

also would like to thank my friend the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY) and my friend, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SIMMONS) for joining me in introducing this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, during the 107th Congress, we passed the FHA Downpayment Simplification Act, which streamlined the downpayment process and increased the base mortgage amount limits for FHA-insured loans. By increasing access to these loans, Congress helped make the dream of owning a home a reality for many first-time homebuyers.

In passing this legislation, however, we made a seemingly inadvertent change to the law regarding what kind of residential projects qualify for increased loan payments. We restricted the projects that are eligible for increased loan limits to those which contain less than five units and take steps to improve energy efficiency.

Before the FHA Downpayment Simplification Act, this provision read that increased loan limits could be granted to projects that contained less than 5 units or are taking steps to improve energy efficiency. The net effect is large projects that want to employ energy-efficient measures are not eliminated from receiving FHA mortgage insurance.

The need for additional high-quality, affordable housing cannot be overstated. Our bill will correct the mistake and restore FHA mortgage insurance for large residential projects that are also energy efficient.

This is win-win legislation that will help stimulate construction of more responsibly built, affordable housing units, create jobs, and encourage investment, and it obviously is also environmentally responsible.

Again, I would like to thank my colleagues for bringing this bill to the floor so quickly, and I encourage its swift passage.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, today I join my colleague and cosponsor of this bill, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS), in support of the Energy Efficient Housing Technical Correction Act.

This legislation will provide incentives for builders to include environmentally friendly additions to multi-family housing developments, by making projects eligible for 20 percent more FHA mortgage insurance. This is a noncontroversial, technical fix that corrects an oversight in the legislation enacted in the 107th Congress. This legislation is also included in the comprehensive energy bill where it received bipartisan, bicameral support.

Enactment of H.R. 3724 will allow increases in the maximum mortgage limits for FHA insurance for multi-family housing projects that choose to install solar energy systems or residential en-

ergy conservation measures. Currently, housing projects with five or fewer units are permitted FHA insurance in amounts up to 20 percent higher than the standard limit for the purpose of making environmental improvements. This legislation on the floor today allows multi-family developments with more than five units to be eligible for this same higher FHA coverage for environmental improvements. Higher FHA coverage was allowed for environmental improvements for multi-family housing prior to the 107th Congress when it was inadvertently deleted.

□ 1615

It only makes sense that projects with more than five units, where the environmental benefits are greater, should be eligible for the extra FHA insurance.

My colleagues who work on housing and environmental issues know that including solar energy systems and conservation measures can add significant building costs. This legislation will provide an important incentive for builders to make these additional investments that benefit their residents and communities as a whole.

It is my hope that this legislation will become law as soon as possible so that its benefits can begin to flow into the community. Whether Members represent urban, suburban or rural districts, I am certain that the benefits of this legislation will potentially be felt by many of our constituents.

Finally I want to thank the leadership of the committee, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. OXLEY) and the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. FRANK) and also my colleague and friend, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS) for his work on this issue. It is my pleasure to work on many important environmental causes with him. And I appreciate his dedication to clean air, clean water, and conservation.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this legislation and urge a yes vote from my colleagues.

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

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I would again like to thank the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY). We have worked on a number of issues together and it is always done very professionally. I am always proud to be by her side on legislation, and this is one example. I again thank our leadership on both sides of the aisle. I urge passage of this bill.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GILCHREST). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3724.

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.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 17 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS) at 6 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.

PRIVILEGED REPORT REQUESTING DOCUMENTS IN POSSESSION OF THE PRESIDENT AND CERTAIN OFFICIALS RELATING TO DISCLOSURE OF IDENTITY AND EMPLOYMENT OF MS. VALERIE PLAME

Mr. GOSS, from the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 108-413, Part 1) on the resolution (H. Res. 499) requesting the President and directing the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents in the possession of the President and those officials relating to the disclosure of the identity and employment of Ms. Valerie Plame, which was ordered to be printed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The report will be received as Part 1.

MAKING IN ORDER AT ANY TIME ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order at any time on Wednesday February 4, 2004, for the majority leader or his designee to call up the following resolutions: H. Res. 493, H. Res. 496, H. Res. 497, H. Res. 498, H. Res. 511, H. Res. 512, and H. Con. Res. 355; and each resolution be considered as read and the previous question be considered as ordered on each resolution to final adoption without intervening motion except (1) 1 hour of debate and (2) one motion to recommit.

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

There was no objection.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3030, IMPROVING THE COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT ACT OF 2003

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report

(Rept. No. 108-412) on the resolution (H. Res. 513) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3030) to amend the Community Service Block Grant Act to provide for quality improvements, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

House Resolution 507, by the yeas and nays;

House Resolution 157, by the yeas and nays;

House Joint Resolution 84, by the yeas and nays.

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

EXPRESSING SORROW ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE "COLUMBIA" ACCIDENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 507.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 507, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 397, nays 0, not voting 35, as follows:

[Roll No. 12]

YEAS—397

Abercrombie	Boehner	Chocola
Ackerman	Bonilla	Coble
Aderholt	Bonner	Cole
Akin	Bono	Collins
Alexander	Boozman	Cooper
Allen	Boswell	Costello
Andrews	Boucher	Cramer
Baca	Boyd	Crane
Bachus	Bradley (NH)	Crenshaw
Baird	Brady (PA)	Crowley
Baker	Brady (TX)	Cubin
Baldwin	Brown (OH)	Cummings
Ballance	Brown (SC)	Cunningham
Ballenger	Brown, Corrine	Davis (AL)
Barrett (SC)	Burgess	Davis (CA)
Bartlett (MD)	Burns	Davis (FL)
Barton (TX)	Burr	Davis (IL)
Bass	Burton (IN)	Davis (TN)
Beauprez	Buyer	Davis, Jo Ann
Becerra	Calvert	Davis, Tom
Bell	Camp	Deal (GA)
Bereuter	Cannon	DeFazio
Berkley	Cantor	Delahunt
Berman	Capito	DeLauro
Berry	Capps	DeLay
Biggart	Capuano	DeMint
Bilirakis	Cardin	Deutsch
Bishop (GA)	Cardoza	Diaz-Balart, L.
Bishop (NY)	Carson (IN)	Diaz-Balart, M.
Bishop (UT)	Carson (OK)	Dingell
Blackburn	Carter	Doggett
Blumenauer	Case	Doolittle
Blunt	Castle	Doyle
Boehler	Chabot	Dreier

Duncan	Lampson	Renzi
Dunn	Lantos	Reyes
Edwards	Larsen (WA)	Reynolds
Ehlers	Larson (CT)	Rodriguez
Emanuel	Latham	Rogers (AL)
Emerson	LaTourette	Rogers (KY)
Engel	Leach	Rogers (MI)
Evans	Lee	Rohrabacher
Everett	Levin	Ros-Lehtinen
Fattah	Lewis (CA)	Ross
Feeney	Lewis (GA)	Rothman
Ferguson	Lewis (KY)	Roybal-Allard
Filner	Linder	Royce
Flake	Lipinski	Ruppersberger
Foley	LoBiondo	Rush
Forbes	Lofgren	Ryan (WI)
Ford	Lowey	Sabo
Fossella	Lucas (KY)	Sánchez, Linda
Frank (MA)	Lynch	T.
Franks (AZ)	Majette	Sanchez, Loretta
Frelinghuysen	Maloney	Sanders
Frost	Manzullo	Sandlin
Gallegly	Markey	Saxton
Garrett (NJ)	Marshall	Schakowsky
Gerlach	Matheson	Schiff
Gibbons	Matsui	Schrock
Gilchrest	McCarthy (MO)	Scott (GA)
Gillmor	McCarthy (NY)	Scott (VA)
Gingrey	McCollum	Sensenbrenner
Gonzalez	McCotter	Serrano
Goode	McDermott	Sessions
Goodlatte	McGovern	Shadeegg
Gordon	McHugh	Shaw
Goss	McInnis	Shays
Granger	McIntyre	Sherman
Graves	McKeon	Sherwood
Green (TX)	McNulty	Shimkus
Green (WI)	Meehan	Shuster
Greenwood	Meek (FL)	Simmons
Gutknecht	Meeks (NY)	Simpson
Hall	Menendez	Skelton
Harman	Mica	Slaughter
Harris	Michaud	Smith (MI)
Hart	Miller (FL)	Smith (NJ)
Hastings (FL)	Miller (MI)	Smith (TX)
Hastings (WA)	Miller (NC)	Snyder
Hayes	Miller, Gary	Solis
Hayworth	Miller, George	Souder
Hefley	Mollohan	Spratt
Hensarling	Moore	Stearns
Herger	Moran (KS)	Stenholm
Hill	Moran (VA)	Strickland
Hinche	Murphy	Stupak
Hobson	Murtha	Sullivan
Hoeffel	Musgrave	Sweeney
Hoekstra	Nadler	Tancred
Holden	Napolitano	Tanner
Holt	Neal (MA)	Tauscher
Hooley (OR)	Nethercutt	Taylor (MS)
Hostettler	Neugebauer	Taylor (NC)
Houghton	Ney	Terry
Hoyer	Northup	Thomas
Hulshof	Norwood	Thompson (CA)
Hunter	Nunes	Thompson (MS)
Hyde	Nussle	Thornberry
Isakson	Oberstar	Tiahrt
Israel	Obey	Tiberi
Issa	Olver	Tierney
Istook	Osborne	Toomey
Jackson (IL)	Ose	Towns
Jackson-Lee	Otter	Turner (OH)
(TX)	Owens	Turner (TX)
Jefferson	Oxley	Udall (CO)
Jenkins	Pallone	Udall (NM)
John	Pascrell	Upton
Johnson (CT)	Pastor	Van Hollen
Johnson (IL)	Paul	Velázquez
Johnson, E. B.	Payne	Visclosky
Johnson, Sam	Pearce	Vitter
Jones (NC)	Pelosi	Walden (OR)
Jones (OH)	Pence	Walsh
Kanjorski	Peterson (MN)	Wamp
Kaptur	Peterson (PA)	Waters
Keller	Petri	Watt
Kelly	Pickering	Waxman
Kennedy (MN)	Pitts	Weiner
Kennedy (RI)	Platts	Weldon (FL)
Kildee	Pomeroy	Weldon (PA)
Kilpatrick	Porter	Weller
Kind	Portman	Wexler
King (IA)	Price (NC)	Whitfield
King (NY)	Pryce (OH)	Wicker
Kingston	Putnam	Wilson (NM)
Kirk	Quinn	Wilson (SC)
Kleczka	Radanovich	Wolf
Kline	Ramstad	Woolsey
Knollenberg	Rangel	Wu
Kolbe	Regula	Young (AK)
LaHood	Rehberg	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—35

Brown-Waite,	Farr	Myrick
Ginny	Gephardt	Ortiz
Clay	Grijalva	Pombo
Clyburn	Gutierrez	Rahall
Conyers	Hinojosa	Ryan (OH)
Cox	Honda	Ryun (KS)
Culberson	Inslee	Smith (WA)
DeGette	Kucinich	Stark
Dicks	Langevin	Tauzin
Dooley (CA)	Lucas (OK)	Watson
English	McCrery	Wynn
Eshoo	Millender-	
Etheridge	McDonald	

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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.

Stated for:

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 12, H. Res. 507, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, on the first vote this evening, on H.R. 507, I was unavoidably detained. I ask that the record reflect that had I been present I would have voted "yes."

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE REGARDING PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE BY CHINESE GOVERNMENT FOR THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN EFFORTS TO END CHINESE OCCUPATION OF TIBET

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 157.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. ROYCE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 157, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 398, nays 0, not voting 34, as follows:

[Roll No. 13]

YEAS—398

Abercrombie	Bartlett (MD)	Blumenauer
Ackerman	Barton (TX)	Blunt
Aderholt	Bass	Boehler
Akin	Beauprez	Boehner
Alexander	Becerra	Bonilla
Allen	Bell	Bonner
Andrews	Bereuter	Bono
Baca	Berkley	Boozman
Bachus	Berry	Boswell
Baird	Biggart	Boucher
Baker	Bilirakis	Boyd
Baldwin	Bishop (GA)	Bradley (NH)
Ballance	Bishop (NY)	Brady (PA)
Ballenger	Bishop (UT)	Brady (TX)
Barrett (SC)	Blackburn	Brown (OH)