

months after they died flying planes into the Twin Towers in New York City. But the really shocking statistic was not that, it was the fact that the student visas were approved 13 months after these two terrorists graduated from flight school. The purpose for which the student visas were applied for had been fulfilled, and they should have left the country promptly after their course of study was concluded. They did not, and the rest is history, and over 3,000 people died as a result of that.

What this legislation does is that it provides a student visa tracking system so if someone enters the United States on a student visa and either does not show up at school, drops out of school, gets kicked out of school, or graduates from school, then the INS will know about it and take the appropriate action to make sure that those students return to their home countries.

Had this type of a system proposed by this bill been up and functional on September 11, Mr. Atta and his conspirator would not have been in the United States to go to an American airport to hijack two American planes and to kill thousands of people.

That is why it is important that this bill be passed, so that future Attas who wish to exploit the weaknesses in our visa system and to abuse the hospitality that is extended to them by the American people at American institutions will no longer be able to do so. I urge the House to concur in the Senate amendments.

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, as co-chairman of the House Border Caucus and a representative of South Texas, I rise in support of H.R. 3525, the Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act and thank the House for moving this bill so quickly after Senate passage.

It is an important bill for the security of the nation—and my district sits square on some of the real estate most affected by our border policies. It ensures safety for the people within this country's borders and provides the tools necessary to the U.S. Customs and the Immigration and Naturalization Service to better serve the American people.

Most importantly for the taxpayers in my district, the bill also has a provision to extend the border crossing card deadline for residents along the Southwestern border of the United States. This extension will provide a much-needed boost to the economies that have suffered since the tragic attacks of September 11th.

After the attacks, Congress stopped work on a stand-alone bill with bi-partisan support to extend the deadline for one year to October 1, 2002. With the extension in today's bill, until Oct. 1, 2002, consumers whose lives transverse the border can conduct business normally again. Regular border shoppers can—after we finish this bill—use their border crossing cards to go to school, to go to work, to go shopping, or visit their families. They can once again participate in the border economy.

The Southwestern border is vitally important to the United States. It is the gateway to the United States from Latin and South America.

It is the port-of-entry for one of our most valued trading partners, and it represents the rich diversity of immigrants on which this country was founded. This bill is an excellent first step in recognizing that fact.

The Southwestern border, according to a recent U.S. Chamber of Commerce report, has a population of 6.2 million people in the U.S. and approximately 4.3 million people in Mexico. The buying power of border residents is immense and the economy of South Texas depends on their participation in our marketplace. In my district alone, 75–80% of Brownsville's downtown retail sales normally come from people crossing the border.

Since September 11th this number has dropped. This same report also cites the border crossing card deadline as one of the main reasons that fewer people are crossing the border. The economic effects of the attacks in September were bad for the country; they were devastating for the Southwestern border.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SENSENBRENNER) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendments to the bill, H.R. 3525.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Madam 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 and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed until tomorrow.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 6:30 p.m.

Accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 18 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 6:30 p.m.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DUNCAN) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on motions to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 2911, by the yeas and nays;

House Concurrent Resolution 271, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

HARVEY W. WILEY FEDERAL BUILDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 2911.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2911, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 402, nays 0, not voting 32, as follows:

[Roll No. 127]

YEAS—402

Abercrombie	Conyers	Goodlatte
Aderholt	Cooksey	Gordon
Akin	Cox	Goss
Allen	Coyne	Graham
Andrews	Cramer	Granger
Armey	Crenshaw	Graves
Baca	Crowley	Green (TX)
Bachus	Cubin	Green (WI)
Baird	Culberson	Greenwood
Baldacci	Cummings	Grucci
Baldwin	Cunningham	Gutknecht
Ballenger	Davis (CA)	Hall (OH)
Barcia	Davis (IL)	Hall (TX)
Barr	Davis, Jo Ann	Hansen
Barrett	Davis, Tom	Harman
Bartlett	Deal	Hart
Barton	DeFazio	Hastings (FL)
Bass	DeGette	Hastings (WA)
Becerra	Delahunt	Hayes
Bentsen	DeLauro	Hayworth
Bereuter	DeLay	Hefley
Berkley	DeMint	Heger
Berman	Deutsch	Hill
Berry	Diaz-Balart	Hilleary
Biggert	Dicks	Hilliard
Bilirakis	Dingell	Hinche
Bishop	Doggett	Hinojosa
Blumenauer	Dooley	Hobson
Blunt	Doolittle	Hoeffel
Boehlert	Doyle	Hoekstra
Boehner	Dreier	Holden
Bonilla	Duncan	Holt
Bono	Dunn	Honda
Boozman	Edwards	Hooley
Borski	Ehlers	Horn
Boswell	Ehrlich	Hostettler
Boucher	Emerson	Houghton
Boyd	Engel	Hoyer
Brady (PA)	English	Hulshof
Brady (TX)	Eshoo	Hyde
Brown (FL)	Etheridge	Inslee
Brown (SC)	Evans	Isakson
Bryant	Everett	Israel
Burr	Farr	Issa
Callahan	Fattah	Istook
Calvert	Ferguson	Jackson (IL)
Camp	Filner	Jackson-Lee
Cannon	Flake	(TX)
Cantor	Fletcher	Jefferson
Capito	Foley	Jenkins
Capps	Forbes	John
Capuano	Ford	Johnson (CT)
Cardin	Frank	Johnson (IL)
Carson (OK)	Frelinghuysen	Johnson, E. B.
Castle	Frost	Johnson, Sam
Chabot	Galleghy	Jones (NC)
Chambliss	Ganske	Kanjorski
Clay	Gekas	Kaptur
Clayton	Gephardt	Keller
Clement	Gibbons	Kelly
Clyburn	Gilchrest	Kennedy (MN)
Coble	Gillmor	Kennedy (RI)
Collins	Gilman	Kerns
Combest	Gonzalez	Kildee
Condit	Goode	Kilpatrick

King (NY) Nethercutt Sherman
Kirk Ney Sherwood
Klecza Northup Shimkus
Knollenberg Norwood Shows
Kolbe Nussle Shuster
Kucinich Oberstar Simmons
LaFalce Obey Simpson
LaHood Oliver Skeen
Lampson Ortiz Skelton
Langevin Osborne Slaughter
Lantos Otter Smith (MI)
Larsen (WA) Owens Smith (NJ)
Larson (CT) Oxley Smith (TX)
Latham Pallone Smith (WA)
LaTourette Pascarell Snyder
Leach Pastor Solis
Lee Paul Spratt
Levin Payne Stark
Lewis (CA) Pelosi Stearns
Lewis (GA) Pence Stenholm
Lewis (KY) Peterson (MN) Strickland
Linder Peterson (PA) Stump
Lipinski Petri Stupak
LoBiondo Phelps Sullivan
Lofgren Pickering Sununu
Lowey Pitts Sweeney
Lucas (KY) Platts Tancredo
Lucas (OK) Pombo Tanner
Luther Pomeroy Tauscher
Lynch Portman Tauzin
Maloney (CT) Putnam Taylor (MS)
Maloney (NY) Quinn Terry
Manzullo Radanovich Thomas
Markey Rahall Thompson (CA)
Mascara Ramstad Thompson (MS)
Matheson Rangel Thornberry
Matsui Regula Thune
McCarthy (MO) Rehberg Thurman
McCarthy (NY) Reyes Tiahrt
McCollum Reynolds Tiberi
McCrery Rivers Tierney
McDermott Rodriguez Toomey
McGovern Roemer Towns
McHugh Rogers (KY) Turner
McInnis Rogers (MI) Udall (NM)
McIntyre Rohrabacher Upton
McKeon Ros-Lehtinen Velazquez
McKinney Ross Vitter
McNulty Roukema Walden
Meehan Roybal-Allard Walsh
Meek (FL) Royce Wamp
Meeks (NY) Rush Waters
Menendez Ryan (WI) Watson (CA)
Mica Rynun (KS) Watt (NC)
Millender- Sabo Watts (OK)
McDonald Sanchez Weldon (FL)
Miller, Dan Sanders Weldon (PA)
Miller, Gary Sandlin Weller
Miller, George Saxton Wexler
Miller, Jeff Whitfield Whitfield
Mink Schakowsky Wicker
Moore Schiff Wilson (NM)
Moran (KS) Schrock Wilson (SC)
Moran (VA) Scott Wolf
Morella Sensenbrenner Woolsey
Murtha Serrano Wu
Myrick Sessions Wynn
Nadler Shadegg Young (AK)
Napolitano Shaw Young (FL)
Neal Shays

NOT VOTING—32

Ackerman Fossella Rothman
Baker Gutierrez Sawyer
Blagojevich Hunter Souder
Bonior Jones (OH) Taylor (NC)
Brown (OH) Kind (WI) Traficant
Burton Kingston Udall (CO)
Buyer Mollohan Visclosky
Carson (IN) Ose Watkins (OK)
Costello Price (NC) Waxman
Crane Pryce (OH) Weiner
Davis (FL) Riley

□ 1857

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) 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. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 127, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea”.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DUNCAN). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on the second motion to suspend the rules on which the Chair has postponed further proceedings.

SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING
PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IM-
PORTANCE OF HEALTH CARE
EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE
COVERAGE MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 271.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Mrs. WILSON) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 271, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 402, nays 1, answered “present” 1, not voting 30, as follows:

[Roll No. 128]

YEAS—402

Abercrombie Cardin Eshoo
Aderholt Carson (OK) Etheridge
Akin Castle Evans
Allen Chabot Everett
Andrews Chambliss Farr
Armey Clay Fattah
Baca Clayton Ferguson
Bachus Clement Filner
Baird Clyburn Flake
Baker Coble Fletcher
Baldacci Collins Foley
Baldwin Combust Forbes
Ballenger Condit Ford
Barcia Conyers Fossella
Barr Cooksey Frank
Barrett Cox Frelinghuysen
Bartlett Coyne Frost
Barton Cramer Gallegly
Bass Crenshaw Ganske
Becerra Crowley Gekas
Bentsen Cuban Gephardt
Berkley Culberson Gibbons
Berman Cummings Gilchrest
Berry Cunningham Gillmor
Biggert Davis (CA) Gilman
Bilirakis Davis (IL) Gonzalez
Bishop Davis, Jo Ann Goode
Blumenauer Davis, Tom Gordon
Blunt Deal Goss
Boehlert DeFazio Graham
Boehner DeGette Granger
Bonilla Delahunt Graves
Bono DeLauro Green (TX)
Boozman DeLay Green (WI)
Borski DeMint Greenwood
Boswell Deutsch Grucci
Boucher Diaz-Balart Gutknecht
Boyd Dicks Hall (OH)
Brady (PA) Dingell Hall (TX)
Brady (TX) Doggett Hansen
Brown (FL) Dooley Harman
Brown (SC) Doolittle Hart
Bryant Doyle Hastings (FL)
Burr Dreier Hastings (WA)
Callahan Duncan Hayes
Calvert Dunn Hayworth
Camp Edwards Hefley
Cannon Ehlers Heger
Cantor Ehrlich Hill
Capito Emerson Hilleary
Capps Engel Hilliard
Capuano English Hinchey

Hinojosa McIntyre Schaffer
Hobson McKeon Schakowsky
Hoefel McKinney Schiff
Hoekstra McNulty Schrock
Holden Meehan Scott
Holt Meek (FL) Sensenbrenner
Honda Meeks (NY) Serrano
Hooley Menendez Sessions
Horn Mica Shadegg
Hostettler Millender- Shaw
Houghton McDonald Shays
Hoyer Miller, Dan Sherman
Hulshof Miller, Gary Sherwood
Hyde Miller, George Shimkus
Inslie Miller, Jeff Shows
Isakson Mink Shuster
Israel Moore Simmons
Issa Moran (KS) Simpson
Istook Moran (VA) Skeen
Jackson (IL) Morella Skelton
Jackson-Lee Murtha Slaughter
(TX) Myrick Smith (MI)
Jefferson Nadler Smith (NJ)
Jenkins Napolitano Smith (TX)
John Neal Smith (WA)
Johnson (CT) Nethercutt Snyder
Johnson (IL) Ney
Johnson, E. B. Northup
Johnson, Sam Norwood
Jones (NC) Nussle Stark
Kanjorski Oberstar Stenholm
Kaptur Obey Strickland
Keller Oliver Stump
Kelly Ortiz Stupak
Kennedy (MN) Osborne Sullivan
Kennedy (RI) Otter Sununu
Kildee Owens Sweeney
Kilpatrick Oxley Tancredo
King (NY) Pallone Tanner
Kirk Pascarell Tauscher
Klecza Pastor Tauzin
Knollenberg Payne Taylor (MS)
Kolbe Pelosi Taylor (NC)
Kucinich Pence Terry
LaFalce Peterson (MN) Thomas
LaHood Peterson (PA) Thompson (CA)
Lampson Petri Thompson (MS)
Langevin Phelps Thornberry
Lantos Pickering Thune
Larsen (WA) Pitts Thurman
Larson (CT) Platts Tiahrt
Latham Pombo Tiberi
LaTourette Pomeroy Tierney
Leach Portman Toomey
Lee Putnam Towns
Levin Quinn Turner
Lewis (CA) Radanovich Udall (NM)
Lewis (GA) Rahall Upton
Lewis (KY) Ramstad Velazquez
Linder Rangel Vitter
Lipinski Regula Walden
LoBiondo Rehberg Walsh
Lofgren Reyes Wamp
Lowey Reynolds Waters
Lucas (KY) Rivers Watson (CA)
Lucas (OK) Rodriguez Watt (NC)
Luther Roemer Watts (OK)
Lynch Rogers (KY) Weiner
Maloney (CT) Rogers (MI) Weldon (FL)
Maloney (NY) Rohrabacher Weldon (PA)
Manzullo Ros-Lehtinen Weller
Markey Ross Wexler
Mascara Roukema Whitfield
Matheson Roybal-Allard Wicker
Matsui Royce Wilson (NM)
McCarthy (MO) Rush Wilson (SC)
McCarthy (NY) Ryan (WI) Wolf
McCollum Rynun (KS) Woolsey
McCrery Sabo Wu
McDermott Sanchez Wynn
McGovern Sanders Young (AK)
McHugh Sandlin Young (FL)
McInnis Saxton

NAYS—1

Paul

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—1

Kerns

NOT VOTING—30

Ackerman Costello Kingston
Bereuter Crane Mollohan
Blagojevich Davis (FL) Ose
Bonior Goodlatte Price (NC)
Brown (OH) Gutierrez Pryce (OH)
Burton Hunter Riley
Buyer Jones (OH) Rothman
Carson (IN) Kind (WI) Sawyer