

Blumenauer Hooley (OR) Ortiz  
 Bono Hoyer Owens  
 Boswell Jackson (IL) Pallone  
 Brady (PA) Jackson-Lee Pascarell  
 Brown (OH) (TX) Pastor  
 Brown, Corrine Jefferson Payne  
 Capps Jones, E. B. Pelosi  
 Capuano Jones (OH) Peterson (MN)  
 Cardin Kanjorski Pomeroy  
 Cardoza Kaptur Price (NC)  
 Carson (OK) Kennedy (RI) Rahall  
 Case Kildee Reyes  
 Clay Kilpatrick Rodriguez  
 Clyburn Kleczka Ross  
 Conyers Kucinich Rothman  
 Costello Lampson Roybal-Allard  
 Cummings Langevin Rush  
 Davis (CA) Lantos Ryan (OH)  
 Davis (FL) Larsen (WA) Sabo  
 Davis (IL) Larson (CT) Sanchez, Linda  
 DeFazio Leach T.  
 DeGette Lee Sanchez, Loretta  
 Delahunt Levin Schakowsky  
 DeLauro Lewis (GA) Schiff  
 Dicks Lipinski Scott (VA)  
 Dingell Lofgren Serrano  
 Doggett Lynch Sherman  
 Dooley (CA) Majette Skelton  
 Doyle Markey Marshall  
 Edwards Marshall Solis  
 Emanuel Matsui Spratt  
 Eshoo McCarthy (MO) Strickland  
 Etheridge McCarthy (NY) Stupak  
 Evans McCollum Tauscher  
 Farr McDermott Taylor (MS)  
 Fattah McGovern Thompson (CA)  
 Filner Meehan Thompson (MS)  
 Ford Meek (FL) Tierney  
 Frank (MA) Michaud Udall (NM)  
 Green (TX) Millender- Van Hollen  
 Grijalva McDonald Vislosky  
 Gutierrez Miller (NC) Waters  
 Harman Miller, George Watson  
 Hastings (FL) Moore Watt  
 Hinojosa Napolitano Waxman  
 Hoeffel Neal (MA) Wexler  
 Holden Oberstar Woolsey  
 Holt Obey Wu  
 Honda Olver Wynn

NOES—269

Ackerman Combest Gordon  
 Aderholt Cooper Goss  
 Akin Cox Granger  
 Alexander Cramer Graves  
 Andrews Crane Green (WI)  
 Bachus Crenshaw Greenwood  
 Baker Crowley Gutknecht  
 Ballenger Cubin Hall  
 Barrett (SC) Culberson Harris  
 Bartlett (MD) Cunningham Hart  
 Barton (TX) Davis (AL) Hastings (WA)  
 Bass Davis (TN) Hayes  
 Bayprez Davis, Jo Ann Hayworth  
 Berry Davis, Tom Hefley  
 Biggart Deal (GA) Hensarling  
 Bilirakis DeLay Herger  
 Bishop (NY) DeMint Hill  
 Bishop (UT) Deutsch Hinchey  
 Blackburn Diaz-Balart, L. Hobson  
 Blunt Diaz-Balart, M. Hoekstra  
 Boehlert Doolittle Hostettler  
 Boehner Dreier Houghton  
 Bonilla Duncan Hulshof  
 Bonner Ehlers Hunter  
 Boozman Emerson Inslee  
 Boucher Engel Isakson  
 Boyd English Israel  
 Bradley (NH) Everrett Issa  
 Brady (TX) Feeney Istook  
 Brown (SC) Ferguson Janklow  
 Brown-Waite, Flake Jenkins  
 Ginny Fletcher John  
 Burgess Foley Johnson (CT)  
 Burns Forbes Johnson (IL)  
 Burr Fossella Johnson, Sam  
 Burton (IN) Franks (AZ) Jones (NC)  
 Calvert Frelinghuysen Keller  
 Camp Frost Kelly  
 Cannon Gallegly Kennedy (MN)  
 Cantor Garrett (NJ) Kind  
 Capito Gerlach King (IA)  
 Carter Gibbons King (NY)  
 Castle Gilchrist Kingston  
 Chabot Gillmor Kirk  
 Chocola Gingrey Kline  
 Coble Gonzalez Knollenberg  
 Cole Goode Kolbe  
 Collins Goodlatte LaHood

Latham Oxley Simpson  
 LaTourette Paul Slaughter  
 Lewis (CA) Pearce Smith (MI)  
 Lewis (KY) Pence Smith (NJ)  
 Linder Peterson (PA) Smith (TX)  
 LoBiondo Petri Smith (WA)  
 Lowey Pickering Snyder  
 Lucas (KY) Pitts Souder  
 Lucas (OK) Platts Stearns  
 Maloney Pombo Stenholm  
 Manzullo Porter Sullivan  
 Matheson Portman Sweeney  
 McCotter Pryce (OH) Tancredo  
 McCrery Putnam Tanner  
 McHugh Quinn Tauzin  
 Radanovich Taylor (NC)  
 Ramstad Terry  
 Rangel Thomas  
 Regula Thornberry  
 Rehberg Tiahrt  
 Renzi Tiberi  
 Reynolds Toomey  
 Rogers (AL) Towns  
 Rogers (KY) Turner (OH)  
 Rogers (MI) Turner (TX)  
 Rohrabacher Upton  
 Royce Velazquez  
 Ryan (WI) Vitter  
 Ryun (KS) Walden (OR)  
 Sanders Walsh  
 Sandlin Wamp  
 Saxton Weiner  
 Schrock Weldon (FL)  
 Scott (GA) Weldon (PA)  
 Sensenbrenner Weller  
 Sessions Whitfield  
 Shadegg Wicker  
 Shaw Wilson (NM)  
 Shays Wilson (SC)  
 Sherwood Wolf  
 Shimkus Young (AK)  
 Simmons Young (FL)

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Ruppersberger

NOT VOTING—9

Buyer Gephardt Shuster  
 Carson (IN) Hyde Stark  
 Dunn Ros-Lehtinen Udall (CO)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON) (during the vote). The Chair will remind Members that there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1617

Messrs. BARTLETT of Maryland, BARRETT of South Carolina, SHAYS, INSLEE, PICKERING, BONILLA, ENGLISH, FRANKS of Arizona, NEY, PORTMAN, DAVIS of Tennessee, HALL, CRAMER and BISHOP of New York and Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky, Mr. DEUTSCH, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, and Mr. TOWNS changed their vote from "aye" to "no."

Mrs. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mrs. BONO and Mr. GUTIERREZ changed their vote from "no" to "aye."

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, the remaining question will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

AMENDMENT NO. 5 IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE OFFERED BY MR. NADLER

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. The pending business is the demand for a

recorded vote on amendment No. 5 in the nature of a substitute offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. NADLER) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 128, noes 296, answered "present" 1, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 72]

AYES—128

Abercrombie	Hastings (FL)	Owens
Ackerman	Hinchey	Pallone
Allen	Hoeffel	Pascarell
Baldwin	Holt	Pastor
Ballance	Honda	Payne
Becerra	Inslee	Pelosi
Berkley	Jackson (IL)	Portman
Berman	Jackson-Lee	Price (NC)
Bishop (GA)	(TX)	Rahall
Bishop (NY)	Jefferson	Rangel
Blumenauer	Johnson, E. B.	Rodriguez
Brady (PA)	Jones (OH)	Roybal-Allard
Brown (OH)	Kennedy (RI)	Rush
Brown, Corrine	Kilpatrick	Ryan (OH)
Capps	Kleczka	Sabo
Capuano	Kucinich	Sanchez, Linda
Cardin	Lantos	T.
Clay	Lee	Sanchez, Loretta
Clyburn	Levin	Sanders
Conyers	Lewis (GA)	Sandlin
Cummings	Lofgren	Schakowsky
Davis (CA)	Lowey	Schiff
Davis (IL)	Majette	Scott (VA)
DeFazio	Maloney	Serrano
DeGette	Markey	Sherman
Delahunt	Marshall	Slaughter
DeLauro	Matsui	Solis
Deutsch	McCarthy (MO)	Strickland
Dingell	McCollum	Thompson (MS)
Doggett	McDermott	Tierney
Edwards	McGovern	Towns
Emanuel	McNulty	Udall (NM)
Engel	Meehan	Van Hollen
Eshoo	Meek (FL)	Velazquez
Etheridge	Michaud	Vislosky
Evans	Millender-	Waters
Farr	McDonald	Watson
Fattah	Miller (NC)	Watt
Filner	Miller, George	Weiner
Frank (MA)	Nadler	Wexler
Green (TX)	Napolitano	Woolsey
Grijalva	Neal (MA)	Wu
Gutierrez	Obey	
Harman	Olver	

NOES—296

Aderholt	Bonilla	Case
Akin	Bonner	Castle
Alexander	Bono	Chabot
Andrews	Boozman	Chocola
Baca	Boswell	Coble
Bachus	Boucher	Cole
Baird	Boyd	Collins
Baker	Bradley (NH)	Combust
Ballenger	Brady (TX)	Cooper
Barrett (SC)	Brown (SC)	Costello
Bartlett (MD)	Brown-Waite,	Cox
Barton (TX)	Ginny	Cramer
Bass	Burgess	Crane
Bayprez	Burns	Crenshaw
Bell	Burr	Crowley
Bereuter	Burton (IN)	Cubin
Berry	Calvert	Culberson
Biggart	Camp	Cunningham
Bilirakis	Cannon	Davis (AL)
Bishop (UT)	Cantor	Davis (FL)
Blackburn	Capito	Davis (TN)
Blunt	Cardoza	Davis, Jo Ann
Boehlert	Carson (OK)	Davis, Tom
Boehner	Carter	Deal (GA)

DeLay	Kelly	Putnam
DeMint	Kennedy (MN)	Quinn
Diaz-Balart, L.	Kildee	Radanovich
Diaz-Balart, M.	Kind	Ramstad
Dicks	King (IA)	Regula
Dooley (CA)	King (NY)	Rehberg
Doolittle	Kingston	Renzi
Doyle	Kirk	Reyes
Dreier	Kline	Reynolds
Duncan	Knollenberg	Rogers (AL)
Ehlers	Kolbe	Rogers (KY)
Emerson	LaHood	Rogers (MI)
English	Lampson	Rohrabacher
Everett	Langevin	Ross
Feeney	Larsen (WA)	Rothman
Ferguson	Larson (CT)	Royce
Flake	Latham	Ryan (WI)
Fletcher	LaTourette	Ryun (KS)
Foley	Leach	Saxton
Forbes	Lewis (CA)	Schrock
Ford	Lewis (KY)	Scott (GA)
Fossella	Linder	Sensenbrenner
Franks (AZ)	Lipinski	Sessions
Frelinghuysen	LoBiondo	Shadegg
Frost	Lucas (KY)	Shaw
Gallegly	Lucas (OK)	Shays
Garrett (NJ)	Lynch	Sherwood
Gerlach	Manzullo	Shimkus
Gibbons	Matheson	Shuster
Gilchrest	McCarthy (NY)	Simmons
Gillmor	McCotter	Simpson
Gingrey	McCrery	Skelton
Gonzalez	McHugh	Smith (MI)
Goode	McInnis	Smith (NJ)
Goodlatte	McIntyre	Smith (TX)
Gordon	McKeon	Smith (WA)
Goss	Meeks (NY)	Snyder
Granger	Menendez	Souder
Graves	Mica	Spratt
Green (WI)	Miller (FL)	Stearns
Greenwood	Miller (MI)	Stenholm
Gutknecht	Miller, Gary	Stupak
Hall	Mollohan	Sullivan
Harris	Moore	Sweeney
Hart	Moran (KS)	Tancredo
Hastings (WA)	Moran (VA)	Tanner
Hayes	Murphy	Tauscher
Hayworth	Murtha	Tauzin
Hefley	Musgrave	Taylor (MS)
Hensarling	Myrick	Taylor (NC)
Hерger	Nethercutt	Terry
Hill	Ney	Thomas
Hinojosa	Northup	Thompson (CA)
Hobson	Norwood	Thornberry
Hoekstra	Nunes	Tiahrt
Holden	Nussle	Tiberi
Hooley (OR)	Oberstar	Toomey
Hostettler	Ortiz	Turner (OH)
Houghton	Osborne	Turner (TX)
Hoyer	Ose	Upton
Hulshof	Otter	Vitter
Hunter	Oxley	Walden (OR)
Isakson	Paul	Walsh
Israel	Pearce	Wamp
Issa	Pence	Weldon (FL)
Istook	Peterson (MN)	Weldon (PA)
Janklow	Peterson (PA)	Weller
Jenkins	Petri	Whitfield
John	Pickering	Wicker
Johnson (CT)	Pitts	Wilson (NM)
Johnson (IL)	Platts	Wilson (SC)
Johnson, Sam	Pombo	Wolf
Jones (NC)	Pomeroy	Wynn
Kanjorski	Porter	Young (AK)
Keller	Pryce (OH)	Young (FL)

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Ruppersberger

NOT VOTING—9

Buyer	Gephardt	Ros-Lehtinen
Carson (IN)	Hyde	Stark
Dunn	Kaptur	Udall (CO)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised that 2 minutes remain in this vote, 2 minutes remain in this vote.

□ 1625

Mr. WELLER changed his vote from "aye" to "no."

Mr. INSLEE changed his vote from "no" to "aye."

So the amendment in the nature of a substitute was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. There being no further amendment in order, the question is on the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended.

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, was agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. Under the rule, the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE) having assumed the chair, Mr. SIMPSON, Chairman pro tempore of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 975) to amend title 11 of the United States Code, and for other purposes, pursuant to House Resolution 147, he reported the bill back to the House with an amendment adopted by the Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

Is a separate vote demanded on any amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute adopted by the Committee of the Whole? If not, the question is on the amendment.

The amendment was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

MOTION TO RECOMMIT OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON-LEE OF TEXAS

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is the gentleman opposed to the bill?

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. I am, Mr. Speaker, in its present form.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion to recommit.

The Clerk read as follows:

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas moves to recommit the bill H.R. 975 to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with the following amendment:

Insert after section 220 the following:

**SEC. 220A. PROTECTING ALIMONY AND CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS FROM COMPETITION WITH NEW CREDITOR ENTITLEMENTS.**

The amendments made by section 306(b) (limiting cramdowns), by section 310 (presumption of non-discharge status for luxury goods and cash advances), and by section 314 (non-discharge status for credit cards used to pay taxes) of this Act may be waived by the court in any case in which the court determines the amendment involved would impair the ability of the debtor to pay any domestic support obligations (as defined in section 101 of title 11 of the United States Code).

Mr. SENSENBRENNER (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the motion to recommit

be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

□ 1630

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) is recognized for 5 minutes in support of her motion to recommit.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this is an amendment, whether or not Members are for or against the bill in its present form, I hope Members will consider very closely and very seriously. Interestingly enough, with the economy in the backdrop of the passing of this legislation, more and more citizens being laid off, and more and more individual parents seeking both alimony and child support, this legislation today does not fix the problem.

My amendment provides that a creditor should not receive any greater protections under the bill, with regard to cramdown on car loans, luxury goods purchases, cash advances or credit card debt used to pay taxes if it would impair the debtor's ability to pay alimony or child support. There are 180,000 individuals who are owing either child support or alimony as we speak, and the number grows, whether it be male or female.

The amendment does nothing to impair the current legal position of the creditors. It merely states that before we give them greater protection than they now enjoy, we need to ensure that alimony and child care are protected. Surely this is something that this body could agree on in fairness and equity, and it makes good sense.

What is the rush to judgment to pass this bankruptcy bill in light of the fact that 300,000 people are laid off, a huge growing deficit, and the people of America crying out for some relief, that provides them with opportunities for jobs and survival? This bill needs to be fixed, and it needs to help those who are supporting children on their own, who have experienced a divorce, catastrophic illnesses, whatever causes them to be in need of these monies that they are not able to fight for.

As currently written, the bill massively increases the amount of funds being paid to unsecured creditors. The problem is such payments will often come at the expense of other less aggressive creditors, such as women and children owed alimony and child support. This problem is by no means insignificant given that an estimated 300,000 men and women owing child or spousal support file for bankruptcy each year.

The other side of the aisle will say this is not a problem because they have made child support and alimony the first priority. But the problem still exists. The debtor emerges from bankruptcy. He will be burdened by the

massive credit card debts and unsecured car loans, and they cannot be discharged under this bill. Guess who will be left in the dump, and that is those needing alimony and child support with no resources.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot imagine that we would not support repairing this bill. I ask my colleagues to support the motion to recommit.

Mr. Speaker, I offer this amendment to address the bill's adverse impact on the payment of domestic support obligations.

My amendment provides that a creditor should not receive any greater protections under the bill with regard to cramdowns on car loans, luxury good purchases, cash advances, or credit card debt used to pay taxes if it would impair the debtor's ability to pay alimony or child support. The amendment does nothing to impair the current legal position of the creditors. It merely states that before we give them greater protection than they now enjoy, we need to make sure that alimony and child care are protected. Surely this is something that we can all agree is fair and makes good sense.

As currently written, the bill massively increases the amount of funds being paid to unsecured creditors. The problem is such payments will often come at the expense of other, less-aggressive creditors, such as women and children owed alimony and child support. This problem is by no means insignificant given that an estimated 300,000 men owing child or spousal support file for bankruptcy each year.

Now, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle will no doubt claim this is not a problem, because they have made child support and alimony the first priority in bankruptcy. But the problem is that after the debtor emerges from bankruptcy, he will still be burdened by massive credit card debts and unsecured car loans—they can't be discharged any more under the bill. And who do you think the debtor will pay—his credit card company, with high paid lawyers filing all sorts of motions or threats, or his ex-spouse?

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER) who has historical knowledge about the devastation of leaving language out of the legislation that is in the motion to recommit.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to give a little history, if I may. I have worked through three legislatures trying to do something about children under the poverty line, the vast majority of them there because alimony was not paid. Indeed, we had a whole phraseology, the deadbeat dad, concerning ourselves with children who had no recourse. We tried a lot of remedies on the county and State levels, and some worked pretty well. But the best thing we did was 9 years ago, we went to the Committee on the Judiciary under Jack Brooks and asked him to make certain that child support took precedence over other debts, including credit cards.

Mr. Speaker, it has made a massive difference in the economic status of children who are the sorrowful price of divorce. For 9 years it has worked well, and I want to say that 9 years ago it was bipartisan, and I think there was

not a voice spoken against this raised in the House of Representatives. But suddenly now 9 years later, we decide that credit card companies are more important than our children and where they are going to be able to eat and wear clothes and have a roof over their head.

Mr. Speaker, this matters to a lot of us. Children are going to suffer if credit cards takes precedence over all other debts. I doubt there was a deadbeat dad. I used to think there was someone struggling out there who had to pay his credit card first before he could help out his children. For heaven's sake, let us not go back to that. It has worked for 9 years. It will not hurt the bill. Do not give credit cards the last word in the United States as to who gets to eat. It is outrageous when it comes to children and people who are totally dependent that may have to be sitting about waiting until after the credit card companies, which make enormous amounts of money with their large interest, get taken care of.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, do not leave women and children out in the cold. That is why many women's groups oppose this legislation, such as the National Women's Law Center and the Family Law Section of the American Bar Association. We can reform the bankruptcy laws without leaving spouses and children out in the cold. That is what my amendment does. I ask my colleagues to vote "yes" on the motion to recommit, joined by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS), the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER), and the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LOFGREN).

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SENSENBRENNER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, this motion is offered by people who have historically been in opposition to bankruptcy reform. What this bill does is it increases the priority for unpaid child support from seventh priority to first priority, and if the other side of the aisle gets their way and this bill goes down, unpaid child support stays at seventh priority, and that ought to be one reason and one reason alone to vote down this motion to recommit.

The National Child Support Enforcement Association says that these reforms are crucial to the collection of child support during bankruptcy. The motion to recommit creates a major loophole with respect to antifraud provisions. Section 310, which this motion modifies, deals with debtors who are on the eve of filing for bankruptcy who acquire luxury goods and cash advances.

Under this proposal, a debtor could avoid section 310 by asserting that it would impair the debtor's ability to pay a domestic support obligation. The President of the National Child Support Enforcement Association, in dealing with an identical provision in last

year's bankruptcy bill, said, "H.R. 333 would provide these children with first priority in the collection of support debt, allow the enforcement of medical support obligations, prevent any interruption in the otherwise efficient process of withholding earnings in the payment of child support, and ensure that during the course of a consumer bankruptcy, all support owed to the family would be paid and would be paid timely, and would allow State court actions involving custody and visitation, dissolution of marriage and domestic violence to proceed without interference from bankruptcy court litigation."

Vote "no" on this motion to recommit. A "no" vote is for the protection of children. A "no" vote is for better enforcement of support obligations, and vote "yes" on the bill which increases the priority for unpaid support in bankruptcy to go from seventh priority to first priority.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to recommit.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to recommit.

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

#### RECORDED VOTE

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the minimum period of time within which a vote by electronic device will be taken on the question of passage of the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 150, noes 276, answered "present" 1, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 73]

AYES—150

Abercrombie	Emanuel	Klecza
Ackerman	Engel	Kucinich
Allen	Eshoo	Lampson
Andrews	Etheridge	Langevin
Baca	Evans	Lantos
Baldwin	Farr	Larson (CT)
Ballance	Fattah	Lee
Becerra	Filner	Levin
Berkley	Frank (MA)	Lewis (GA)
Berman	Gephardt	Lofgren
Bishop (GA)	Gonzalez	Lowey
Bishop (NY)	Gordon	Lynch
Blumenauer	Green (TX)	Majette
Brady (PA)	Grijalva	Maloney
Brown (OH)	Gutierrez	Markey
Capps	Harman	Marshall
Capuano	Hastings (FL)	Matsui
Cardin	Hill	McCarthy (MO)
Clay	Hinchesy	McCollum
Clyburn	Hoeffel	McDermott
Conyers	Holden	McGovern
Cooper	Holt	McNulty
Costello	Honda	Meehan
Davis (CA)	Hoolley (OR)	Meek (FL)
Davis (IL)	Hoyer	Meeks (NY)
DeFazio	Inslie	Michaud
DeGette	Jackson (IL)	Millender-
Delahunt	Jackson-Lee	McDonald
DeLauro	(TX)	Miller (NC)
Deutsch	Jefferson	Miller, George
Dicks	Johnson, E. B.	Moran (VA)
Dingell	Jones (OH)	Nadler
Doggett	Kennedy (RI)	Napolitano
Doyle	Kildee	Neal (MA)
Edwards	Kilpatrick	Oberstar

Obey Sabo  
Olver Sanchez, Linda  
Ortiz T.  
Owens Sanchez, Loretta  
Pallone Sanders  
Pascrell Sandlin  
Pastor Schakowsky  
Payne Schiff  
Pelosi Scott (VA)  
Pomeroy Serrano  
Price (NC) Sherman  
Rangel Slaughter  
Rodriguez Solis  
Roybal-Allard Spratt  
Rush Stark  
Ryan (OH) Strickland

Stupak Thompson (MS)  
Sullivan Tierney  
Sweeney Tancredo  
Udall (NM)  
Tauscher Van Hollen  
Tauzin Velazquez  
Taylor (MS) Vitter  
Taylor (NC) Walden (OR)  
Terry Walsh  
Thomas Wamp  
Thompson (CA) Weldon (FL)

Weldon (PA) Gallegly  
Weller Garrett (NJ)  
Whitfield Gerlach  
Wicker Gibbons  
Wilson (OH) Gilchrest  
Wilson (NM) Gillmor  
Wilson (SC) Gingrey  
Wolf Gonzalez  
Wynn Goode  
Young (AK) Goodlatte  
Young (FL) Gordon

Linder Rogers (KY)  
LoBiondo Rogers (MI)  
Lucas (KY) Rohrabacher  
Lucas (OK) Ross  
Manzullo Rothman  
Matheson Royce  
McCarthy (NY) Rush  
McCotter Ryan (WI)  
McCrary Ryun (KS)  
McHugh Sandlin  
McInnis Saxton  
McIntyre Schrock  
McKeon Scott (GA)  
Meek (FL) Sensenbrenner  
Meeks (NY) Sessions  
Menendez Shadegg  
Mica Shaw  
Michaud Shays  
Millender Sherwood  
McDonald Shimkus  
Miller (FL) Shuster  
Miller (MI) Simmons  
Miller, Gary Simpson  
Mollohan Skelton  
Moore Smith (MI)  
Moran (KS) Smith (NJ)  
Moran (VA) Smith (TX)  
Murphy Smith (WA)  
Murtha Snyder  
Musgrave Souder  
Myrick Spratt  
Nethercutt Stearns  
Ney Stenholm  
Northup Strickland  
Norwood Sullivan  
Nunes Sweeney  
Nussle Tancredo  
Ortiz Tanner  
Osborne Tauscher  
Ose Tauzin  
Otter Taylor (MS)  
Oxley Taylor (NC)  
Pallone Terry  
Pascrell Thomas  
Pastor Thompson (CA)  
Paul Thompson (MS)  
Pearce Thornberry  
Pence Tiahrt  
Peterson (MN) Tiberi  
Peterson (PA) Toomey  
Petri Towns  
Pickering Turner (OH)  
Pitts Turner (TX)  
Platts Upton  
Pombo Vitter  
Pomeroy Walden (OR)  
Porter Walsh  
Portman Wamp  
Price (NC) Weldon (FL)  
Pryce (OH) Weldon (PA)  
Putnam Weller  
Quinn Whitfield  
Radanovich Wicker  
Kolbe Rahall  
LaHood Ramstad  
Lampson Regula  
Larsen (WA) Rehberg  
Latham Renzi  
LaTourette Reyes  
Leach Reynolds  
Lewis (CA) Rogers (AL)  
Lewis (KY)

NOES—276

Aderholt English  
Akin Everett  
Alexander Feeney  
Bachus Ferguson  
Baird Flake  
Baker Fletcher  
Ballenger Foley  
Barrett (SC) Forbes  
Bartlett (MD) Menendez  
Barton (TX) Ford  
Bass Fossella  
Beauprez Franks (AZ)  
Bell Frelinghuysen  
Bereuter Frost  
Berry Gallegly  
Biggart Garrett (NJ)  
Bilirakis Gerlach  
Bishop (UT) Gibbons  
Blackburn Gilchrest  
Blunt Gillmor  
Boehlert Gingrey  
Boehner Goode  
Bonilla Goodlatte  
Bonner Goss  
Bono Granger  
Boozman Graves  
Boswell Green (WI)  
Boucher Greenwood  
Boyd Gutknecht  
Bradley (NH) Hall  
Brady (TX) Harris  
Brown (SC) Hart  
Brown, Corrine Hastings (WA)  
Brown-Waite, Hayes  
Ginny Hayworth  
Burgess Hefley  
Burns Hensarling  
Burns Herger  
Burr Hinojosa  
Burton (IN) Hobson  
Calvert Hoekstra  
Camp Hostettler  
Cannon Houghton  
Cantor Hulshof  
Capito Hunter  
Cardoza Isakson  
Carson (OK) Israel  
Carter Issa  
Case Istook  
Castle Janklow  
Chabot Jenkins  
Chocola John  
Coble Johnson (CT)  
Cole Johnson (IL)  
Collins Johnson, Sam  
Combest Jones (NC)  
Cox Kanjorski  
Cramer Keller  
Crane Kelly  
Crenshaw Kennedy (MN)  
Crowley Kind  
Cubin King (IA)  
Culberson King (NY)  
Cummings Kingston  
Cunningham Kirk  
Davis (AL) Kline  
Davis (FL) Knollenberg  
Davis (TN) Shaw  
Davis, Jo Ann LaHood  
Davis, Tom Larsen (WA)  
Deal (GA) Latham  
DeLay LaTourette  
DeMint Leach  
Diaz-Balart, L. Lewis (CA)  
Diaz-Balart, M. Lewis (KY)  
Dooley (CA) Linder  
Doolittle Lipinski  
Dreier LoBiondo  
Duncan Lucas (KY)  
Dunn Lucas (OK)  
Ehlers Manzullo  
Emerson Matheson

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Ruppersberger

NOT VOTING—7

Buyer Kaptur  
Carson (IN) Ros-Lehtinen  
Hyde Royce

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE) (during the vote). The Chair would advise all Members that there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1657

Mr. FORD changed his vote from "aye" to "no."

Mr. MORAN of Virginia and Mr. COSTELLO changed their vote from "no" to "aye."

So the motion to recommit was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

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

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 315, nays 113, answered "present" 1, not voting 5, as follows:

[Roll No. 74]

YEAS—315

Aderholt Bradley (NH)  
Akin Brady (TX)  
Alexander Brown (SC)  
Andrews Brown, Corrine  
Baca Brown-Waite,  
Bachus Ginny  
Baird Burgess  
Baker Burns  
Ballenger Burr  
Barrett (SC) Burton (IN)  
Bartlett (MD) Calvert  
Barton (TX) Camp  
Bass Cannon  
Beauprez Cantor  
Bell Capito  
Bereuter Cardoza  
Berkley Carson (OK)  
Berry Carter  
Biggart Case  
Bilirakis Castle  
Bishop (GA) Chabot  
Bishop (NY) Chocola  
Bishop (UT) Clyburn  
Blackburn Coble  
Blumenauer Cole  
Collins Collins  
Boehlert Combest  
Boehner Cooper  
Bonilla Cox  
Bonner Cramer  
Bono Crane  
Boozman Crenshaw  
Boswell Crowley  
Boucher Cubin  
Boyd Culberson

Cunningham Davis (AL)  
Davis (FL) Davis (TN)  
Davis, Jo Ann Davis, Jo Ann  
Davis, Tom Deal (GA)  
DeLay DeMint  
Deutsch  
Diaz-Balart, L. Diaz-Balart, M.  
Allen Dicks  
Ballance Dooley (CA)  
Becerra Doolittle  
Berman Dreier  
Brady (PA) Duncan  
Brown (OH) Dunn  
Capps Edwards  
Capuano Ehlers  
Cardin Emerson  
Clay English  
Conyers Etheridge  
Costello Everett  
Cummings Feeney  
Davis (CA) Ferguson  
Davis (IL) Flake  
DeFazio Fletcher  
DeGette Foley  
Delahunt Forbes  
DeLauro Ford  
Dingell Fossella  
Doggett Franks (AZ)  
Doyle Frelinghuysen  
Emanuel Frost

NAYS—113

Abercrombie Engel  
Ackerman Eshoo  
Allen Evans  
Baldwin Farr  
Ballance Fattah  
Becerra Filner  
Berman Frank (MA)  
Brady (PA) Gephardt  
Brown (OH) Grijalva  
Capps Gutierrez  
Capuano Hastings (FL)  
Cardin Hinchey  
Clay Hoeffel  
Conyers Holden  
Costello Holt  
Cummings Honda  
Davis (CA) Jackson (IL)  
Davis (IL) Jackson-Lee  
DeFazio (TX)  
DeGette Jones (OH)  
Delahunt Kanjorski  
DeLauro Meehan  
Dingell Kennedy (RI)  
Doggett Kildee  
Doyle Kilpatrick  
Emanuel Kleczka

Kucinich  
Langevin  
Lantos  
Larson (CT)  
Lee  
Levin  
Lewis (GA)  
Lipinski  
Lofgren  
Lowey  
Lynch  
Majette  
Maloney  
Markey  
Marshall  
Matsui  
McCarthy (MO)  
McCollum  
McDermott  
McGovern  
McNulty  
McNulty  
Kaptur  
Miller (NC)  
Miller, George  
Nadler  
Napolitano

Neal (MA)	Sanchez, Linda	Tierney
Oberstar	T.	Udall (NM)
Obey	Sanchez, Loretta	Van Hollen
Olver	Sanders	Velazquez
Owens	Schakowsky	Visclosky
Payne	Schiff	Waters
Pelosi	Scott (VA)	Watson
Rangel	Serrano	Watt
Rodriguez	Sherman	Waxman
Roybal-Allard	Slaughter	Weiner
Ryan (OH)	Solis	Wexler
Sabo	Stark	Woolsey
	Stupak	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Ruppersberger

NOT VOTING—5

Buyer	Hyde	Udall (CO)
Carson (IN)	Ros-Lehtinen	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE) (during the vote). The Chair reminds Members that there are less than 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1705

Mrs. JONES of Ohio changed her vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### SUNDRY MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sundry messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Ms. Wanda Evans, one of his secretaries.

#### AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN EN-GROSSMENT OF H.R. 975, BANKRUPTCY ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 2003

Mr. HOSTETTLER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of the bill, H.R. 975, the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes to the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Indiana?

There was no objection.

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Sundry messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, due to a personal family commitment on Thursday, March 13, I was not present for rollcall votes 63 and 64. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall number 63 and "no" on rollcall number 64.

#### PERIODIC REPORT ON NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO NATIONAL UNION FOR TOTAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA (UNITA)—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I am providing a 6-month report prepared by my Administration on the national emergency with respect to the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) that was declared in Executive Order 12865 of September 26, 1993.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, March 19, 2003.

#### FEDERAL OCEAN AND COASTAL ACTIVITIES REPORT—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Resources, the Committee on Science, and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

In accordance with section 5 of the Oceans Act of 2000 (33 U.S.C. 857-19), I transmit herewith the first biennial Federal Ocean and Coastal Activities Report as prepared by my Administration.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, March 19, 2003.

#### NATIONAL AMBER ALERT LEGISLATION

(Mr. FROST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks and include therein extraneous material.)

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I would like to read to the House an open letter directed to the House of Representatives signed by Elizabeth Smart, Lois Smart and Ed Smart.

Today, Elizabeth was introduced to the Amber Alert when she asked about a videotape in my office. After watching the coverage, Elizabeth asked why the legislation has not passed when it saved so many children's lives. I could not give her an answer!

After a lengthy conversation about how the Amber Alert has been politicized, she asked me if there was anything she could do to help pass it. We decided to draft this letter.

As you know, I can't express enough how our children can't wait another day for the

National Amber Alert to be signed into law by President Bush. Please, please, please pass the stand-alone Amber Alert legislation NOW. As soon as you do, I will be there to celebrate and then go to work with you on lobbying the Senate to pass other pending issues for our children.

I will submit the remainder of the letter for the RECORD, signed by Elizabeth Smart, Ed Smart and Lois Smart.

MARCH 18, 2003.

*House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC 20515.*

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: Thank you very much for your continued support and warm wishes over the past nine months. We especially appreciate all of the representatives who are working together so diligently to pass the National Amber Alert Legislation.

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I wish to apologize to anyone who was offended by my excitement last week. You cannot comprehend the joy and adulation of having your child return. The Amber Alert will make this a reality for countless families. Please don't underestimate the immediacy and power of this legislation!

This is your opportunity to show your leadership for our children. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

EDWARD SMART.  
LOIS SMART.  
ELIZABETH SMART.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BONNER). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. DEFAZIO addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### VACCINE INJURY COMPENSATION FUND

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, these are the faces of children who have been vaccinated with childhood vaccines that contain a