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HONORING 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF PASSAGE OF CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FOSSELLA). The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 676.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SENSENBRENNER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 676, 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 414, nays 1, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 304]

YEAS—414

Abercrombie	Boozman	Coble
Ackerman	Boswell	Cole
Aderholt	Boucher	Collins
Akin	Boyd	Conyers
Alexander	Bradley (NH)	Cooper
Allen	Brady (PA)	Costello
Andrews	Brady (TX)	Cox
Baca	Brown (SC)	Cramer
Bachus	Brown, Corrine	Crane
Baird	Brown-Waite,	Crenshaw
Baker	Ginny	Crosley
Baldwin	Burgess	Cubin
Ballenger	Burns	Culberson
Barrett (SC)	Burr	Cummings
Bartlett (MD)	Burton (IN)	Cunningham
Bass	Buyer	Davis (AL)
Beauprez	Calvert	Davis (CA)
Becerra	Camp	Davis (FL)
Bell	Cannon	Davis (IL)
Berkley	Cantor	Davis (TN)
Berry	Capito	Davis, Jo Ann
Biggert	Capps	Davis, Tom
Billirakis	Capuano	Deal (GA)
Bishop (GA)	Cardin	DeFazio
Bishop (NY)	Cardoza	DeGette
Bishop (UT)	Carson (OK)	Delahunt
Blackburn	Carter	DeLauro
Blumenauer	Case	DeLay
Blunt	Castle	Diaz-Balart, L.
Boehlert	Chabot	Diaz-Balart, M.
Boehner	Chandler	Dicks
Bonilla	Choccola	Dingell
Bonner	Clay	Doggett
Bono	Clyburn	Dooley (CA)

Doyle	Holt	Maloney
Dreier	Honda	Manzullo
Duncan	Hooley (OR)	Markey
Dunn	Hostettler	Marshall
Edwards	Houghton	Matheson
Ehlers	Hoyer	Matsui
Emanuel	Hulshof	McCarthy (MO)
Emerson	Hunter	McCarthy (NY)
Engel	Hyde	McCollum
English	Inslee	McCotter
Eshoo	Isakson	McCrery
Etheridge	Israel	McGovern
Evans	Issa	McHugh
Everett	Istook	McInnis
Farr	Jackson (IL)	McIntyre
Fattah	Jackson-Lee	McKeon
Feeney	(TX)	McNulty
Ferguson	Jefferson	Meehan
Filner	Jenkins	Meek (FL)
Flake	John	Menendez
Foley	Johnson (CT)	Mica
Forbes	Johnson (IL)	Michaud
Ford	Johnson, E. B.	Millender-
Fossella	Johnson, Sam	McDonald
Frank (MA)	Jones (NC)	Miller (FL)
Franks (AZ)	Kanjorski	Miller (MI)
Frelinghuysen	Kaptur	Miller (NC)
Frost	Keller	Miller, Gary
Gallegly	Kelly	Miller, George
Garrett (NJ)	Kennedy (MN)	Mollohan
Gerlach	Kennedy (RI)	Moore
Gibbons	Kildee	Moran (KS)
Gilchrest	Kilpatrick	Moran (VA)
Gillmor	Kind	Murphy
Gingrey	King (IA)	Murtha
Gonzalez	King (NY)	Musgrave
Goode	Kingston	Myrick
Goodlatte	Kirk	Nadler
Gordon	Kleczka	Napolitano
Goss	Kline	Neal (MA)
Graves	Knollenberg	Nethercutt
Green (TX)	Kolbe	Neugebauer
Green (WI)	Kucinich	Ney
Greenwood	LaHood	Northup
Grijalva	Lampson	Norwood
Gutierrez	Langevin	Nunes
Gutknecht	Lantos	Nussle
Hall	Larsen (WA)	Oberstar
Harman	Larson (CT)	Obey
Harris	Latham	Olver
Hart	LaTourette	Ortiz
Hastings (WA)	Leach	Osborne
Hayes	Lee	Ose
Hayworth	Levin	Otter
Hefley	Lewis (CA)	Owens
Hensarling	Lewis (GA)	Oxley
Hergert	Lewis (KY)	Pallone
Herseth	Lipinski	Pascarell
Hill	LoBiondo	Pastor
Hinchey	Lofgren	Payne
Hinojosa	Lowey	Pearce
Hobson	Lucas (KY)	Pelosi
Hoeffel	Lucas (OK)	Pence
Hoekstra	Lynch	Peterson (MN)
Holden	Majette	Peterson (PA)

Petri	Saxton	Thompson (CA)
Pickering	Schakowsky	Thompson (MS)
Pitts	Schiff	Thornberry
Platts	Schrock	Tiahrt
Pombo	Scott (GA)	Tiberi
Pomeroy	Scott (VA)	Tierney
Porter	Sensenbrenner	Toomey
Portman	Serrano	Towns
Price (NC)	Sessions	Turner (OH)
Pryce (OH)	Shadegg	Turner (TX)
Putnam	Shaw	Udall (CO)
Radanovich	Shays	Udall (NM)
Rahall	Sherman	Upton
Ramstad	Sherwood	Van Hollen
Rangel	Shimkus	Velázquez
Regula	Shuster	Visclosky
Rehberg	Simmons	Vitter
Renzi	Simpson	Walden (OR)
Reyes	Skelton	Walsh
Reynolds	Slaughter	Wamp
Rodriguez	Smith (MI)	Waters
Rogers (AL)	Smith (NJ)	Watson
Rogers (KY)	Smith (WA)	Watt
Rogers (MI)	Snyder	Waxman
Rohrabacher	Solis	Weiner
Ros-Lehtinen	Souder	Weldon (FL)
Ross	Spratt	Weldon (PA)
Rothman	Stark	Weller
Roybal-Allard	Stearns	Wexler
Royce	Stenholm	Whitfield
Ruppersberger	Strickland	Wicker
Rush	Stupak	Wilson (NM)
Ryan (OH)	Sullivan	Wilson (SC)
Ryan (WI)	Sweeney	Wolf
Ryun (KS)	Tancredo	Woolsey
Sabo	Tanner	Wu
Sánchez, Linda	Tauscher	Wynn
T.	Taylor (MS)	Young (AK)
Sanchez, Loretta	Taylor (NC)	Young (FL)
Sanders	Terry	
Sandlin	Thomas	

NAYS—1

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NOT VOTING—18

Barton (TX)	Deutsch	Linder
Bereuter	Doolittle	McDermott
Berman	Gephardt	Meeks (NY)
Brown (OH)	Granger	Quinn
Carson (IN)	Hastings (FL)	Smith (TX)
DeMint	Jones (OH)	Tauzin

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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.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and unable to cast a number of rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall No. 293, "yes" on rollcall No. 294, "yes" on rollcall No. 295, "yes" on rollcall No. 296, "yes" on rollcall No. 299, "yes" on rollcall No. 300, "yes" on rollcall No. 301, "no" on rollcall No. 302, "no" on rollcall No. 303, and "yes" on rollcall No. 304.

CHILD NUTRITION AND WIC
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2004

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the Senate bill (S. 2507) to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to provide children with increased access to food and nutrition assistance, to simplify program operations and improve program management, to reauthorize child nutrition programs, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, although I do not intend to object, I ask the gentleman to offer an explanation of his request.

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. I yield to the gentleman from Ohio.

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this measure, which represents months of hard work and commitment to bipartisan cooperation.

In that spirit we have before us a bill that will extend the life of the Federal child nutrition programs while strengthening program integrity, ensuring effective use of Federal resources, and providing continued nutritional services for millions of American children. And I am pleased to have reached a bipartisan, bicameral consensus that finally will allow the President to sign these important reforms into law.

First and foremost, I want to recognize the gentleman from Delaware (Mr. CASTLE), chairman; and the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY), ranking member of the Education Reform Subcommittee, who deserve a great deal of credit for their hard work and cooperation that have brought this bill before us today. I also want to thank the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER), the ranking member of the committee, for his continued commitment to a bipartisan, cooperative process.

The Federal child nutrition programs ensure millions of needy children have access to nutritious meals. While we all know that a healthful diet is nec-

essary for children to achieve full physical development and long-term health and is critical for academic success as well in school, for this reason the investment in these programs is considerable. And so is our obligation to ensure our Federal resources are being used effectively and efficiently. Children and families depend on Federal child nutrition programs, and they depend on us to ensure that these programs are being administered with integrity.

The Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act extends the National School Lunch and Breakfast programs; Child and Adult Care Food Program; After-School Snack Program; the Summer Food Service Program; and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, the WIC program. Taken together, the reforms in this bill will help ensure we are making the most of Federal resources to improve the nutritional health of children while being mindful of program quality and integrity.

The bill before us strikes an important balance between our desire to promote healthy nutritional choices and physical activity among children and the need to preserve local control for our schools. The gentleman from Delaware (Mr. CASTLE), the author of the House version of this legislation, has been a leader in our efforts to reduce the epidemic of child obesity by promoting a comprehensive approach that includes nutrition education and physical activity. In particular, the establishment of a local wellness policy, written at the local level to reflect local needs, marks significant progress that will promote nutrition education and increased physical activity in schools while maintaining local control.

To improve integrity in the Federal child nutrition programs and ensure access for eligible children, the legislation makes a number of positive reforms. The bill allows children whose parents who are in the Armed Forces and living in privatized military housing to continue to receive free or reduced-price meals at school if they meet the eligibility requirements. It also helps parents by allowing them to submit a single application for multiple children and ensures enrollment of eligible children through the use of direct certification of school lunch eligibility for those children and families receiving food stamps.

The Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act also takes steps to reduce paperwork by allowing school lunch certifications to be valid for 1 full year, preventing situations in which schools are forced to repeatedly certify children within a single school year. The bill also includes a provision originally proposed by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. KELLER) to help reduce the stigma amongst children receiving free and reduced-priced lunches by helping schools make technological improvements, such as automated meal

card systems that keep students' financial status confidential to increase the efficiency of program operations.

In recognition of the success and popularity of the Fruit and Vegetable Pilot program, which currently provides fresh and dried fruits and fresh vegetables to children in 25 schools in each of four States and one Indian reservation, I am pleased that the bill before us authorizes the continuation and expansion of this valuable pilot program.

And since this measure originally passed the House, we have worked closely with Members on both sides of the aisle and in both legislative bodies to reach a consensus, which is embodied in the bill that we have before us today. And through that process, we have reached an agreement on additional reforms that will further strengthen and improve child nutrition programs. We have included a demonstration program that will allow us to evaluate the impact of eliminating the reduced-price meal category, an initiative many of us are interested in exploring, and authorize six additional States, including my home State of Ohio, to participate in the Lugar pilot program under the Summer Feeding Program.

Additionally, I am pleased to have reached a commonsense solution to address concerns about the most efficient use of taxpayer resources particularly within the WIC program. The bill includes strong cost-containment measures to ensure that WIC food costs and voucher payments are consistent with competitive retail prices for supplemental foods. And this will ensure efficient use of taxpayer dollars while protecting our ability to serve the greatest number of eligible women, infants, and children.

The Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act will prevent important nutritional programs from expiring while ensuring that they continue to operate effectively and efficiently. And I am pleased to support this measure and would encourage my colleagues to do so.

There are a number of staff members from our committee who I believe deserve special recognition and thanks. And they include Stephanie Milburn, Krisann Pearce, Cindy Herrle, Julian Baer, Denise Forte, Linda Theif. And I also want to thank Tyson Redpath on my staff and Sarah Rittling on the gentleman from Delaware's (Mr. CASTLE) staff. And Kate Houston, she wrote it. Kate Houston spent hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of hours over this last year shepherding this and working with staff on both sides of the aisle. And I think all of our colleagues realize that we could not do the job that we do as Members without having terrific staff, and on our committee we have got terrific staff on both sides of the aisle. I want to thank all of them.

I include letters for the RECORD.