

manage our incredibly valuable national resource.

This is a good bill. It has no opposition and would take care of a long-standing problem. I would appreciate the support of all of my colleagues in making sure this is passed and signed into law.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CANNON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 708.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bills H.R. 408, H.R. 3062, and H.R. 708.

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

There was no objection.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed and on the questions postponed yesterday.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 3108, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 2297, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 2998, by the yeas and nays;

House Resolution 355, by the yeas and nays; and

House Resolution 372, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. The remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

#### PENSION FUNDING EQUITY ACT OF 2003

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of passage of the bill, H.R. 3108, on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 397, nays 2, not voting 35, as follows:

[Roll No. 535]

#### YEAS—397

Abercrombie  
Ackerman  
Aderholt  
Akin  
Alexander  
Allen  
Andrews  
Baca  
Bachus  
Baird  
Baker  
Baldwin  
Ballance  
Ballenger  
Barrett (SC)  
Bartlett (MD)  
Barton (TX)  
Bass  
Beauprez  
Becerra  
Bell  
Bereuter  
Berman  
Berry  
Biggett  
Bilirakis  
Bishop (GA)  
Bishop (NY)  
Bishop (UT)  
Blackburn  
Blumenauer  
Blunt  
Boehlert  
Boehner  
Bonilla  
Bonner  
Boozman  
Boswell  
Boucher  
Boyd  
Bradley (NH)  
Brady (PA)  
Brady (TX)  
Brown (OH)  
Brown (SC)  
Brown, Corrine  
Brown-Waite,  
Ginny  
Burgess  
Burns  
Burr  
Burton (IN)  
Buyer  
Camp  
Cannon  
Cantor  
Capito  
Capps  
Capuano  
Cardin  
Cardoza  
Carson (IN)  
Carson (OK)  
Carter  
Case  
Chabot  
Chocola  
Clay  
Clyburn  
Coble  
Cole  
Collins  
Conyers  
Cooper  
Costello  
Cox  
Cramer  
Crane  
Crenshaw  
Crowley  
Cubin  
Culberson  
Cummings  
Cunningham  
Davis (AL)  
Davis (CA)  
Davis (IL)  
Davis (TN)  
Davis, Jo Ann  
Davis, Tom  
Deal (GA)  
DeFazio  
DeGette  
DeLahunt  
DeLauro  
DeMint

Deutsch  
Diaz-Balart, M.  
Dicks  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Dooley (CA)  
Doolittle  
Doyle  
Dreier  
Duncan  
Dunn  
Ehlers  
Emanuel  
Emerson  
Engel  
English  
Etheridge  
Evans  
Everett  
Farr  
Feeney  
Ferguson  
Filner  
Flake  
Forbes  
Ford  
Fossella  
Frank (MA)  
Franks (AZ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Frost  
Gallegly  
Garrett (NJ)  
Gerlach  
Gibbons  
Gillmor  
Gingrey  
Gonzalez  
Goode  
Gordon  
Goss  
Granger  
Graves  
Green (TX)  
Green (WI)  
Greenwood  
Grijalva  
Gutierrez  
Gutknecht  
Hall  
Harman  
Harris  
Hart  
Hastings (FL)  
Hastings (WA)  
Hayes  
Hayworth  
Hefley  
Hensarling  
Herger  
Hill  
Hinchev  
Hinojosa  
Hobson  
Hoeffel  
Hoekstra  
Holden  
Holt  
Honda  
Hostettler  
Hoyer  
Hulshof  
Hunter  
Hyde  
Inslee  
Isakson  
Israel  
Istook  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson-Lee  
(TX)  
Janklow  
Jefferson  
Jenkins  
John  
Johnson (CT)  
Johnson (IL)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Johnson, Sam  
Jones (NC)  
Kanjorski  
Keller  
Kelly  
Kennedy (MN)  
Kennedy (RI)  
Kildee

Pitts  
Platts  
Pombo  
Pomeroy  
Porter  
Portman  
Price (NC)  
Pryce (OH)  
Putnam  
Quinn  
Radanovich  
Rahall  
Ramstad  
Regula  
Rehberg  
Renzi  
Reyes  
Reynolds  
Rodriguez  
Rogers (AL)  
Rogers (KY)  
Rogers (MI)  
Rohrabacher  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Ross  
Rothman  
Roybal-Allard  
Royce  
Ruppersberger  
Rush  
Ryan (OH)  
Ryan (WI)  
Ryun (KS)  
Sabo  
Sanchez, Linda  
T.  
Sanchez, Loretta  
Sandlin

Saxton  
Schakowsky  
Schiff  
Schrock  
Scott (GA)  
Scott (VA)  
Sensenbrenner  
Serrano  
Sessions  
Shadegg  
Shays  
Sherman  
Sherwood  
Shimkus  
Shuster  
Simmons  
Simpson  
Skelton  
Slaughter  
Smith (MI)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX)  
Smith (WA)  
Snyder  
Souder  
Spratt  
Stark  
Stearns  
Stenholm  
Strickland  
Stupak  
Sullivan  
Sweeney  
Tancredo  
Tanner  
Tauscher  
Tauzin  
Taylor (NC)

Terry  
Thomas  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Thornberry  
Tiahrt  
Tiberi  
Tierney  
Toomey  
Towns  
Turner (OH)  
Turner (TX)  
Udall (CO)  
Udall (NM)  
Van Hollen  
Velazquez  
Visclosky  
Walsh  
Wamp  
Waters  
Watt  
Waxman  
Weiner  
Weldon (FL)  
Weldon (PA)  
Weller  
Wexler  
Whitfield  
Wicker  
Wilson (NM)  
Wilson (SC)  
Wolf  
Wu  
Wynn  
Young (AK)  
Young (FL)

NAYS—2

Taylor (MS)

NOT VOTING—35

Berkley  
Bono  
Calvert  
Castle  
Davis (FL)  
DeLay  
Diaz-Balart, L.  
Edwards  
Eshoo  
Fattah  
Fletcher  
Foley  
Gephardt  
Gilchrist  
Goodlatte  
Hoolley (OR)  
Houghton  
Issa  
Jones (OH)  
Kaptur  
Kind  
Lofgren  
Matsui  
Meeks (NY)  
Millender-  
McDonald  
Mollohan  
Napolitano  
Rangel  
Shaw  
Solis  
Upton  
Vitter  
Walden (OR)  
Watson  
Woolsey

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON) (during the vote). Members are advised that there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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Messrs. SIMMONS, STARK, CAMP and GREENWOOD changed their 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.

Stated for:

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 535 on H.R. 3108, the Pension Funding Equity Act, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the remainder of this series will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

#### VETERANS BENEFITS ACT OF 2003

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 2297, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2297, as amended, 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 399, nays 0, not voting 35, as follows:

[Roll No. 536]  
YEAS—399

Abercrombie	Culberson	Holden
Ackerman	Cummings	Holt
Aderholt	Cunningham	Honda
Akin	Davis (AL)	Hooley (OR)
Alexander	Davis (CA)	Hostettler
Allen	Davis (IL)	Hoyer
Andrews	Davis (TN)	Hulshof
Baca	Davis, Jo Ann	Hunter
Bachus	Davis, Tom	Hyde
Baird	Deal (GA)	Insee
Baker	DeFazio	Isakson
Baldwin	DeGette	Israel
Ballance	Delahunt	Istook
Ballenger	DeLauro	Jackson (IL)
Barrett (SC)	DeMint	Jackson-Lee
Bartlett (MD)	Deutsch	(TX)
Barton (TX)	Diaz-Balart, M.	Janklow
Bass	Dicks	Jefferson
Beauprez	Dingell	Jenkins
Becerra	Doggett	John
Bell	Dooley (CA)	Johnson (CT)
Bereuter	Doolittle	Johnson (IL)
Berman	Doyle	Johnson, E. B.
Berry	Dreier	Johnson, Sam
Biggett	Duncan	Jones (NC)
Bilirakis	Dunn	Kanjorski
Bishop (GA)	Ehlers	Keller
Bishop (NY)	Emanuel	Kelly
Bishop (UT)	Emerson	Kennedy (MN)
Blackburn	Engel	Kennedy (RI)
Blumenauer	English	Kildee
Blunt	Etheridge	Kilpatrick
Boehlert	Evans	King (IA)
Boehner	Everett	King (NY)
Bonilla	Farr	Kingston
Bonner	Feeney	Kirk
Boozman	Ferguson	Klezka
Boswell	Filner	Kline
Boucher	Flake	Knollenberg
Boyd	Forbes	Kolbe
Bradley (NH)	Ford	Kucinich
Brady (PA)	Fossella	LaHood
Brady (TX)	Frank (MA)	Lampson
Brown (OH)	Franks (AZ)	Langevin
Brown (SC)	Frelinghuysen	Lantos
Brown, Corrine	Frost	Larsen (WA)
Brown-Waite,	Gallegly	Larson (CT)
Ginny	Garrett (NJ)	Latham
Burgess	Gerlach	LaTourette
Burns	Gibbons	Leach
Burr	Gillmor	Lee
Burton (IN)	Gingrey	Levin
Buyer	Gonzalez	Lewis (CA)
Camp	Goode	Lewis (GA)
Cannon	Gordon	Lewis (KY)
Cantor	Goss	Linder
Capito	Granger	Lipinski
Capps	Graves	LoBiondo
Capuano	Green (TX)	Lowe
Cardin	Green (WI)	Lucas (KY)
Cardoza	Greenwood	Lucas (OK)
Carson (IN)	Grijalva	Lynch
Carson (OK)	Gutierrez	Majette
Carter	Gutknecht	Maloney
Case	Hall	Manzullo
Chabot	Harman	Markey
Chocola	Harris	Marshall
Clay	Hart	Matheson
Clyburn	Hastings (FL)	McCarthy (MO)
Coble	Hastings (WA)	McCarthy (NY)
Cole	Hayes	McCollum
Collins	Hayworth	McCotter
Conyers	Hefley	McCreery
Cooper	Hensarling	McDermott
Costello	Herger	McGovern
Cox	Cramer	McHugh
Cramer	Crane	McInnis
Crane	Crenshaw	McIntyre
Crenshaw	Crowley	McKeon
Crowley	Cubin	McNulty
Cubin		Meehan

Meek (FL)	Pryce (OH)	Smith (WA)
Menendez	Putnam	Snyder
Mica	Radanovich	Souder
Michaud	Rahall	Spratt
Miller (FL)	Ramstad	Stark
Miller (MI)	Regula	Stearns
Miller (NC)	Rehberg	Stenholm
Miller, Gary	Renzi	Strickland
Miller, George	Reyes	Stupak
Moore	Reynolds	Sullivan
Moran (KS)	Rodriguez	Sweeney
Moran (VA)	Rogers (AL)	Tancredo
Murphy	Rogers (KY)	Tanner
Murtha	Rogers (MI)	Tauscher
Musgrave	Rohrabacher	Tauzin
Myrick	Ros-Lehtinen	Taylor (MS)
Nadler	Ross	Taylor (NC)
Neal (MA)	Rothman	Terry
Nethercutt	Roybal-Allard	Thomas
Neugebauer	Royce	Thompson (CA)
Ney	Ruppersberger	Thompson (MS)
Northup	Rush	Thornberry
Norwood	Ryan (OH)	Tiahrt
Hostettler	Ryan (WI)	Tiberi
Nunes	Ryun (KS)	Tierney
Nussle	Sabo	Toomey
Oberstar	Sanchez, Linda	Towns
Obey	T.	Turner (OH)
Olver	Sanchez, Loretta	Turner (TX)
Ortiz	Sanders	Udall (CO)
Osborne	Sandlin	Udall (NM)
Ose	Saxton	Van Hollen
Otter	Schakowsky	Velazquez
Owens	Schiff	Visclosky
Oxley	Schrock	Walsh
Pallone	Scott (GA)	Wamp
Pascarell	Scott (VA)	Waters
Pastor	Sensenbrenner	Watt
Paul	Serrano	Waxman
Payne	Sessions	Weiner
Pearce	Shadegg	Weldon (FL)
Pelosi	Shays	Weldon (PA)
Pence	Sherman	Weller
Peterson (MN)	Sherwood	Wexler
Peterson (PA)	Shimkus	Whitfield
Petri	Shuster	Wicker
Pickering	Simmons	Wilson (NM)
Pitts	Simpson	Wilson (SC)
Platts	Skelton	Wolf
Pombo	Slaughter	Wu
Pomeroy	Smith (MI)	Wynn
Porter	Smith (NJ)	Young (AK)
Portman	Smith (TX)	Young (FL)
Price (NC)		

NOT VOTING—35

Berkley	Gilchrest	Napolitano
Bono	Goodlatte	Quinn
Calvert	Houghton	Rangel
Castle	Issa	Shaw
Davis (FL)	Jones (OH)	Solis
DeLay	Kaptur	Upton
Diaz-Balart, L.	Kind	Vitter
Edwards	Lofgren	Walden (OR)
Eshoo	Matsui	Watson
Fattah	Meeks (NY)	Woolsey
Fletcher	Millender-	
Foley	McDonald	
Gephardt	Mollohan	

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 536 on H.R. 2297, the Veterans Benefits Act, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 535 and 536 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PERMANENT AUTHORITY FOR EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES FROM PAYING SUBSISTENCE CHARGES WHILE HOSPITALIZED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 2998, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2998, as amended, 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 399, nays 0, not voting 35, as follows:

[Roll No. 537]  
YEAS—399

Abercrombie	Coble	Granger
Ackerman	Cole	Graves
Aderholt	Collins	Green (TX)
Akin	Conyers	Green (WI)
Alexander	Cooper	Greenwood
Allen	Costello	Grijalva
Andrews	Cox	Gutierrez
Baca	Cramer	Gutknecht
Bachus	Crane	Hall
Baird	Crenshaw	Harman
Baker	Crowley	Harris
Baldwin	Cubin	Hart
Ballance	Culberson	Hastings (FL)
Ballenger	Cummings	Hastings (WA)
Barrett (SC)	Cunningham	Hayes
Bartlett (MD)	Davis (AL)	Hayworth
Barton (TX)	Davis (CA)	Hefley
Bass	Davis (IL)	Hensarling
Beauprez	Davis (TN)	Herger
Becerra	Davis, Jo Ann	Hill
Bell	Davis, Tom	Hinchee
Bereuter	Deal (GA)	Hinojosa
Berman	DeFazio	Hobson
Berry	DeGette	Hoeffel
Biggett	Delahunt	Hoekstra
Bilirakis	DeLauro	Holden
Bishop (GA)	DeMint	Holt
Bishop (NY)	Deutsch	Honda
Bishop (UT)	Diaz-Balart, M.	Hooley (OR)
Blackburn	Dicks	Hostettler
Blumenauer	Dingell	Hoyer
Blunt	Doggett	Hulshof
Boehlert	Dooley (CA)	Hyde
Boehner	Doolittle	Insee
Bonilla	Doyle	Isakson
Bonner	Dreier	Israel
Boozman	Duncan	Istook
Boswell	Dunn	Jackson (IL)
Boucher	Ehlers	Jackson-Lee
Boyd	Emanuel	(TX)
Bradley (NH)	Emerson	Janklow
Brady (PA)	Engel	Jefferson
Brady (TX)	English	Jenkins
Brown (OH)	Etheridge	John
Brown (SC)	Evans	Johnson (CT)
Brown, Corrine	Everett	Johnson (IL)
Brown-Waite,	Farr	Johnson, E. B.
Ginny	Feeney	Johnson, Sam
Burgess	Ferguson	Jones (NC)
Burns	Filner	Kanjorski
Burr	Flake	Keller
Burton (IN)	Forbes	Kelly
Buyer	Ford	Kennedy (MN)
Camp	Fossella	Kennedy (RI)
Cannon	Frank (MA)	Kildee
Cantor	Franks (AZ)	Kilpatrick
Capito	Frelinghuysen	King (IA)
Capps	Frost	King (NY)
Capuano	Gallegly	Kingston
Cardin	Garrett (NJ)	Kirk
Cardoza	Gerlach	Klezka
Carson (IN)	Gibbons	Kline
Carson (OK)	Gillmor	Knollenberg
Carter	Gingrey	Kolbe
Case	Gonzalez	Kucinich
Chabot	Goode	LaHood
Chocola	Goodlatte	Lampson
Clay	Gordon	Langevin
Clyburn	Goss	Lantos