just to Wall Street, but to Artesia, Sepulveda, and Rosecrans Boulevards. As one of my constituents, a former auto mechanic, puts it: “If there's no oil in the engine, the car won't run. You have to put the oil in from the top and clean the parts from the bottom.”

Third, the bill includes a number of provisions intended to minimize the costs to taxpayers. It requires that the Government buy assets, rather than merely cover corporate losses. These assets give the Government an equity stake in the companies it helps—like the stake Warren Buffett just bought in Goldman Sachs. Just like Buffett, taxpayers will profit from increases in these companies' stock prices when the economy recovers.

The bill includes tough new oversight and transparency provisions, including an oversight board appointed by Congress. It provides funding in installments—\$250 billion at first; \$100 billion after the President certifies that it's necessary; and the final \$350 billion only if Congress allows funding to continue. It limits executive compensation and bans so-called “golden parachutes” for companies participating in the program.

And, if after 5 years the program has resulted in a loss to the Federal Government, the President must propose a fee on financial services companies to recoup the costs of the program. This means that those whose greed caused the problem will pay for it.

The bill is by no means perfect. Among other things, my preference would have been to include provisions that allow bankruptcy judges to rewrite mortgages of primary homes. But as a mother of four and now grandmother of three, I know life requires compromise.

Our action today does not mark the end of America's financial peril. Critical next steps must include substantial reform of the financial regulatory system, a task that will be a priority for a Democratic President and a larger Democratic majority in Congress.

But passage of this bill, I am now convinced, is urgent and necessary to reassure the American people and global financial markets that our economy is secure and major reforms are coming.

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

Pursuant to House Resolution 1517, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the motion by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. FRANK).

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

RECORDED VOTE

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

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, this 15-minute vote on the motion to concur with an amendment will be followed by a 5-minute vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 7175, if ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 205, noes 228, not voting 1, as follows:

[Roll No. 674]

AYES—205

Ackerman	Fossella	Murtha
Allen	Foster	Nadler
Andrews	Frank (MA)	Neal (MA)
Arcuri	Gilchrest	Oberstar
Bachus	Gonzalez	Obey
Baird	Gordon	Olver
Baldwin	Granger	Pallone
Bean	Gutierrez	Pelosi
Berman	Hall (NY)	Perlmutter
Berry	Hare	Peterson (PA)
Bishop (GA)	Harman	Pickering
Bishop (NY)	Hastings (FL)	Pomeroy
Blunt	Heger	Porter
Boehner	Higgins	Price (NC)
Bonner	Hinojosa	Pryce (OH)
Bono Mack	Hobson	Putnam
Boozman	Holt	Radanovich
Boren	Honda	Rahall
Boswell	Hooley	Rangel
Boucher	Hoyer	Regula
Boyd (FL)	Inglis (SC)	Reyes
Brady (PA)	Israel	Reynolds
Brady (TX)	Johnson, E. B.	Richardson
Brown (SC)	Kanjorski	Rogers (AL)
Brown, Corrine	Kennedy	Rogers (KY)
Calvert	Kildee	Ross
Camp (MI)	Kind	Ruppersberger
Campbell (CA)	King (NY)	Ryan (OH)
Cannon	Kirk	Ryan (WI)
Cantor	Klein (FL)	Sarbanes
Capps	Kline (MN)	Saxton
Capuano	LaHood	Schakowsky
Cardoza	Langevin	Schwartz
Carnahan	Larsen (WA)	Sessions
Castle	Larson (CT)	Sestak
Clarke	Levin	Shays
Clyburn	Lewis (CA)	Simpson
Cohen	Lewis (KY)	Sires
Cole (OK)	Loeb sack	Skelton
Cooper	Lofgren, Zoe	Slaughter
Costa	Lowey	Smith (TX)
Cramer	Lungren, Daniel	Smith (WA)
Crenshaw	E.	Snyder
Crowley	Mahoney (FL)	Souder
Cubin	Maloney (NY)	Space
Davis (AL)	Markey	Speier
Davis (CA)	Marshall	Spratt
Davis (IL)	Matsui	Tancred o
Davis, Tom	McCarthy (NY)	Tanner
DeGette	McCollum (MN)	Tauscher
DeLauro	McCrery	Towns
Dicks	McDermott	Tsongas
Dingell	McGovern	Upton
Donnelly	McHugh	Van Hollen
Doyle	McKeon	Velázquez
Dreier	McNerney	Walden (OR)
Edwards (TX)	McNulty	Walsh (NY)
Ehlers	Meek (FL)	Wasserman
Ellison	Meeks (NY)	Schultz
Ellsworth	Melancon	Waters
Emanuel	Miller (NC)	Watt
Emerson	Miller, Gary	Waxman
Engel	Miller, George	Weiner
Eshoo	Mollohan	Weld on (FL)
Etheridge	Moore (KS)	Wexler
Everett	Moore (WI)	Wilson (NM)
Farr	Moran (VA)	Wilson (OH)
Fattah	Murphy (CT)	Wilson (SC)
Ferguson	Murphy, Patrick	Wolf

NOES—228

Abercrombie	Buchanan	Davis, David
Aderholt	Burgess	Davis, Lincoln
Akin	Burton (IN)	Deal (GA)
Alexander	Butterfield	DeFazio
Altmire	Buyer	Delahunt
Baca	Capito	Dent
Bachmann	Carney	Diaz-Balart, L.
Barrett (SC)	Carson	Diaz-Balart, M.
Barrow	Carter	Doggett
Bartlett (MD)	Castor	Doolittle
Barton (TX)	Cazayoux	Drake
Becerra	Chabot	Duncan
Berkley	Chandler	Edwards (MD)
Biggert	Childers	English (PA)
Billray	Clay	Fallin
Bilirakis	Cleaver	Feeney
Bishop (UT)	Coble	Filner
Blackburn	Conaway	Flake
Blumenauer	Conyers	Forbes
Boustany	Costello	Fortenberry
Boyd (KS)	Courtney	Fox
Braley (IA)	Cuellar	Franks (AZ)
Brown (GA)	Culberson	Frelinghuysen
Brown-Waite,	Cummings	Gallegly
Ginny	Davis (KY)	Garrett (NJ)

Gerlach
Giffords
Gillibrand
Gingrey
Gohmert
Goode
Goodlatte
Graves
Green, Al
Green, Gene
Grijalva
Hall (TX)
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Heller
Hensarling
Herseht Sandlin
Hill
Hinchey
Hirono
Hodes
Hoekstra
Holden
Hulshof
Hunter
Insee
Issa
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jefferson
Johnson (GA)
Johnson (IL)
Johnson, Sam
Jones (NC)
Jordan
Kagen
Kaptur
Keller
Kilpatrick
King (IA)
Kingston
Knollenberg
Kucinich
Kuhl (NY)
Lamborn
Lampson
Latham
LaTourette
Latta
Lee
Lewis (GA)
Linder

Lipinski
LoBiondo
Lucas
Lynch
Mack
Manzullo
Marchant
Matheson
McCarthy (CA)
McCaul (TX)
McCotter
McHenry
McIntyre
McMorris
Rodgers
Mica
Michaud
Miller (FL)
Miller (MI)
Mitchell
Moran (KS)
Murphy, Tim
Musgrave
Myrick
Napolitano
Neugebauer
Nunes
Ortiz
Pascarell
Pastor
Payne
Pearce
Pence
Peterson (MN)
Petri
Pitts
Platts
Poe
Price (GA)
Ramstad
Rehberg
Reichert
Renzi
Rodriguez
Rogers (MI)
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Roskam
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Rush

Salazar
Sali
Sánchez, Linda
T.
Sanchez, Loretta
Scalise
Schiff
Schmidt
Scott (GA)
Scott (VA)
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Shadegg
Shea-Porter
Sherman
Shimkus
Shuler
Shuster
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Solis
Stark
Stearns
Stupak
Sullivan
Sutton
Taylor
Terry
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Thornberry
Tiahrt
Tiberi
Tierney
Turner
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Visclosky
Walberg
Walz (MN)
Wamp
Watson
Welch (VT)
Westmoreland
Whitfield (KY)
Wittman (VA)
Woolsey
Wu
Yarmuth
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—1

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Messrs. SULLIVAN and RUSH changed their vote from “aye” to “no.” Mr. RADANOVICH changed his vote from “no” to “aye.”

So the motion was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

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

Mr. BARTON of Texas. As the vote currently stands, the “noes” have it, and I am on the prevailing side.

If I were to move to reconsider, when would the Chair bring the bill back up?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The motion to reconsider would be entertained and disposed of at this time.

Mr. BARTON of Texas. It would be immediately. Is that not at the discretion of the Chair?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. If the motion is offered, the Chair will put the question.

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I withdraw.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the motion to reconsider is laid upon the table.

There was no objection.

SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 7175.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 7175.

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. CHABOT. Madam Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 374, noes 6, not voting 53, as follows:

[Roll No. 675]

AYES—374

Abercrombie
Aderholt
Akin
Alexander
Allen
Altmire
Andrews
Arcuri
Bachmann
Bachus
Baird
Baldwin
Barrett (SC)
Barrow
Bartlett (MD)
Barton (TX)
Bean
Becerra
Biggett
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bishop (GA)
Bishop (NY)
Blackburn
Blumenauer
Blunt
Boehner
Bonner
Bono Mack
Boozman
Boren
Boswell
Boucher
Boustany
Boyd (FL)
Boyd (KS)
Brady (PA)
Brady (TX)
Bralley (IA)
Brown (SC)
Brown (MD)
Brown-Waite,
Ginny
Buchanan
Burton (IN)
Butterfield
Campbell (CA)
Cannon
Cantor
Capps
Capuano
Cardoza
Carnahan
Carney
Carson
Carter
Castle
Castor
Cazayoux

Chabot
Chandler
Childers
Clarke
Clyburn
Coble
Cohen
Cole (OK)
Conaway
Cooper
Costa
Courtney
Crowley
Cubin
Cuellar
Culberson
Cummings
Davis (AL)
Davis (CA)
Davis (IL)
Davis (KY)
Davis, David
Davis, Lincoln
Davis, Tom
Deal (GA)
DeFazio
DeGette
DeLauro
Dent
Diaz-Balart, L.
Diaz-Balart, M.
Dicks
Dingell
Doggett
Donnelly
Doolittle
Doyle
Drake
Dreier
Duncan
Edwards (MD)
Edwards (TX)
Ehlers
Ellison
Ellsworth
Emanuel
Emerson
Engel
English (PA)
Eshoo
Etheridge
Fallin
Farr
Fattah
Feeney
Ferguson
Filner
Forbes
Fortenberry

Fossella
Foster
Foxy
Frank (MA)
Franks (AZ)
Frelinghuysen
Garrett (NJ)
Gerlach
Giffords
Gordon
Granger
Graves
Green, Al
Hall (NY)
Hall (TX)
Hare
Harman
Hastings (FL)
Hayes
Heller
Hensarling
Herger
Herseht, Sandlin
Higgins
Hill
Hinchey
Hirono
Hodes
Hoekstra
Holt
Honda
Hooley
Hoyer
Hunter
Inglis (SC)
Insee
Israel
Issa
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jefferson
Johnson (GA)
Johnson (IL)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones (NC)
Jordan
Kagen
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kennedy
Kildee

Kilpatrick
Kind
King (IA)
King (NY)
Kingston
Kirk
Klein (FL)
Kline (MN)
Kucinich
Kuhl (NY)
Lamborn
Lampson
Langevin
Larsen (WA)
Larsen (CT)
Latham
LaTourette
Latta
Lee
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (GA)
Lewis (KY)
Lipinski
LoBiondo
Loeb sack
Lofgren, Zoe
Lowey
Lungren, Daniel
E.
Lynch
Mack
Mahoney (FL)
Maloney (NY)
Manzullo
Markey
Marshall
Matheson
Matsui
McCarthy (CA)
McCarthy (NY)
McCaul (TX)
McCotter
McCrery
McDermott
McGovern
McHenry
McHugh
McIntyre
McKeon
McMorris
Rodgers
McNerney
Meeke (FL)
Meeks (NY)
Melancon
Mica
Michaud
Miller (FL)
Miller (MI)
Miller (NC)
Mitchell
Mollohan
Moore (KS)
Moore (WI)
Moran (KS)
Moran (VA)
Murphy (CT)

Murphy, Patrick
Murphy, Tim
Murtha
Musgrave
Myrick
Napolitano
Neal (MA)
Neugebauer
Nunes
Oberstar
Obey
Oliver
Ortiz
Pallone
Pascarell
Pastor
Payne
Pearce
Pence
Perlmutter
Peterson (MN)
Peterson (PA)
Petri
Pickering
Pitts
Platts
Pomeroy
Porter
Price (GA)
Price (NC)
Pryce (OH)
Putnam
Radanovich
Rahall
Ramstad
Regula
Rehberg
Reichert
Renzi
Reyes
Reynolds
Richardson
Rodriguez
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rogers (MI)
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Roskam
Ross
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Ruppersberger
Rush
Ryan (OH)
Ryan (WI)
Salazar
Sali
Sánchez, Linda
T.
Sarbanes
Saxton
Scalise
Schakowsky
Schiff
Schmidt
Schwartz

Scott (GA)
Scott (VA)
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Sessions
Sestak
Neal (MA)
Neugebauer
Nunes
Oberstar
Obey
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Pallone
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Schakowsky
Schiff
Schmidt
Schwartz

NOES—6

Bishop (UT)
Broun (GA)
Flake
Goode
Paul
Poe

NOT VOTING—53

Ackerman
Baca
Berkley
Berman
Berry
Burgess
Buyer
Calvert
Camp (MI)
Capito
Clay
Clever
Conyers
Costello
Cramer
Crenshaw
Delahunt
Everett

Gallegly
Green, Gene
Grijalva
Gutierrez
Hastings (WA)
Hinojosa
Hobson
Holden
Hulshof
Keller
Knollenberg
LaHood
Linder
Lucas
Marchant
McCollum (MN)
McNulty
Miller, Gary

Miller, George
Nadler
Rangel
Sanchez, Loretta
Shimkus
Simpson
Snyder
Stark
Stupak
Tancredo
Thornberry
Udall (CO)
Wamp
Welch (VT)
Weldon (FL)
Weller
Wexler

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