

it will benefit the veterans of my home state of South Dakota, as well as the other veterans around the country.

I fully support H.R. 3665, as amended, and urge my colleagues to do the same.

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, as Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I rise in strong support of H.R. 3665, the Veterans Housing and Employment Improvement Act of 2005, as amended. This is a bipartisan bill that as amended also includes provisions from Chairman BOOZMAN'S H.R. 3279, the Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program Reauthorization Act of 2005, Ranking Member HERSETH'S H.R. 1773, the Native American Veteran Home Loan Act, and Mr. SIMPSON'S H.R. 419, the Hire Veterans Act of 2005.

Title I of this bill, as amended, would improve the flexibility of the VA's Adapted Housing Grant Program, and make the Native American Veterans Home Loan Program permanent.

Title II of the bill would extend the life of the President's National Hire Veterans Committee (PNHVC), which was created by Public Law 107-288 to improve industry's awareness of the value inherent in increasing the number of veterans hired by the private sector. The Committee determined that a one-year extension of the PNHVC's three-year authority for purposes of winding down its operations, in addition to providing opportunity for added oversight, would be an appropriate way to ensure that the Department of Labor integrates the positive aspects of the PNHVC into its future activities.

Title III of the bill would reauthorize the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP), which is administered by VETS. Based on testimony and meetings with HVRP providers, the program appears to be one of the more successful homeless programs in government by rehabilitating and finding jobs for the most difficult to place population of veterans.

Title IV of the bill would also make technical, clarifying, and conforming changes to new section 1980A of title 38, the Traumatic Injury Protection program, which was established in the supplemental.

Madam Speaker, as Chairman of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I would like to thank the Ranking Member of the Committee, Mr. LANE EVANS (IL) for his cooperation in moving this legislation to the floor. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work of Mr. BOOZMAN (AR), and Ms. HERSETH (SD), the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, through whose leadership and hard work, this legislation has come before the House. Its timing is especially propitious, the day after tomorrow being Veterans' Day.

Madam Speaker, I strongly urge all my colleagues to support this important legislation.

Mr. EVANS. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 3665, as amended.

It is only fitting that as November 11th approaches and we prepare to commemorate another Veterans Day, we are meeting here today on the House floor to discuss and pass this legislation, which is intended to honor the courage and sacrifice of the nation's veterans.

I would like to thank Chairman BUYER for his support of this bill.

I also want to thank the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Economic Opportunity Subcommittee, JOHN BOOZMAN and STEPHANIE

HERSETH, for their work in developing and moving this important legislation to the floor.

The housing, employment and homeless provisions contained in the bill are very important and should be enacted into law.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to be an original cosponsor of this bill.

Our servicemembers, veterans and military families sacrifice greatly.

It is our responsibility to care and provide for them upon their return from service as we do when we send them off to war.

I strongly support this measure, Madam Speaker, and I urge all my colleagues to vote for its passage.

Mr. FALCOMA. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3665, the Veterans Housing and Employment Improvement Act of 2005. I especially want to thank Chairman STEVE BUYER and Ranking Member LANE EVANS of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and also Chairman JOHN BOOZMAN and Ranking Member STEPHANIE HERSETH of the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity for their leadership in making it possible for Native Americans to participate in the veterans' housing loan program.

I am especially thankful that American Samoa's veterans have also been able to participate in this very successful program. Today, I am here to thank my colleagues for working with me to address the concerns of American Samoans without adversely affecting the rights of other tribes.

Many Samoans have served in the military and they are allowed to obtain home loans under current law. Other Samoans are married to non-Samoan veterans. Nonnative military spouses married to native Samoans have not been able to qualify for the VA home loan program. In part, this is because the Native American Home Loan program excludes the spouses of non-native Americans from qualifying for a VA home loan.

For my constituents, this is problematic. In brief, most land in American Samoa is communal, meaning that only Samoans of Tutuila, Manu's, Aunu'u, or Swain Islands may qualify for home loans offered by traditional lending institutions because only they can make claim to native land.

As a result of these land laws, non-native spouses of veterans or persons serving in the U.S. Armed Forces who are married to a Samoan may not qualify for a VA home loan. The VA has been helpful in assisting the Veterans' Affairs Committee and my office in drafting language to rectify this problem and I am pleased that this language has now been included in H.R. 3665.

As we have agreed, it is our understanding that this language now makes it possible for a non-Samoan military member or veteran to qualify for a VA loan if the non-Samoan military member has a "meaningful interest" in the housing a Samoan spouse has been granted permission to build on communal land. It is also our understanding that "meaningful interest" means that the veteran has the right to reside in the home under tribal laws.

Madam Speaker, I urge support of H.R. 3665 and I again thank my colleagues for including my provision in this important legislation. I also thank the VA for its assistance, and Ms. Mary Ellen McCarthy, Democratic Staff Director for Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, for her tireless efforts. I urge support of this legislation.

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, having no further requests for time, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. CAPITO). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3665, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam 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. 3665.

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

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Conference report on H.R. 2419, by the yeas and nays;

Conference report on H.R. 2862, by the yeas and nays;

Motion to suspend the rules on S. 1894, 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.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2419, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question on adoption of the conference report on the bill, H.R. 2419, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 399, nays 17, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 580]

YEAS—399

Abercrombie Diaz-Balart, M. Kennedy (RI)
 Ackerman Dicks Kildee
 Aderholt Dingell Kilpatrick (MI)
 Akin Doggett Kind
 Alexander Doolittle King (IA)
 Allen Doyle King (NY)
 Baca Drake Kingston
 Bachus Dreier Kirk
 Baird Edwards Kline
 Baker Ehlers Knollenberg
 Baldwin Emanuel Kolbe
 Barrett (SC) Emerson Kuhl (NY)
 Barrow Engel LaHood
 Bartlett (MD) English (PA) Langevin
 Barton (TX) Eshoo Lantos
 Bass Etheridge Larsen (WA)
 Bean Evans Larson (CT)
 Beauprez Everett Latham
 Becerra Farr LaTourette
 Berman Fattah Leach
 Berry Feeney Lee
 Biggert Ferguson Levin
 Bilirakis Filner Lewis (CA)
 Bishop (GA) Fitzpatrick (PA) Lewis (GA)
 Bishop (UT) Eshoo Lewis (KY)
 Blackburn Forbes Linder
 Blumenauer Ford Lipinski
 Blunt Fortenberry LoBiondo
 Boehlert Fossella Lofgren, Zoe
 Boehner Foxx Lowey
 Bonilla Frank (MA) Lucas
 Bonner Franks (AZ) Lungren, Daniel
 Bono Frelinghuysen E.
 Boozman Gallegly Lynch
 Boren Garrett (NJ) Mack
 Boucher Gerlach Maloney
 Boustany Gilchrest Manzullo
 Boyd Gillmor Marchant
 Bradley (NH) Gingrey Markey
 Brady (PA) Gohmert Marshall
 Brady (TX) Gonzalez Matsui
 Brown (OH) Goode McCarthy
 Brown (SC) Goodlatte McCaul (TX)
 Brown, Corrine Gordon McCollum (MN)
 Burgess Granger McCotter
 Burton (IN) Graves McCreery
 Butterfield Green, Al McDermott
 Buyer Green, Gene McGovern
 Calvert Grijalva McHenry
 Camp Gutierrez McHugh
 Cannon Gutknecht McIntyre
 Cantor Hall McKeon
 Capito Harman McKinney
 Capps Harris McMorris
 Capuano Hart McNulty
 Cardin Hastings (WA) Meehan
 Cardoza Hayes Meek (FL)
 Carnahan Hayworth Melancon
 Carson Hensarling Menendez
 Carter Herger Mica
 Case Herseith Michaud
 Castle Higgins Miller (MI)
 Chabot Hinchey Miller (NC)
 Chandler Hinojosa Miller, Gary
 Chocola Hobson Miller, George
 Clay Hoekstra Mollohan
 Cleaver Holden Moore (KS)
 Clyburn Holt Moore (WI)
 Coble Honda Moran (KS)
 Cole (OK) Hoolley Moran (VA)
 Conyers Hoyer Murphy
 Cooper Hulshof Murtha
 Costa Hunter Musgrave
 Costello Hyde Myrick
 Cramer Inglis (SC) Nadler
 Crenshaw Inslee Napolitano
 Crowley Israel Neal (MA)
 Cubin Issa Neugebauer
 Cuellar Istook Ney
 Culberson Jackson (IL) Northup
 Cummings Jackson-Lee Nunes
 Cunningham (TX) Nussle
 Davis (AL) Jefferson Oberstar
 Davis (CA) Jenkins Obey
 Davis (IL) Jindal Oliver
 Davis (KY) Johnson (CT) Ortiz
 Davis (TN) Johnson (IL) Osborne
 Davis, Jo Ann Johnson, E. B. Otter
 Davis, Tom Johnson, Sam Owens
 DeFazio Jones (NC) Pallone
 DeGette Jones (OH) Pascrell
 Delahunt Kanjorski Pastor
 DeLauro Kaptur Payne
 DeLay Keller Pearce
 Dent Kelly Pelosi
 Diaz-Balart, L. Kennedy (MN) Pence

Peterson (MN) Sanchez, Linda
 Peterson (PA) T.
 Petri Sanchez, Loretta
 Pickering Sanders
 Pitts Saxton
 Platts Schakowsky
 Poe Schiff
 Pombo Schmidt
 Pomeroy Schwartz (PA)
 Price (GA) Schwarz (MI)
 Price (NC) Scott (GA)
 Pryce (OH) Scott (VA)
 Putnam Serrano
 Radanovich Shadegg
 Rahall Shaw
 Ramstad Shays
 Rangel Sherman
 Regula Sherwood
 Rehberg Shimkus
 Reichert Shuster
 Renzi Simmons
 Reyes Simpson
 Reynolds Skelton
 Rogers (AL) Smith (NJ)
 Rogers (KY) Smith (TX)
 Rogers (MI) Smith (WA)
 Rohrabacher Snyder
 Ross-Lehtinen Sodrel
 Foley Souder
 Rothman Spratt
 Roybal-Allard Royce
 Royce Ruppersberger
 Sullivan Rush
 Ryan (OH) Tanner
 Ryan (WI) Tauscher
 Ryun (KS) Taylor (MS)
 Sabo Taylor (NC)
 Salazar Terry
 Thomas

Thompson (CA) Thompson (MS)
 Thornberry
 Tiahrt
 Tiberi
 Tierney
 Towns
 Udall (CO)
 Udall (NM)
 Upton
 Van Hollen
 Velázquez
 Visclosky
 Walden (OR)
 Walsh
 Wamp
 Wasserman
 Schultz
 Waters
 Watson
 Watt
 Waxman
 Weiner
 Weldon (FL)
 Weldon (PA)
 Weller
 Westmoreland
 Wexler
 Whitfield
 Wicker
 Wilson (NM)
 Wilson (SC)
 Wolf
 Woolsey
 Wu
 Wynn
 Young (AK)

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 397, nays 19, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 581]

YEAS—397

Abercrombie DeLauro Johnson, Sam
 Ackerman DeLay Jones (OH)
 Aderholt Dent Kanjorski
 Akin Diaz-Balart, L. Kaptur
 Alexander Diaz-Balart, M. Keller
 Allen Dicks Kelly
 Andrews Dingell Kennedy (MN)
 Baca Doolittle Kennedy (RI)
 Bachus Doyle Kildee
 Baird Drake Kilpatrick (MI)
 Baker Dreier Kind
 Barrett (SC) Edwards King (IA)
 Barrow Ehlers King (NY)
 Bartlett (MD) Emanuel Kingston
 Barton (TX) Emerson Kirk
 Bass Engel Kline
 Bean English (PA) Knollenberg
 Beauprez Eshoo Kolbe
 Becerra Etheridge Kucinich
 Berkley Evans Kuhl (NY)
 Berman Everett LaHood
 Berry Farr Langevin
 Biggert Fattah Lantos
 Bilirakis Feeney Larsen (WA)
 Bishop (GA) Ferguson Larson (CT)
 Bishop (UT) Filner Latham
 Blackburn Fitzpatrick (PA) LaTourette
 Blumenauer Foley Leach
 Blunt Forbes Lee
 Boehlert Fortenberry Lewis (CA)
 Boehner Fossella Lewis (GA)
 Bonilla Foxx Lewis (KY)
 Bonner Frank (MA) Linder
 Bono Franks (AZ) Lipinski
 Boozman Frelinghuysen LoBiondo
 Boren Gallegly Lofgren, Zoe
 Boucher Garrett (NJ) Lowey
 Boustany Gerlach Lucas
 Boyd Gibbons Lungren, Daniel
 Bradley (NH) Gilchrest E.
 Brady (PA) Gillmor Mack
 Brady (TX) Gingrey Maloney
 Brown (OH) Gohmert Manzullo
 Brown (SC) Gonzalez Marchant
 Brown, Corrine Goode Markey
 Burgess Goodlatte Marshall
 Burton (IN) Gordon Matsui
 Buyer Granger McCarthy
 Calvert Graves McCaul (TX)
 Camp Green, Gene McCollum (MN)
 Cannon Grijalva McCotter
 Cantor Gutierrez McCreery
 Capito Gutknecht McGovern
 Capps Hall McHenry
 Capuano Harman McHugh
 Cardin Harris McIntyre
 Cardoza Hart McKeon
 Carnahan Hastings (WA) McKinney
 Carson Hayes McMorris
 Carter Hayworth McNulty
 Case Hensarling Meehan
 Castle Herger Meek (FL)
 Chabot Herseith Melancon
 Chandler Hinojosa Menendez
 Chocola Hobson Miller, Gary
 Clay Hoekstra Miller, George
 Cleaver Holden Moore (KS)
 Clyburn Holt Moore (WI)
 Coble Honda Moran (KS)
 Cole (OK) Hoolley Moran (VA)
 Conyers Hoyer Murphy
 Cooper Hulshof Murtha
 Costa Hunter Musgrave
 Costello Hyde Myrick
 Cramer Inglis (SC) Nadler
 Crenshaw Inslee Napolitano
 Crowley Israel Neal (MA)
 Cubin Issa Neugebauer
 Cuellar Istook Ney
 Culberson Jackson (IL) Northup
 Cummings Jackson-Lee Nunes
 Cunningham (TX) Nussle
 Davis (AL) Jefferson Oberstar
 Davis (CA) Jenkins Obey
 Davis (IL) Jindal Oliver
 Davis (KY) Johnson (CT) Ortiz
 Davis (TN) Johnson (IL) Osborne
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 DeFazio Jones (NC) Pallone
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 Delahunt Kanjorski Pastor
 DeLauro Kaptur Payne
 DeLay Keller Pearce
 Dent Kelly Pelosi
 Diaz-Balart, L. Kennedy (MN) Pence

NAYS—17

Andrews Gibbons Miller (FL)
 Berkeley Green (WI) Porter
 Bishop (NY) Hefley Sensenbrenner
 Deal (GA) Hostettler Stearns
 Duncan Kucinich Tancredo
 Flake Matheson

NOT VOTING—17

Boswell Millender-
 Brown-Waite, McDonald Strickland
 Ginny Norwood Sweeney
 Conaway Oxley Turner
 Davis (FL) Paul Young (FL)
 Hastings (FL) Sessions
 Meeks (NY) Slaughter

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Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin and Mr. KUCINICH changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. EDWARDS changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 580 on H.R. 2419, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2862, SCIENCE, STATE, JUSTICE, COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. CAPITO). The pending business is the question on adoption of the conference report on the bill, H.R. 2862, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.