

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 578.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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 agree to the resolution, H. Res. 578, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 391, nays 0, not voting 42, as follows:

[Roll No. 133]

YEAS—391

Abercrombie	Crowley	Harman
Ackerman	Cubin	Harris
Aderholt	Culberson	Hastings (WA)
Akin	Cummings	Hayes
Alexander	Cunningham	Hayworth
Allen	Davis (AL)	Hefley
Andrews	Davis (CA)	Hensarling
Baca	Davis (FL)	Herger
Bachus	Davis (IL)	Hill
Baird	Davis (TN)	Hinchee
Baker	Davis, Jo Ann	Hinojosa
Baldwin	Davis, Tom	Hobson
Ballance	Deal (GA)	Hoekstra
Ballenger	DeFazio	Holden
Barrett (SC)	DeGette	Holt
Bartlett (MD)	DeLauro	Honda
Barton (TX)	DeLay	Hooley (OR)
Bass	DeMint	Hostettler
Beauprez	Deutsch	Houghton
Bell	Diaz-Balart, L.	Hoyer
Bereuter	Diaz-Balart, M.	Hulshof
Berkley	Dicks	Hunter
Berry	Dingell	Hyde
Biggett	Doggett	Inslee
Billrakis	Doolittle	Isakson
Bishop (GA)	Doyle	Israel
Bishop (NY)	Dreier	Issa
Bishop (UT)	Duncan	Istook
Blackburn	Dunn	Jackson (IL)
Blumenauer	Edwards	Jackson-Lee
Blunt	Ehlers	(TX)
Boehrlert	Emanuel	Jefferson
Boehner	Emerson	Jenkins
Bonilla	Engel	John
Bono	English	Johnson (CT)
Boozman	Eshoo	Johnson (IL)
Boswell	Etheridge	Johnson, E. B.
Boucher	Evans	Johnson, Sam
Boyd	Everett	Jones (NC)
Bradley (NH)	Farr	Kanjorski
Brady (TX)	Fattah	Kaptur
Brown (SC)	Feeney	Keller
Brown, Corrine	Ferguson	Kelly
Burgess	Filner	Kennedy (MN)
Burns	Flake	Kennedy (RI)
Burton (IN)	Foley	Kildee
Calvert	Forbes	Kilpatrick
Camp	Ford	Kind
Cannon	Fossella	King (IA)
Cantor	Franks (AZ)	King (NY)
Capito	Frelinghuysen	Kingston
Capps	Frost	Kirk
Capuano	Galleghy	Kleczka
Cardoza	Garrett (NJ)	Kline
Carson (IN)	Gerlach	Knollenberg
Carson (OK)	Gibbons	Kolbe
Carter	Gilchrest	LaHood
Case	Gillmor	Lampson
Castle	Gingrey	Langevin
Chabot	Gonzalez	Lantos
Chandler	Goode	Larsen (WA)
Chocola	Goodlatte	Larson (CT)
Clay	Gordon	Latham
Clyburn	Goss	LaTourette
Coble	Granger	Leach
Cole	Graves	Lee
Conyers	Green (TX)	Levin
Cooper	Green (WI)	Lewis (CA)
Costello	Grijalva	Lewis (GA)
Cox	Gutierrez	Lewis (KY)
Cramer	Gutknecht	Linder
Crane	Hall	LoBiondo

Lofgren	Pascarell	Shimkus
Lowey	Pastor	Simmons
Lucas (KY)	Paul	Simpson
Lynch	Payne	Skelton
Majette	Pearce	Slaughter
Maloney	Pelosi	Smith (MI)
Manzullo	Pence	Smith (TX)
Markey	Peterson (MN)	Smith (WA)
Marshall	Peterson (PA)	Snyder
Matheson	Petri	Solis
Matsui	Pickering	Spratt
McCarthy (MO)	Pitts	Stearns
McCarthy (NY)	Pombo	Stenholm
McCollum	Pomeroy	Stupak
McCotter	Porter	Sullivan
McCrery	Portman	Sweeney
McDermott	Price (NC)	Tancredo
McGovern	Pryce (OH)	Tanner
McHugh	Putnam	Tauscher
McInnis	Quinn	Taylor (MS)
McIntyre	Radanovich	Taylor (NC)
McKeon	Rahall	Terry
McNulty	Ramstad	Thomas
Meehan	Rangel	Thompson (CA)
Meek (FL)	Regula	Thompson (MS)
Meeks (NY)	Rehberg	Thornberry
Menendez	Renzi	Tiahrt
Mica	Reyes	Tiberi
Michaud	Reynolds	Tierney
Millender	Rodriguez	Towns
McDonald	Rogers (AL)	Turner (OH)
Miller (FL)	Rogers (KY)	Turner (TX)
Miller (MI)	Rogers (MI)	Udall (CO)
Miller (NC)	Ros-Lehtinen	Udall (NM)
Miller, Gary	Ross	Upton
Moore	Roybal-Allard	Van Hollen
Moran (KS)	Royce	Velázquez
Moran (VA)	Rush	Visclosky
Murphy	Ryan (OH)	Vitter
Murtha	Ryan (WI)	Walden (OR)
Myrick	Ryun (KS)	Walsh
Napolitano	Sabo	Wamp
Neal (MA)	Sánchez, Linda	Watson
Nethercutt	T.	Watt
Neugebauer	Sanchez, Loretta	Waxman
Ney	Sanders	Weiner
Northup	Sandlin	Weldon (FL)
Norwood	Saxton	Weldon (PA)
Nunes	Schakowsky	Weller
Nussle	Schiff	Whitfield
Oberstar	Schrock	Wicker
Obey	Scott (GA)	Wilson (NM)
Olver	Scott (VA)	Wilson (SC)
Ortiz	Sensenbrenner	Wolf
Osborne	Serrano	Woolsey
Ose	Shadegg	Wu
Otter	Shaw	Wynn
Owens	Shays	Young (FL)
Oxley	Sherman	
Pallone	Sherwood	

NOT VOTING—42

Becerra	Gephardt	Rothman
Berman	Greenwood	Ruppersberger
Bonner	Hart	Sessions
Brady (PA)	Hastings (FL)	Shuster
Brown (OH)	Hoeffel	Smith (NJ)
Brown-Waite,	Jones (OH)	Souder
Ginny	Kucinich	Stark
Burr	Lipinski	Strickland
Buyer	Lucas (OK)	Tauzin
Cardin	Miller, George	Toomey
Collins	Mollohan	Waters
Crenshaw	Musgrave	Wexler
Delahunt	Nadler	Young (AK)
Dooley (CA)	Platts	
Frank (MA)	Rohrabacher	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I will miss votes on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, due to an activity. Had I been present, the RECORD would reflect that I would have voted:

Roll 131, H.R. 3942—To redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7 Commercial Boulevard in Middletown, Rhode Island, as the "Rhode Island Veterans Post Office Building."—"yea."

Roll 132, H. Res. 399—Honoring the life and legacy of Melvin Jones and recognizing the contributions of Lions Clubs International.—"yea."

Roll 133, H. Res. 578—Supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month.—"yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained today due to a family health emergency. I respectfully request the RECORD to reflect that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 131 on agreeing to H.R. 3942; "yea" on rollcall vote 132 on agreeing to House Resolution 399; and "yea" on rollcall vote 133 on agreeing to House Resolution 578.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for rollcall vote 131, Rhode Island Veterans Post Office Redesignation; rollcall vote 132, Honoring the life and legacy of Melvin Jones and recognizing the Lions Club International; and rollcall vote 133, Supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" for rollcall votes 131, 132 and 133.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 195

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 195.

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

There was no objection.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on April 22, 2004, I was in my district on business and missed the following rollcall votes: rollcall vote No. 126, if I had been present, I would have voted "no"; rollcall vote No. 127, if I had been present, I would have voted "no"; rollcall vote No. 128, if I had been present, I would have voted "aye"; rollcall vote No. 129, if I had been present, I would have voted "aye"; and rollcall vote No. 130, if I had been present, I would have voted "aye".

Mr. Speaker, on March 9, 2004, I was a unavoidably detained in my district. And for rollcall vote No. 42, if I had been present, I would have voted "aye"; on rollcall vote No. 43, if I had been present, I would have voted "aye"; and on rollcall vote No. 44, if I had been present, I would have voted "aye".

JOBS

(Mr. ROSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, over the past 3½ years our country has seen a loss of 2.8 million manufacturing jobs. Manufacturing jobs today are at a 53-year low. In fact, Arkansas, the State I represent, has lost one out of every seven manufacturing jobs since 2000.

Losing these jobs has had a devastating effect on America's working families. Manufacturing jobs have long been a solid source of strength for our Nation's economy, guaranteeing good jobs and a high standard of living for America's working families. But now millions of these manufacturing jobs that were once the backbone of our economy are being exported abroad to other countries. In fact, we lost 1 million jobs alone to China.

We have got to do more to keep our jobs here at home. This should not be a political issue. It should not be a partisan issue. We in Congress must work together and pass commonsense tax incentives that encourage rather than discourage U.S.-based companies to encourage job creation right here at home. The livelihood of America's working families depends on it.

JUSTICE SCALIA SHOULD STEP ASIDE

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I believe, as all of us who have taken an oath to serve in this body, of the sacredness of the three branches of government, respect the United States Supreme Court and the judiciary, as well as the legislative and executive. But I do think it is important to make note of a proceeding that is going on in the United States Supreme Court that is investigating the Vice President's utilization of non-government persons to determine energy policy in a governmentally appointed, Presidentially appointed committee. And I believe that Justice Scalia, in involving himself in this decision, is again warranted in reconsideration not to engage and participate in the consideration of this matter.

This is a very important matter. It is the same importance that was given to the decision regarding health care during the Clinton administration.

In order for the three branches to continue to have the integrity and the respect constitutionally of the people of the United States that we must have transparency, I would ask for Justice Scalia to step aside for a decision to be made for Vice President CHENEY to come forth with the names of the participants.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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.

RENEW THE ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MCCARTHY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, when I was speaking here last week, Italian customs officials were stopping a boat that had over 7,000 AK-47s being shipped here to the United States. We still do not know yet what their intended purpose was; but with 30-round clips, it could not have been good with AK-47s.

I have scheduled a meeting with the U.S. Customs officials to discuss this troubling shipment. After all, if it is legal to ship in AK-47s, when we are now looking on the assault weapons bill to expire on September 13, can you imagine the flood of guns that are going to be on our streets in a very short while?

Mr. Speaker, the assault weapons ban expires in 139 days. Today and tomorrow police chiefs from all over the country are calling for President Bush and Congress to renew the assault weapons ban. In Detroit, Los Angeles, Chicago, Miami, Atlanta, Seattle and many other cities, police chiefs are calling upon us to help them to make sure the assault weapons ban stays in place.

Tomorrow, I will join Members of Congress and the national law enforcement leaders in calling on President Bush to keep his promise during the 2000 year race that he would sign an assault weapons ban if it gets on his desk. Hopefully, the police officers will be able to convince the President to get involved in this issue.

If we cannot bring it up here on the House for a floor vote, it cannot get to the President's desk. I would love to see many of my colleagues there tomorrow at the press conference. The power of law enforcement was what essentially passed the last original bill. There is a reason why our law enforcement supports the ban so strongly: 10 years ago cops were routinely outgunned by criminals in our communities with powered assault weapons, but the assault weapons ban made getting these guns far more difficult. As a result, our police officers are safer today than they were 10 years ago. So are our neighborhoods; so are our communities. Why would we want to turn back this progress?

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Can anyone tell me why we need AK-47s, Uzis back on the street? I understand the power of the NRA, but anybody with common sense knows that we do not use these particular kinds of

guns to go hunting. Our police officers do not even like using them. Remember, a police officer is supposed to stop a criminal, not kill them unless their life is under risk.

If assault weapons are coming back on the street again, obviously our police officers are going to be in trouble once again. Please remember, when you have assault weapons and if we go back to the old way with the amount of clips up to 30, 40, 50, 100, what chance do our police officers have? Are we going to have a war right here in the United States, citizen against citizen, criminals against our police officers? Is that where we want to go? I do not think so.

I am asking my colleagues to stand up and be counted on this. Since I have been here I have worked on gun safety issues. I have never tried to take away the right of someone trying to own a gun. Our citizens know darn well if they have nothing to fear they can get the permit to go hunting. They can get the permit to go buy a gun, but why would you go open up the flood gates of assault weapons so our drug lords, our criminals and possibly even terrorists that are here in this country to be able to buy these guns?

Common sense. Think about the officers that have died. Think about the families they have left behind. Think about our community. Think about the school shootings we have had in the past. Do we want to go back there? Can we stop every killing? No, we cannot. But why would we open again the flood gates of having these kinds of guns back on our streets?

I remind my colleagues, I remind the people across this Nation, the guns we are talking about bringing back on these streets are the guns we see every single night being used in Iraq, assault weapons, AK-47s, Uzis, large capacity clips.

I beg my colleagues to think about this carefully. The law has worked. We should make it permanent and we should make sure that they are not allowed on our street.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO SELECT COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as member of the Select Committee on Homeland Security:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 23, 2004.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Please accept this letter as my resignation as a member of the Select Committee on Homeland Security, effective immediately. I realize that I served on the Select Committee due to my role as Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee. I no longer hold the position of Chairman, thus I resign from the other.