

Thompson (CA) Upton Weller  
Thompson (MS) Van Hollen Wexler  
Thornberry Velázquez Wicker  
Tiahrt Visclosky Wilson (NM)  
Tiberi Vitter Wilson (SC)  
Tierney Walden (OR) Wolf  
Toomey Walsh Wu  
Towns Wamp Wynn  
Turner (OH) Waxman Young (AK)  
Turner (TX) Weiner Young (FL)  
Udall (CO) Weldon (FL)  
Udall (NM) Weldon (PA)

## NAYS—17

Conyers Lee Schakowsky  
Honda Lewis (GA) Stark  
Jackson (IL) McDermott Waters  
Jackson-Lee Owens Watson  
(TX) Paul Watt  
Kucinich Payne Woolsey

## NOT VOTING—13

Bereuter Gephardt Reyes  
Berman Hastings (FL) Tauzin  
Carson (IN) Hinojosa Whitfield  
DeMint McInnis  
Deutsch Mollohan

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LINDER) (during the vote). Two minutes remain in this vote.

□ 1740

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## RECOGNIZING NATIONAL HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 658.

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. GARY G. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 658, 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 415, nays 2, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 285]

## YEAS—415

Abercrombie Blackburn Cannon  
Ackerman Blumenauer Cantor  
Aderholt Blunt Capito  
Akin Boehlert Capps  
Alexander Boehner Capuano  
Allen Bonilla Cardin  
Andrews Bonner Cardoza  
Baca Bono Carson (OK)  
Bachus Boozman Carter  
Baird Boswell Case  
Baker Boucher Castle  
Baldwin Boyd Chabot  
Ballenger Bradley (NH) Chandler  
Barrett (SC) Brady (PA) Chocola  
Bartlett (MD) Brady (TX) Clay  
Barton (TX) Brown (OH) Clyburn  
Bass Brown (SC) Coble  
Beauprez Brown, Corrine Cole  
Becerra Brown-Waite, Collins  
Bell Ginny Conyers  
Berkley Burgess Cooper  
Berry Burns Costello  
Biggart Burr Cox  
Bilirakis Burton (IN) Cramer  
Bishop (GA) Buyer Crane  
Bishop (NY) Calvert Crenshaw  
Bishop (UT) Camp Crowley

Cubin Culberson  
Cummings  
Cunningham  
Davis (AL)  
Davis (CA)  
Davis (FL)  
Davis (IL)  
Davis (TN)  
Davis, Jo Ann  
Davis, Tom  
Deal (GA)  
DeFazio  
DeGette  
DeLahunt  
DeLauro  
DeLay  
Diaz-Balart, L.  
Diaz-Balart, M.  
Dicks  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Dooley (CA)  
Doolittle  
Doyle  
Dreier  
Duncan  
Dunn  
Edwards  
Ehlers  
Emanuel  
Emerson  
Engel  
English  
Eshoo  
Etheridge  
Evans  
Everett  
Farr  
Fattah  
Feeney  
Ferguson  
Filner  
Foley  
Forbes  
Ford  
Fossella  
Frank (MA)  
Franks (AZ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Frost  
Gallegly  
Garrett (NJ)  
Gerlach  
Gibbons  
Gilchrest  
Gillmor  
Gingrey  
Gonzalez  
Goode  
Goodlatte  
Gordon  
Goss  
Granger  
Graves  
Green (TX)  
Green (WI)  
Greenwood  
Grijalva  
Gutierrez  
Gutknecht  
Hall  
Harman  
Harris  
Hart  
Hastings (WA)  
Hayes  
Hayworth  
Hefley  
Hensarling  
Herger  
Herseth  
Hill  
Hinchey  
Hobson  
Hoeffel  
Hoekstra  
Holt  
Honda  
Hooley (OR)  
Hostettler  
Houghton  
Hoyer  
Hulshof  
Hunter  
Hyde  
Inslee  
Isakson

Israel Nunes  
Issa Nussle  
Istook Oberstar  
Jackson (IL) Obey  
Jackson-Lee Oliver  
(TX) Ortiz  
Jefferson Osborne  
Jenkins Ose  
John Otter  
Johnson (CT) Owens  
Johnson (IL) Oxley  
Johnson, E. B. Pallone  
Johnson, Sam Pascarell  
Jones (NC) Pastor  
Jones (OH) Payne  
Kanjorski Pearce  
Kaptur Pelosi  
Keller Pence  
Kelly Peterson (MN)  
Kennedy (MN) Peterson (PA)  
Kennedy (RI) Petri  
Kildee Pickering  
Kilpatrick Pitts  
Kind Platts  
King (IA) Pombo  
King (NY) Pomeroy  
Kingston Porter  
Kirk Portman  
Klecza Price (NC)  
Kline Pryce (OH)  
Knollenberg Putnam  
Kolbe Quinn  
Kucinich Radanovich  
LaHood Rahall  
Lampson Ramstad  
Langevin Rangel  
Larsen (WA) Regula  
Larson (CT) Rehberg  
Latham Renzi  
LaTourette Reynolds  
Leach Rodriguez  
Lee Rogers (AL)  
Levin Rogers (KY)  
Lewis (CA) Rogers (MI)  
Lewis (GA) Rohrabacher  
Lewis (KY) Ros-Lehtinen  
Linder Ross  
Lipinski Rothman  
LoBiondo Roybal-Allard  
Lofgren Royce  
Lowey Ruppersberger  
Lucas (KY) Rush  
Lucas (OK) Ryan (OH)  
Lynch Ryan (WI)  
Majette Ryun (KS)  
Maloney Sabo  
Manzullo Sánchez, Linda  
Markey T.  
Marshall Sanchez, Loretta  
Matheson Sanders  
Matsui Sandlin  
McCarthy (MO) Saxton  
McCarthy (NY) Schakowsky  
McCollum Schiff  
McCotter Schrock  
McCrery Scott (GA)  
McDermott Scott (VA)  
McGovern Sensenbrenner  
McHugh Serrano  
McIntyre Sessions  
McKeon Shadegg  
McNulty Shaw  
Meehan Shays  
Meek (FL) Sherman  
Meeks (NY) Sherwood  
Menendez Shimkus  
Mica Shuster  
Michaud Simmons  
Millender Simpson  
McDonald Skelton  
Miller (FL) Slaughter  
Miller (MI) Smith (MI)  
Miller (NC) Smith (NJ)  
Miller, Gary Smith (TX)  
Miller, George Smith (WA)  
Moore Snyder  
Moran (KS) Solis  
Moran (VA) Souder  
Murphy Spratt  
Murtha Stearns  
Musgrave Stenholm  
Nadler Strickland  
Napolitano Stupak  
Neal (MA) Sullivan  
Nethercutt Sweeney  
Neugebauer Tancredo  
Ney Tanner  
Northup Tauscher  
Norwood Taylor (MS)

Taylor (NC) Udall (NM) Weldon (FL)  
Terry Upton Weldon (PA)  
Thomas Van Hollen Weller  
Thompson (CA) Velázquez Wexler  
Thompson (MS) Visclosky Wicker  
Thornberry Vitter Wilson (NM)  
Tiahrt Walden (OR) Wilson (SC)  
Tiberi Walsh Wolf  
Tierney Wamp Woolsey  
Toomey Waters Wu  
Towns Watson Wynn  
Turner (OH) Watt Young (AK)  
Turner (TX) Waxman Young (FL)  
Udall (CO) Weiner

## NAYS—2

Flake Paul

## NOT VOTING—16

Bereuter Hastings (FL) Reyes  
Berman Hinojosa Stark  
Carson (IN) Lantos Tauzin  
DeMint McInnis Whitfield  
Deutsch Mollohan  
Gephardt Myrick

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Two minutes remain in this vote.

□ 1748

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

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from the Chamber today during rollcall votes No. 284 and No. 285.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 284, and "yea" on rollcall No. 285.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 283, the Inslee amendment—"yes"; rollcall No. 284, Final Passage of H.R. 4613—"yes"; and rollcall No. 285, H. Res. 658—"yes."

## APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN STUDY ABROAD FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LINDER). Pursuant to section 104(c)(1) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004, (Public Law 108-199), and the order of the House of December 8, 2003, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following members on the part of the House to the Commission on the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program:

Mr. Mark Kirk, Wilmette, Illinois;  
Mr. JOHN C. Peters, DeKalb, Illinois;  
Mr. S. Kerry Cooper, College Station, Texas.

## COMMUNICATION FROM HONORABLE NANCY PELOSI, DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable NANCY PELOSI, Democratic Leader:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
OFFICE OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER,  
Washington, DC, June 22, 2004.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 104(c)(1) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004 (P.L. 108-199), I hereby appoint to the Commission on the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program, Representative Louise Slaughter of New York, Dr. Mary M. Dwyer of Lake Forest, Illinois, and Ms. Mora McLean of New York.

Best regards,

NANCY PELOSI.

**REPORT REGARDING ICELAND'S  
WHALING ACTIVITIES—MESSAGE  
FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 108-  
195)**

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 and the Committee on Resources and ordered to be printed:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

On June 16, 2004, Secretary of Commerce Donald Evans certified under section 8 of the Fisherman's Protective Act of 1967, as amended (the "Pelly Amendment") (22 U.S.C. 1978), that Iceland has conducted whaling activities that diminish the effectiveness of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) conservation program. This message constitutes my report to the Congress consistent with subsection (b) of the Pelly Amendment.

The certification of the Secretary of Commerce is the first against Iceland for its lethal research whaling program. In 2003, Iceland announced that it would begin a lethal research whaling program and planned to take 250 minke, fin, and sei whales for research purposes. The United States expressed strong opposition to Iceland's decision, in keeping with our longstanding policy against lethal research whaling. Iceland's proposal was criticized at the June 2003 IWC Annual Meeting by a majority of members of the IWC Scientific Committee, and the IWC passed a resolution that urged Iceland not to commence this program. In addition, the United States, along with 22 other nations, issued a joint protest asking Iceland to halt the program immediately. The United States believe the Icelandic research whaling program is of questionable scientific validity. Scientific data relevant to the management of whale stocks can be collected by non-lethal techniques. Since Iceland's 2003 announcement, Iceland reduced its proposed take to 38 minke whales and in implementing its lethal research program, killed 36 whales last year. For this year, Iceland has proposed taking 25 minke whales. The United States welcomes this decision to reduce the take and to limit it to

minke whales, and we appreciate Iceland's constructive work with the United States at the IWC on a variety of whaling issues. These adjustments, however, do not change our assessment that Iceland's lethal research whaling program is of questionable scientific validity and diminishes the effectiveness of the IWC's conservation program.

In his letter of June 16, 2004, Secretary Evans expressed his concern for these actions, and I share these concerns. I also concur in his recommendation that the use of trade sanctions is not the course of action needed to resolve our current differences with Iceland over research whaling activities. Accordingly, I am not directing the Secretary of the Treasury to impose trade sanctions on Icelandic products for the whaling activities that led to certification by the Secretary of Commerce. However, to ensure that this issue continues to receive the highest level of attention, I am directing U.S. delegations attending future bilateral meetings with Iceland regarding whaling issues to raise our concerns and seek ways to halt these whaling actions. I am also directing the Secretaries of State and Commerce to keep this situation under close review and to continue to work with Iceland to encourage it to cease its lethal scientific research whaling activities. I believe these diplomatic efforts hold the most promise of effecting change in Iceland's research whaling program, and do not believe that imposing import prohibitions would further our objectives.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, June 22, 2004.

**PRAISE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S  
JOBS AND GROWTH TAX RELIEF  
PACKAGE**

(Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise the President and my colleagues in Congress for passing tax relief that has more Americans working today and taking home even more of their hard-earned money.

The American economy was delivered three very substantial blows with the downturn in the global economy, the corporate scandals, and the attack of 9-11. We are now on the high-speed highway to recovery.

America has a broad, deep economy that is rapidly growing. In fact, the tax relief we passed has added jobs for the past 9 months, creating 1.4 million jobs. My State of Florida has seen almost 300,000 new jobs since December of 2001. And let me tell the Members, Mr. Speaker, I can see the results when I am in my district. There are help wanted signs out once again. What a wonderful sight to see.

The President's Jobs and Growth tax relief package enacted a year ago

helped drive the strong improvement in our economy. It raised the level of economic activity and productivity which will result in higher incomes and living standards for all American workers.

I praise the President and this House for engineering that growth.

**THE PRESIDENT'S ECONOMIC  
POLICY**

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, President Bush again was in Ohio this past week to try to justify his economic program to try to sell it to the residents of my State.

Since President Bush took office, one out of six manufacturing jobs has disappeared from my State. President Bush will be the first President since Herbert Hoover to have a net loss of jobs during his time in office. Ohio has lost 190 jobs every single day of the Bush administration.

His answer is always the same: more tax breaks for large corporations and the wealthiest people in the country which might, he thinks, trickle down to create jobs, and more trade agreements like NAFTA which all serve only to ship jobs overseas.

Mr. Speaker, instead of this disastrous Bush economic policy, we need to change directions, extend unemployment benefits, and give tax incentives to those corporations that do business in the United States rather than using U.S. taxpayer subsidies to reward those companies that go overseas and ship jobs overseas and outsource our middle-class jobs.

**COMMENDING THE BUSH ADMINIS-  
TRATION FOR A JOB WELL DONE**

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, while there is still a lot of work left to do in Iraq, it is very significant that on June 30, the new government takes over. This is a step that is largely accepted by the international community as a good thing.

Progress is being made, but America is still going to have to stay in there for security reasons to help rebuild the infrastructure and to get the international community to continue to support the new government. We need to stick together on this.

Meanwhile, domestically the economy is picking up. Three hundred thousand jobs were created last month. It bring us to, I believe, something like 900,000 jobs this year. Huge economic growth, lots of opportunities are out there.

For our senior citizens, Medicare cards are now available that give up to a 20 to 25 percent discount on prescription drugs, very helpful for those who are on a fixed income and those who are in retirement.

This administration has taken significant steps to continue to make