

We do not have to tell people or remind them about how this economy is suffering: almost 2 million jobs lost in the last several years and still not anywhere near back to where we were in January of 2001.

We know what a generator of jobs, what a booster of the economy small businesses can be, and we also know how important the Small Business Administration is in providing capital for these businesses. So if we could do the bill that is before us today but also bring forward the Small Business Administration reauthorization, we could deal with that issue of capital.

At a time when the economy is suffering as much as it is, many businesses are starting to fail. They need that capital so that they can retool. Some need it to grow. And we need some new businesses to fill in where others have left. That cannot happen without this bill coming forward.

The so-called 7(a) loans are by far the most critical capital vehicles that we have for small businesses: \$11 billion in loans to small businesses every year. That aspect has to be assured to businesses. If we do nothing by the end of this month, fees for that will double, freezing out many businesses from the opportunity to get access to this money so that they can expand or they can start up.

Time after time, we hear on the floor and we hear in people's individual districts how much they feel for small business and how certain they are that small businesses add to the benefit of our country.

Mr. Speaker, we need to put our money where our mouth is. We need this measure to be brought forward. I support today's bill because it does a good thing, particularly with respect to the women's business centers across the country, but realize that we have to do more and move the Small Business Administration reauthorization forward.

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, there is no disagreement that we should pass this extension. It is, though, embarrassing that it has come to this. We expect small businesses to meet their taxes, comply with Federal regulations and pay their employees on time. But when it comes to Congress, we are not held accountable for our failure to meet their needs.

At a time when our economy is struggling, at a time when small businesses are struggling, Congress should be holding up its end of the deal. Passing the Small Business Administration Reauthorization Act must be a priority.

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

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

I would like to thank the gentlewoman from New York (Ms.

VELÁZQUEZ) for not only her advocacy for this bill before us today, but for her advocacy for small business. She is one of the staunchest cheerleaders for small businesses across this Nation, and I appreciate her service and her ability to get things done.

I thank our chairman, the gentleman from Illinois (Chairman MANZULLO), who is not with us today, to thank him also for his small business advocacy. It is good to know that we have a bipartisan opinion on this bill. I look forward to its passage, and I look forward to all of us working together to see that small business not only grows but thrives under this bill and also under further legislation.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FLAKE). The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5008.

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.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 27 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WALDEN of Oregon) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

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 Concurrent Resolution 363, by the yeas and nays;

House Resolution 667, by the yeas and nays; and

House Resolution 760, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. The second and third vote in this series will be 5-minute votes.

EXPRESSING GRAVE CONCERN OF CONGRESS REGARDING CONTINUING GROSS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES OF SYRIAN PEOPLE BY GOVERNMENT OF SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 363, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 363, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 342, nays 0, answered "present" 1, not voting 90, as follows:

[Roll No. 441]

YEAS—342

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| Abercrombie | Costello | Granger |
| Aderholt | Cox | Graves |
| Akin | Cramer | Green (TX) |
| Alexander | Crane | Green (WI) |
| Allen | Crenshaw | Greenwood |
| Andrews | Cubin | Gutknecht |
| Baca | Culberson | Hall |
| Bachus | Cummings | Harman |
| Baird | Cunningham | Harris |
| Baldwin | Davis (AL) | Hart |
| Barrett (SC) | Davis (CA) | Hastings (WA) |
| Bartlett (MD) | Davis (FL) | Hayes |
| Barton (TX) | Davis (IL) | Hayworth |
| Bass | Davis (TN) | Hefley |
| Becerra | Davis, Jo Ann | Hensarling |
| Bell | Davis, Tom | Herseth |
| Berkley | Deal (GA) | Hill |
| Berman | DeFazio | Hinojosa |
| Berry | DeGette | Hobson |
| Billirakis | Delahunt | Holden |
| Bishop (GA) | DeLauro | Holt |
| Bishop (NY) | DeLay | Honda |
| Blackburn | Deutsch | Hooley (OR) |
| Blumenauer | Diaz-Balart, L. | Hostettler |
| Blunt | Diaz-Balart, M. | Hoyer |
| Boehner | Dicks | Hulshof |
| Bonilla | Dingell | Hunter |
| Bonner | Doggett | Hyde |
| Bono | Dooley (CA) | Israel |
| Boswell | Doolittle | Issa |
| Boucher | Doyle | Istook |
| Boyd | Dreier | Jackson (IL) |
| Bradley (NH) | Duncan | Jackson-Lee |
| Brady (PA) | Dunn | (TX) |
| Brady (TX) | Edwards | Jefferson |
| Brown (SC) | Ehlers | Jenkins |
| Brown, Corrine | Emanuel | John |
| Brown-Waite, | Eshoo | Johnson (CT) |
| Ginny | Etheridge | Johnson (IL) |
| Burgess | Farr | Johnson, Sam |
| Burns | Fattah | Jones (NC) |
| Burton (IN) | Feeney | Jones (OH) |
| Butterfield | Ferguson | Kanjorski |
| Buyer | Filner | Keller |
| Calvert | Flake | Kelly |
| Camp | Foley | Kennedy (MN) |
| Cantor | Forbes | Kildee |
| Capito | Ford | Kilpatrick |
| Capps | Fossella | Kind |
| Cardin | Frank (MA) | King (IA) |
| Cardoza | Franks (AZ) | King (NY) |
| Carson (IN) | Frelinghuysen | Kingston |
| Case | Galleghy | Kirk |
| Castle | Garrett (NJ) | Kline |
| Chabot | Gibbons | Knollenberg |
| Chandler | Gilchrest | Kolbe |
| Chocoma | Gillmor | LaHood |
| Clyburn | Gingrey | Lampson |
| Coble | Gonzalez | Lantos |
| Cole | Goode | Larsen (WA) |
| Collins | Goodlatte | Larson (CT) |
| Cooper | Gordon | Latham |

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| Leach | Oliver | Sherman |
| Lee | Ortiz | Sherwood |
| Levin | Osborne | Shimkus |
| Lewis (CA) | Ose | Shuster |
| Lewis (GA) | Otter | Simmons |
| Lewis (KY) | Oxley | Skeltton |
| Linder | Pallone | Smith (NJ) |
| LoBiondo | Pastor | Smith (TX) |
| Lofgren | Payne | Snyder |
| Lowey | Pearce | Solis |
| Lucas (OK) | Pelosi | Souder |
| Maloney | Pence | Spratt |
| Manzullo | Peterson (MN) | Stearns |
| Marshall | Petri | Stenholm |
| Matheson | Pickering | Strickland |
| McCarthy (MO) | Pitts | Stupak |
| McCarthy (NY) | Platts | Sullivan |
| McCollum | Pombo | Tancred |
| McCotter | Pomeroy | Tanner |
| McCrery | Porter | Tauscher |
| McDermott | Portman | Terry |
| McHugh | Price (NC) | Thomas |
| McIntyre | Putnam | Thompson (CA) |
| McNulty | Radanovich | Thornberry |
| Meehan | Rahall | Tiahrt |
| Meek (FL) | Ramstad | Tiberi |
| Meeks (NY) | Rehberg | Tierney |
| Menendez | Renzi | Turner (OH) |
| Mica | Reyes | Udall (CO) |
| Michaud | Reynolds | Upton |
| Millender- | Rodriguez | Van Hollen |
| McDonald | Rogers (AL) | Velázquez |
| Miller (FL) | Rohrabacher | Visclosky |
| Miller (MI) | Ros-Lehtinen | Walden (OR) |
| Miller (NC) | Ross | Walsh |
| Miller, Gary | Rothman | Wamp |
| Miller, George | Roybal-Allard | Watson |
| Mollohan | Royce | Watt |
| Moore | Ruppersberger | Weldon (FL) |
| Moran (KS) | Rush | Weldon (PA) |
| Moran (VA) | Ryan (OH) | Weller |
| Murphy | Ryan (WI) | Wexler |
| Musgrave | Ryun (KS) | Whitfield |
| Myrick | Sánchez, Linda | Wicker |
| Nadler | T. | Wilson (NM) |
| Napolitano | Sanchez, Loretta | Wilson (SC) |
| Neugebauer | Schiff | Wolf |
| Ney | Scott (GA) | Woolsey |
| Northup | Scott (VA) | Wu |
| Norwood | Sensenbrenner | Wynn |
| Nunes | Sessions | Young (AK) |
| Nussle | Shadegg | Young (FL) |
| Oberstar | Shaw | |
| Obey | Shays | |

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Waters

NOT VOTING—90

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| Ackerman | Herger | Pryce (OH) |
| Baker | Hinchey | Quinn |
| Ballenger | Hoeffel | Rangel |
| Beauprez | Hoekstra | Regula |
| Biggert | Houghton | Rogers (KY) |
| Bishop (UT) | Inlee | Rogers (MI) |
| Boehlert | Isakson | Sabo |
| Boozman | Johnson, E. B. | Sanders |
| Brown (OH) | Kaptur | Sandlin |
| Burr | Kennedy (RI) | Saxton |
| Cannon | Klecza | Schakowsky |
| Capuano | Kucinich | Schrock |
| Carson (OK) | Langevin | Serrano |
| Carter | LaTourette | Simpson |
| Clay | Lipinski | Slaughter |
| Conyers | Lucas (KY) | Smith (MI) |
| Crowley | Lynch | Smith (WA) |
| DeMint | Majette | Stark |
| Emerson | Markey | Sweeney |
| Engel | Matsui | Tauzin |
| English | McGovern | Taylor (MS) |
| Evans | McInnis | Taylor (NC) |
| Everett | McKeon | Thompson (MS) |
| Frost | Murtha | Toomey |
| Gephardt | Neal (MA) | Towns |
| Gerlach | Nethercutt | Turner (TX) |
| Goss | Owens | Udall (NM) |
| Grijalva | Pascarell | Vitter |
| Gutierrez | Paul | Waxman |
| Hastings (FL) | Peterson (PA) | Weiner |

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 1857

Mr. TIERNEY changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So (two-thirds of those present having voted in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of the concurrent resolution was amended so as to read: "Concurrent resolution expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the continuing gross violations of human rights and civil liberties of the Syrian and Lebanese people by the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and notwithstanding intervening debate, the next two electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

There was no objection.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM D. FORD

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

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise with great sadness this evening to announce the death of our dear friend and former colleague, Congressman William D. Ford. He died on August 14.

Congressman Ford spent 3 decades serving the Nation in this institution. He was a great champion for the causes that concerned so many Americans, from ensuring that each child had a quality education to become successful citizens, to making sure that our workplaces were safer.

His father's death in a factory accident led to a lifelong commitment to protect the health and safety of employees in the workplace. Congressman Ford worked every day in his life to be the champion of the working poor and the middle class.

Bill Ford was a member of the House from 1965 to 1995, representing Michigan's 15th and 13th congressional districts. During his 30-year-and-more tenure, he served as chairman of the House Committee on the Post Office and Civil Service, as well as the chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor.

He was the oldest son of immigrant Spanish parents and the first member of his family to attend college. He served his Nation in the United States Navy. He attended the University of Denver on the GI Bill.

He was the author of many important pieces of legislation to benefit ordinary, working Americans.

Prior to serving in the Congress, he was a delegate to the Michigan Constitutional Convention and a member

of the Michigan State Senate. He served as city attorney in a number of communities in Michigan.

He is survived by his three children, William D. Ford, Jr.; Margaret Van Fleet Ford; and John Ford; three grandchildren; a sister, Janet Ford; and a brother, Robert Ford.

Our Nation is a better place because of his work and dedication. His life left a mark on this Nation. His death is a tremendous loss, and those of my colleagues who knew him understand the sorrow that I feel tonight, as I am sure they feel their own.

A memorial service will be held tomorrow in Washington.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR FREEDOM IN HONG KONG

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 667.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 667, 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 345, nays 0, answered "present" 1, not voting 87, as follows:

[Roll No. 442]

YEAS—345

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| Abercrombie | Cantor | Doyle |
| Aderholt | Capito | Dreier |
| Akin | Capps | Duncan |
| Alexander | Cardin | Dunn |
| Allen | Cardoza | Edwards |
| Andrews | Carson (IN) | Ehlers |
| Baca | Case | Emanuel |
| Bachus | Castle | Eshoo |
| Baird | Chabot | Etheridge |
| Baldwin | Chandler | Farr |
| Barrett (SC) | Chocola | Fattah |
| Bartlett (MD) | Clyburn | Feeney |
| Barton (TX) | Coble | Ferguson |
| Bass | Cole | Filner |
| Becerra | Collins | Flake |
| Bell | Cooper | Foley |
| Berkley | Costello | Forbes |
| Berman | Cox | Ford |
| Berry | Cramer | Fossella |
| Bilirakis | Crane | Frank (MA) |
| Bishop (GA) | Crenshaw | Franks (AZ) |
| Bishop (NY) | Cubin | Frelinghuysen |
| Blackburn | Culberson | Gallely |
| Blumenauer | Cummings | Garrett (NJ) |
| Blunt | Cunningham | Gibbons |
| Boehner | Davis (AL) | Gilchrest |
| Bonilla | Davis (CA) | Gillmor |
| Bonner | Davis (FL) | Gingrey |
| Bono | Davis (IL) | Gonzalez |
| Boswell | Davis (TN) | Goode |
| Boucher | Davis, Jo Ann | Goodlatte |
| Boyd | Davis, Tom | Gordon |
| Bradley (NH) | Deal (GA) | Granger |
| Brady (PA) | DeFazio | Graves |
| Brady (TX) | DeGette | Green (WI) |
| Brown (SC) | Delahunt | Greenwood |
| Brown, Corrine | DeLauro | Gutknecht |
| Brown-Waite, | DeLay | Hall |
| Ginny | Deutsch | Harman |
| Burgess | Diaz-Balart, L. | Harris |
| Burns | Diaz-Balart, M. | Hart |
| Burton (IN) | Dicks | Hastings (WA) |
| Butterfield | Dingell | Hayes |
| Buyer | Doggett | Hayworth |
| Calvert | Dooley (CA) | Hefley |
| Camp | Doolittle | Hensarling |