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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 6, 2006
Mr. George Miller of California (for himself, Mr. Kildee, Mr. Tierney, Ms. McCollum of Minnesota, Mr. Grijalva, and Mr. Bishop of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

## A BILL

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(a) FFEL Interest Rates.-Section $427 \mathrm{~A}(l)$
(A) by striking " 6.8 percent" and inserting " 3.4 percent"; and
(B) by inserting before the period at the end the following: ", except that for any loan made pursuant to section 428 H for which the first disbursement is made on or after July 1, 2006, the applicable rate of interest shall be 6.8 percent on the unpaid principal balance of the loan"; and
(2) in paragraph (2), by striking " 8.5 percent" and inserting " 4.25 percent".
(b) Direct Loans.-Section 455(b)(7) (20 U.S.C. $1087 \mathrm{e}(\mathrm{b})(7)$ ) is amended-
(1) in subparagraph (A)-
(A) by striking "and Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loans";
(B) by striking " 6.8 percent" and inserting "3.4 percent"; and
(C) by inserting before the period at the end the following: ", and for any Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan made for which the first disbursement is made on or after July 1, 2006, the applicable rate of interest shall be 6.8 percent on the unpaid principal balance of the loan"; and
(2) in subparagraph (B), by striking " 7.9 percent" and inserting " 4.25 percent."

