

Kind	Nadler	Sherman
Kucinich	Oberstar	Skelton
Langevin	Obey	Slaughtner
Lantos	Olver	Smith (WA)
Larsen (WA)	Ortiz	Snyder
Larson (CT)	Owens	Solis
Lee	Pallone	Spratt
Levin	Pascrell	Stark
Lewis (GA)	Pastor	Strickland
Lipinski	Payne	Stupak
Lofgren, Zoe	Pelosi	Tanner
Lowe	Peterson (MN)	Tauscher
Lynch	Pomeroy	Taylor (MS)
Maloney	Price (NC)	Thompson (CA)
Marshall	Rahall	Thompson (MS)
Matheson	Rangel	Tierney
McCarthy	Reyes	Towns
McCollum (MN)	Ross	Udall (CO)
McDermott	Rothman	Udall (NM)
McIntyre	Roybal-Allard	Van Hollen
McKinney	Ruppersberger	Velázquez
McNulty	Rush	Visclosky
Meehan	Ryan (OH)	Wasserman
Meek (FL)	Sabo	Schultz
Melancon	Salazar	Waters
Menendez	Sánchez, Linda	Watson
Michaud	T.	Watt
Miller (NC)	Sanchez, Loretta	Waxman
Miller, George	Schakowsky	Weiner
Mollohan	Schiff	Wexler
Moore (KS)	Schwartz (PA)	Woolsey
Moore (WI)	Scott (GA)	Wu
Moran (VA)	Scott (VA)	Wynn
Murtha	Serrano	

NOT VOTING—15

Capuano	Harris	Napolitano
Carson	Markey	Neal (MA)
Cleaver	McGovern	Ramstad
Ferguson	Meeks (NY)	Sanders
Foley	Millender-	
Gillmor	McDonald	

□ 1545

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY and Messrs. BECERRA, CHANDLER, RUPPERSBERGER and TAYLOR of Mississippi changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, on the previous vote which was rollcall no. 42, I inadvertently voted “yes.” I want the record to reflect that I meant to vote “no.”

(Ms. PRYCE of Ohio asked and was given permission to speak out of order for 1 minute.)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PASSING OF FORMER COLLEAGUE TILLIE FOWLER

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great sadness to inform the House that our good friend and our distinguished former colleague from Florida, Tillie Fowler, passed away today at 10:30 a.m. Tillie epitomized the very meaning of class, and she was the Southern lady in this House. She was a rare find, an example to all Members of Congress in her patriotism and her bipartisanship, and to women everywhere in her ability to attain the highest levels of power while always putting her family first. Our prayers are with Tillie’s family during this difficult time, and we will all miss her greatly.

Her loved ones should know that Tillie left them, our country, and all who had the good fortune to know her a wonderful and lasting legacy.

And, Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. CRENSHAW) for a further announcement.

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding. Tillie had an awful lot of friends in this Chamber. And for those of you that will not be able to go to Jacksonville for the funeral service on Friday, next Tuesday night we have reserved a time of Special Order to celebrate her life and her service. And so if you would like to be part of that celebration, if you would please contact my office.

Tillie was a remarkable woman. She was a rare combination of passionate drive and dedication coupled with just a warm and caring feeling for all the people around her, and she will be missed by not only her family, but her friends in this Chamber, by the people of Florida, as well as the people of this Nation whom she so proudly served. So I am sure you all join as we send our thoughts and prayers to her husband Buck, and her two daughters in this difficult time.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Under the previous order by unanimous consent of earlier today, this next question will be a 5-minute vote.

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE CODE OF CONDUCT ACT OF 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 912.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 912, 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 416, nays 0, answered “present” 1, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 43]

YEAS—416

Abercrombie	Bilirakis	Brown, Corrine
Ackerman	Bishop (GA)	Brown-Waite,
Aderholt	Bishop (NY)	Ginny
Akin	Bishop (UT)	Burgess
Alexander	Blackburn	Burton (IN)
Andrews	Blumenauer	Butterfield
Baca	Blunt	Buyer
Bachus	Boehler	Calvert
Baird	Boehner	Camp
Baker	Bonilla	Cannon
Baldwin	Bonner	Cantor
Barrett (SC)	Bono	Capito
Barrow	Boozman	Capps
Bartlett (MD)	Boren	Cardin
Barton (TX)	Boswell	Cardoza
Bass	Boucher	Carnahan
Bean	Boustany	Carter
Beauprez	Boyd	Case
Becerra	Bradley (NH)	Castle
Berkley	Brady (PA)	Chabot
Berman	Brady (TX)	Chandler
Berry	Brown (OH)	Chocola
Biggert	Brown (SC)	Clay

Clyburn	Hoekstra	Moran (VA)
Coble	Holden	Murphy
Cole (OK)	Holt	Murtha
Conaway	Honda	Musgrave
Conyers	Hoolley	Myrick
Cooper	Hostettler	Nadler
Costa	Hoyer	Neal (MA)
Costello	Hulshof	Neugebauer
Cox	Hunter	Ney
Cramer	Hyde	Northup
Crenshaw	Inglis (SC)	Norwood
Crowley	Insee	Nunes
Cubin	Israel	Nussle
Cuellar	Issa	Oberstar
Culberson	Istook	Obey
Cummings	Jackson (IL)	Olver
Cunningham	Jackson-Lee	Ortiz
Davis (AL)	(TX)	Osborne
Davis (CA)	Jefferson	Otter
Davis (IL)	Jenkins	Owens
Davis (KY)	Jindal	Oxley
Davis (TN)	Johnson (CT)	Pallone
Davis, Jo Ann	Johnson (IL)	Pascrell
Davis, Tom	Johnson, E. B.	Pastor
Deal (GA)	Johnson, Sam	Paul
DeFazio	Jones (NC)	Payne
DeGette	Jones (OH)	Pearce
Delahunt	Kanjorski	Pelosi
DeLauro	Kaptur	Pence
DeLay	Keller	Peterson (MN)
Dent	Kelly	Peterson (PA)
Diaz-Balart, L.	Kennedy (MN)	Petri
Diaz-Balart, M.	Kennedy (RI)	Pickering
Dicks	Kildee	Pitts
Dingell	Kilpatrick (MI)	Platts
Doggett	Kind	Poe
Doolittle	King (IA)	Pombo
Doyle	King (NY)	Pomeroy
Drake	Kingston	Porter
Dreier	Kirk	Portman
Duncan	Kline	Price (GA)
Edwards	Kolbe	Price (NC)
Ehlers	Kucinich	Pryce (OH)
Emanuel	Kuhl (NY)	Putnam
Emerson	LaHood	Radanovich
Engel	Langevin	Rahall
English (PA)	Lantos	Ramstad
Eshoo	Larsen (WA)	Rangel
Etheridge	Larson (CT)	Regula
Evans	Latham	Rehberg
Everett	LaTourette	Reichert
Farr	Leach	Renzi
Fattah	Lee	Reyes
Feeney	Levin	Reynolds
Filner	Lewis (CA)	Rogers (AL)
Fitzpatrick (PA)	Lewis (GA)	Rogers (KY)
Flake	Lewis (KY)	Rogers (MI)
Forbes	Linder	Rohrabacher
Ford	Lipinski	Ros-Lehtinen
Fortenberry	LoBiondo	Ross
Fossella	Lofgren, Zoe	Rothman
Fox	Lowe	Roybal-Allard
Frank (MA)	Lucas	Royce
Franks (AZ)	Lungren, Daniel	Ruppersberger
Frelinghuysen	E.	Rush
Gallely	Lynch	Ryan (OH)
Garrett (NJ)	Mack	Ryan (WI)
Gerlach	Maloney	Ryun (KS)
Gibbons	Manzullo	Sabo
Gilchrest	Marchant	Salazar
Gingrey	Marshall	Sánchez, Linda
Gohmert	Matheson	T.
Gonzalez	McCarthy	Sanchez, Loretta
Goode	McCaul (TX)	Saxton
Goodlatte	McCotter	Schakowsky
Gordon	McCrery	Schiff
Granger	McDermott	Schwartz (PA)
Graves	McHenry	Schwarz (MI)
Green (WI)	McHugh	Scott (GA)
Green, Al	McIntyre	Scott (VA)
Green, Gene	McKeon	Sensenbrenner
Grijalva	McKinney	Serrano
Gutierrez	McMorris	Sessions
Gutknecht	McNulty	Shadegg
Hall	Meehan	Shaw
Harman	Meek (FL)	Shays
Hart	Melancon	Sherman
Hastings (FL)	Menendez	Sherwood
Hastings (WA)	Mica	Shimkus
Hayes	Michaud	Shuster
Hayworth	Miller (FL)	Simmons
Hefley	Miller (MI)	Simpson
Hensarling	Miller (NC)	Skelton
Herger	Miller, Gary	Slaughtner
Herseth	Miller, George	Smith (NJ)
Higgins	Mollohan	Smith (TX)
Hinchey	Moore (KS)	Smith (WA)
Hinojosa	Moore (WI)	Snyder
Hobson	Moran (KS)	Sodrel

Solis	Tiaht	Waxman
Souder	Tiberi	Weiner
Spratt	Tierney	Weldon (FL)
Stark	Towns	Weldon (PA)
Stearns	Turner	Weller
Strickland	Udall (CO)	Westmoreland
Stupak	Udall (NM)	Wexler
Sullivan	Upton	Whitfield
Sweeney	Van Hollen	Wicker
Tancredo	Velázquez	Wilson (NM)
Tanner	Visclosky	Wilson (SC)
Tauscher	Walden (OR)	Wolf
Taylor (MS)	Walsh	Woolsey
Taylor (NC)	Wamp	Wu
Terry	Wasserman	Wynn
Thomas	Schultz	Young (AK)
Thompson (CA)	Waters	Young (FL)
Thompson (MS)	Watson	
Thornberry	Watt	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

McCollum (MN)

NOT VOTING—16

Allen	Foley	Meeks (NY)
Capuano	Gillmor	Millender-
Carson	Harris	McDonald
Cleaver	Knollenberg	Napolitano
Davis (FL)	Markey	Sanders
Ferguson	McGovern	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained during rollcall votes 42 and 43. If I were present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote No. 42 and "yea" on rollcall vote No. 43.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BOEHNER. 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. 27.

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

There was no objection.

JOB TRAINING IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 126 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 27.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 27) to enhance the workforce investment sys-

tem of the Nation by strengthening one-stop career centers, providing for more effective governance arrangements, promoting access to a more comprehensive array of employment, training, and related services, establishing a targeted approach to serving youth, and improving performance accountability, and for other purposes, with Mr. TERRY in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered as having been read the first time.

Under the rule, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BOEHNER) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BOEHNER).

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, as we stand here today we continue to see significant progress toward greater economic opportunity and prosperity across the country. More than 2.7 million new jobs have been created over the last 17 months, and the unemployment rate has fallen to 5.2 percent, the lowest level since September 2001. Our economy is strong and it is getting stronger.

The backbone of a strong economy is a well-trained and highly skilled workforce, and it is absolutely critical for workers to have the education and skills necessary to adapt to new opportunities and to move into higher wages.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan agreed with this view when he testified before the Committee on Education and the Workforce last year. The chairman said, "We need to increase our efforts to ensure that as many of our citizens as possible have the opportunity to capture the benefits of the changing economy. One critical element in creating that opportunity is the provision of rigorous education and ongoing training to all members of our society."

Chairman Greenspan this morning testified before Congress and talked about the need to do a better job with our education system and better training and retraining of American workers.

The bill before us, the Job Training Improvement Act, would achieve this objective by strengthening the Nation's job training system. In 1998, Congress established a system of one-stop career centers aimed at providing one convenient central location to offer job training and related employment services. While these reforms have been generally successful, the Workforce Investment Act system is still hampered by bureaucracy and duplication that prevents it from being as effective as it could be for workers and their families.

Our bill includes a number of reforms aimed at strengthening our job training system and better engaging the business community to improve job training services.

Our bill includes a number of reforms. First, requiring State and local workforce investment boards to ensure the job training programs reflect the employment needs in local areas. Second, allowing training for currently employed workers so employees can upgrade their skills and avoid layoffs. Third, encouraging the highest caliber providers, including community colleges, to offer training through the one-stop system, and leveraging other public and private resources to increase training and opportunities.

The bill also includes other important reforms. First, it consolidates the three adult WIA training programs, giving States and local communities greater flexibility and enabling more job seekers to be served with no reduction in services.

□ 1600

In addition, it targets 70 percent of the youth grant funds to out-of-school youth, an underserved population that faces significant challenges in finding meaningful employment.

The bill includes a proposal passed by the House last year introduced by the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. PORTER) to create personal reemployment accounts of up to \$3,000 to help unemployed Americans purchase job training and other employment-related services, such as child care, transportation services and housing assistance, giving them the flexibility they need in order to gain meaningful employment. In addition, it includes the President's community college proposal to strengthen the partnership between local businesses, community colleges, and the local one-stop delivery system.

Later today, we will consider an amendment from my colleague from Virginia to strip the faith-based provisions from this bill, an amendment that would deny faith-based providers their rights under the historic 1964 Civil Rights Act. When we considered this bill in committee, we twice rejected it on a bipartisan basis, and I urge all Members to vote against it today. The 1964 Civil Rights Act made clear that when faith-based groups hire employees on a religious basis, it can exercise the group's civil rights liberties and not discriminate under Federal law. In 1987, the Supreme Court unanimously upheld this right.

As my colleagues can see from the chart that I have next to me, former President Bill Clinton signed four laws allowing faith-based groups to staff on a religious basis when they receive those Federal funds. Those four laws are the 1996 welfare reform law; the 1998 Community Services Block Grant Act; the 2000 Community Renewal Tax Relief Act; and the 2000 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Act, all allowing faith-based providers to preserve their rights under the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

Our Nation's faith-based institutions have a proven track record in meeting the training and counseling needs of