

Pryce (OH)
Putnam
Radanovich
Ramstad
Rehberg
Reynolds
Rogers (MI)
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Royce
Ryan (WI)

Ryun (KS)
Schrock
Sensenbrenner
Sessions
Shadegg
Shays
Shimkus
Shuster
Stearns
Sullivan
Tancredo

Terry
Thomas
Thornberry
Tiberi
Toomey
Turner (OH)
Upton
Vitter
Weldon (PA)
Wilson (SC)
Young (AK)

Waxman
Weiner
Weldon (FL)
Weller
Wexler

Ballenger
Barton (TX)
Bereuter
Berman
Carson (IN)
Collins
Deutsch

Whitfield
Wicker
Wilson (NM)
Wolf
Woolsey

Wu
Wynn
Young (FL)

Goss
Graves
Green (TX)
Green (WI)
Greenwood
Gutknecht
Hall
Harman
Harris
Hart
Hayes
Hayworth
Hensarling
Herger

Matheson
Matsui
McCarthy (NY)
McCotter
McCrery
McHugh
McInnis
McIntyre
McKeon
McNulty
Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)
Menendez
Mica

Ruppersberger
Ryan (OH)
Ryan (WI)
Ryun (KS)
Sánchez, Linda
T.
Sanchez, Loretta
Sanders
Sandlin
Schiff
Scott (GA)
Sensenbrenner
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Sherman
Sherwood
Shimkus
Shuster
Simmons
Simpson
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Snyder
Souder
Spratt
Stearns
Stenholm
Strickland
Stupak
Sullivan
Sweeney
Tancredo
Tanner
Tauscher
Taylor (MS)
Taylor (NC)
Terry
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Thompson (CA)
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Turner (OH)
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Udall (CO)
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Upton
Van Hollen
Visclosky
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Walden (OR)
Walsh
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Wilson (NM)
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Young (AK)
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NOES—268

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Aderholt
Alexander
Allen
Andrews
Baca
Baird
Baldwin
Becerra
Bell
Berkley
Berry
Bilirakis
Bishop (GA)
Bishop (NY)
Blumenauer
Bonilla
Bonner
Bono
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Brady (PA)
Brown (OH)
Brown, Corrine
Calvert
Capps
Capuano
Cardin
Cardoza
Carson (OK)
Case
Chandler
Clay
Clyburn
Coble
Conyers
Cooper
Costello
Cramer
Crenshaw
Crowley
Culberson
Cummings
Cunningham
Davis (AL)
Davis (CA)
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
Davis (TN)
Davis, Jo Ann
Davis, Tom
DeFazio
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
Dicks
Dingell
Doggett
Dooley (CA)
Doolittle
Doyle
Edwards
Emanuel
Emerson
Engel
English
Eshoo
Etheridge
Evans
Everett
Farr
Fattah
Ferguson
Filner
Ford
Frank (MA)
Frelinghuysen
Frost
Gerlach
Gonzalez
Goss
Green (TX)
Grijalva
Gutierrez

Hall
Harman
Hayes
Herseth
Hill
Hinchey
Hinojosa
Hobson
Hoeffel
Holden
Holt
Honda
Hooley (OR)
Hoyer
Hunter
Hyde
Inslee
Israel
Istook
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jefferson
John
Johnson, E. B.
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kennedy (RI)
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kind
King (NY)
Kingston
Klecza
Knollenberg
Kolbe
Kucinich
LaHood
Lampson
Langevin
Lantos
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Latham
LaTourette
Leach
Lee
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (GA)
Lewis (KY)
Lipinski
LoBiondo
Lofgren
Lowey
Lucas (KY)
Lynch
Majette
Maloney
Markey
Marshall
Matheson
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McCollum
McGovern
McHugh
McIntyre
McKeon
McNulty
Meehan
Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)
Menendez
Mica
Michaud
Millender-
McDonald
Miller (MI)
Miller (NC)
Miller, George
Moore
Moran (VA)
Murtha
Nadler

Napolitano
Neal (MA)
Nethercutt
Northup
Oberstar
Obey
Oliver
Ortiz
Osborne
Holden
Pallone
Pascarell
Pastor
Payne
Pelosi
Peterson (MN)
Peterson (PA)
Pomeroy
Porter
Price (NC)
Quinn
Rahall
Rangel
Regula
Renzi
Reyes
Rodriguez
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Ross
Roybal-Allard
Ruppersberger
Rush
Ryan (OH)
Sabo
Sánchez, Linda
T.
Sanchez, Loretta
Sanders
Sandlin
Saxton
Schakowsky
Schiff
Scott (GA)
Scott (VA)
Serrano
Shaw
Sherman
Sherwood
Simmons
Simpson
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Snyder
Solis
Souder
Spratt
Stark
Stenholm
Strickland
Stupak
Sweeney
Tanner
Tauscher
Taylor (MS)
Taylor (NC)
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Tierney
Towns
Turner (TX)
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Van Hollen
Velázquez
Visclosky
Walden (OR)
Walsh
Wamp
Waters
Watson
Watt

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 0016

So the bill was not passed.
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

CONGRATULATING THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ ON ITS FORTHCOMING ASSUMPTION OF SOVEREIGN AUTHORITY IN IRAQ

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of agreeing to the resolution, House Resolution 691, on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution, 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 352, nays 57, not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 319]

YEAS—352

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Aderholt
Akin
Alexander
Allen
Andrews
Baca
Cantor
Bachus
Baird
Baker
Barrett (SC)
Bartlett (MD)
Bass
Beauprez
Becerra
Bell
Berkley
Berry
Biggart
Bilirakis
Bishop (GA)
Bishop (NY)
Bishop (UT)
Blackburn
Blunt
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bonner
Bono
Boozman
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Bradley (NH)
Brady (PA)
Brady (TX)
Brown (SC)
Brown, Corrine
Brown-Waite,
Ginny
Burgess

Burns
Burr
Burton (IN)
Buyer
Calvert
Camp
Cannon
Cantor
Capito
Capps
Capuano
Cardin
Cardoza
Carson (OK)
Carter
Case
Castle
Chabot
Chandler
Chocola
Clyburn
Coble
Cole
Cooper
Costello
Cox
Cramer
Crane
Crenshaw
Crowley
Cubin
Culberson
Cunningham
Davis (AL)
Davis (CA)
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
Davis (TN)
Davis, Jo Ann
Davis, Tom
Deal (GA)
DeFazio
DeLauro

DeLay
DeMint
Diaz-Balart, L.
Diaz-Balart, M.
Dicks
Dingell
Doggett
Dooley (CA)
Doolittle
Doyle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Edwards
Ehlers
Emanuel
Emerson
Engel
English
Etheridge
Evans
Everett
Fattah
Feeney
Ferguson
Flake
Foley
Forbes
Ford
Fossella
Franks (AZ)
Frelinghuysen
Frost
Gallegly
Garrett (NJ)
Gerlach
Gibbons
Gilchrest
Gillmor
Gingrey
Gonzalez
Goode
Goodlatte

LaHood
Lampson
Langevin
Lantos
Larsen (WA)
Latham
LaTourette
Leach
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Lipinski
LoBiondo
Lowey
Lucas (KY)
Lucas (OK)
Lynch
Majette
Manzullo
Marshall

Pryce (OH)
Putnam
Quinn
Radanovich
Rahall
Ramstad
Regula
Rehberg
Renzi
Reyes
Reynolds
Rodriguez
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rogers (MI)
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Ross
Roybal-Allard
Royce

NAYS—57

Baldwin
Blumenauer
Brown (OH)
Clay
Conyers
Cummings
DeGette
Delahunt
Eshoo
Farr
Filner
Frank (MA)
Grijalva
Gutierrez
Nadler
Neal (MA)
Oberstar
Olver
Owens

Kilpatrick
Klecza
Kucinich
Larson (CT)
Lee
Lewis (GA)
Lofgren
Maloney
Markey
McCarthy (MO)
McCollum
McGovern
Meehan
Miller, George
Nadler
Neal (MA)
Oberstar
Olver
Owens

Pallone
Pastor
Paul
Payne
Rangel
Rush
Sabo
Schakowsky
Scott (VA)
Serrano
Solis
Stark
Tierney
Towns
Velázquez
Walden
Watt
Wexler
Woolsey

NOT VOTING—24

Ballenger	Gordon	McDermott
Barton (TX)	Granger	Mollohan
Bereuter	Hastings (FL)	Murtha
Berman	Hastings (WA)	Rothman
Carson (IN)	Hefley	Schrock
Collins	Hobson	Sessions
Deutsch	Houghton	Smith (MI)
Gephardt	Jones (OH)	Tauzin

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS) (during the vote). Members are advised 2 minutes remain in this vote.

□ 0023

Mr. WEXLER and Mr. DELAHUNT changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4614, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 108-569) on the resolution (H. Res. 694) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4614) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SESSIONS. 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 H.R. 4663.

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

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER OF ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION BOARD OF ADVISORS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (42 USC 15344), and the order of the House of December 8, 2003, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following member on the part of the House to the Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors for a term of two years:

Mr. J.C. Watts, Jr., Norman, Oklahoma.

PATRIOTIC EMPLOYERS OF GUARD AND RESERVISTS ACT OF 2004

(Mr. MCGOVERN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks and include therein extraneous material.)

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, currently over 170,000 National Guard and Reservists are on active duty serving in Afghanistan, Iraq, and elsewhere. President Bush just activated an additional 47,000 Reservists. Most are serving extended tours of duty, deployed for longer periods than their families or their employers expected. Seventy percent of these Guard and Reservists work in small or medium-size businesses. When called to active duty, their civilian job and salary is put on hold.

They begin receiving military pay, which is often less than their civilian salary, placing undue hardship on families already suffering the absence of a loved one.

Yesterday, I introduced H.R. 4655, the Patriotic Employers of Guard and Reservists Act. The bill provides tax relief to those employers who close the pay gap of Guardsmen and Reservists serving overseas and tax credits to defray the cost of training new workers to fill these temporary vacancies.

H.R. 4655 helps our troops and their families and encourages more companies to keep their employees on payroll when serving our Nation. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 4655. And I urge that it move rapidly through this House.

BASIC FACTS AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON H.R. 4655, THE PATRIOTIC EMPLOYERS OF GUARD AND RESERVISTS ACT OF 2004

Since September 11th, more than 350,000 members of the National Guard and Reserves have been called to active duty, and the Pentagon increasingly relies on the Army, Navy and Air Force Reserves and our National Guard to achieve its missions. Currently, over 170,000 are serving on active duty in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere. President Bush recently activated an additional 47,000 Reservists. Not since World War II have so many National Guard members been called to serve abroad.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce estimates that 70 percent of military Reservists called to active duty work in small- or medium-size companies.

Most Guard and Reservists are serving extended tours of duty and have been deployed for longer periods than they, their families, or their employers expected. The continuing, extended activation of Guard and Reserve members has imposed a tremendous burden on many companies, small businesses and manufacturers, as well as placing an undue financial burden on families already suffering the absence of a loved one. Currently, more than 41 percent of military Reservists and National Guard members face a pay cut when they are called to active duty.

In January, the Commander of the Army Reserve, Lt. General James R. Helmly, warned of a recruiting-retention crisis in the future for the National Guard and Reserves. A recent U.S. military questionnaire of returning Army National Guard soldiers projected a resignation rate of double what it was in November 2001. From October to December 2003, almost one-quarter of National Guard members who have had the opportunity to re-enlist have opted not to do so. Recently, the U.S. Army developed a plan to pay Reservists up to \$10,000 to re-enlist in order to stop a developing problem.

H.R. 4655 encourages all employers, especially small businesses, to pay their reservist employees when they face a reduction in sal-

ary due to their military activation. Employers who continue to pay their reservist all or part of their civilian salary will be eligible to receive a tax credit up to \$15,000 of the wages they pay per employee who has been called up to active duty by the National Guard or Reserves for as long as the Reservist is on active duty status (up to a maximum of two years).

Additionally, many small employers currently have a difficult time hiring and training temporary workers to fill the temporary vacancies caused by employees called to active duty. H.R. 4655 provides a tax credit of 50 percent up to \$6,000 to help companies defray the costs of hiring and training a replacement worker, and up to \$10,000 for small manufacturers.

The Joint Committee on Taxation estimates this measure would cost \$2 billion through FY 2014, or approximately \$200 million annually; \$1.2 billion of those costs would occur in FY 2005 through FY 2009, given the current unusually large-scale and extended deployments of National Guard and Reserve forces.

The proposal to provide tax credits to employers and close the pay-gap for Reservists and National Guardsmen is supported by the United States Conference of Mayors, the National Guard Association of the United States, and the Reserve Officers Association of the United States.

COSPONSOR H.R. 4655, THE PATRIOTIC EMPLOYERS OF GUARD AND RESERVISTS ACT

DEAR COLLEAGUE. When a national Guardsman or Reservist is called up to active duty, their civilian job—and salary—is put on hold, and they begin receiving military pay, which is often much less than their civilian salary. This places undue hardship on many families who are already suffering the absence of a loved one. The military increasingly relies on our Reserves and National Guard forces to achieve its missions. Currently, over 170,000 National Guard and Reservists are on active duty, with many serving in Iraq, Afghanistan or elsewhere on the front lines of the war against terror. Furthermore, most are serving extended tours of duty, deployed for longer periods than they, their families, or their employers expected.

We invite you to join us as cosponsors to H.R. 4655, the Patriotic Employers of Guard and Reservists Act of 2004. This bill provides tax credits to those employers who continue to pay the salary of National Guardsmen and Reservists serving overseas and tax credits to help these employers defray the costs of hiring and training new workers to fill these temporary vacancies. H.R. 4655 will do a lot to help our troops' families and encourage more companies to keep their employees on salary while serving our nation.

Specifically, H.R. 4655 will:

Provide a 50% tax credit to employers continuing to pay activated Guard and Reserve employees, with a cap of \$30,000 (i.e. \$15,000 credit) per employee;

Cover salaries paid on days when the employee is activated for up to 2 years to cover the entirety of the deployment; and

Provide a 50% tax credit to employers up to \$12,000 in costs (i.e. \$6,000 tax credit) to help companies, especially small businesses and manufacturers, hire and train temporary workers to fill-in for activated employees.

We all know the continuing activation of our Guard and Reservists has imposed a tremendous burden on many of our country's companies, small businesses, and manufacturers. The U.S. Chamber of Congress estimates that 70 percent of military reservists called to active duty work in small- or medium-sized businesses. The proposal to provide tax credits to employers and close the