

Baldwin	Gutierrez	Oberstar
Barrow	Harman	Obey
Bean	Hastings (FL)	Oliver
Becerra	Herseth	Ortiz
Berkley	Higgins	Pallone
Berman	Hinchey	Pascarell
Berry	Hinojosa	Pastor
Bishop (GA)	Holden	Payne
Bishop (NY)	Holt	Pelosi
Blumenauer	Honda	Peterson (MN)
Boren	Hoolley	Pomeroy
Boswell	Hoyer	Price (NC)
Boucher	Inslee	Rahall
Boyd	Israel	Reyes
Brady (PA)	Jackson (IL)	Ross
Brown (OH)	Jefferson	Rothman
Brown, Corrine	Johnson, E. B.	Roybal-Allard
Butterfield	Jones (OH)	Rush
Capps	Kanjorski	Ryan (OH)
Capuano	Kaptur	Sabo
Cardin	Kennedy (RI)	Salazar
Carnahan	Kildee	Sánchez, Linda T.
Carson	Kilpatrick (MI)	Sanchez, Loretta
Case	Kind	Sanders
Chandler	Kucinich	Schiff
Cleaver	Langevin	Schwartz (PA)
Clyburn	Lantos	Scott (GA)
Conyers	Larsen (WA)	Scott (VA)
Cooper	Larson (CT)	Serrano
Costa	Lee	Sherman
Costello	Levin	Skelton
Cramer	Lewis (GA)	Slaughter
Crowley	Lipinski	Smith (WA)
Cuellar	Lofgren, Zoe	Snyder
Cummings	Lowey	Solis
Davis (AL)	Lynch	Spratt
Davis (CA)	Maloney	Stark
Davis (IL)	Markey	Strickland
Davis (TN)	Matheson	Stupak
DeFazio	Matsui	Tanner
DeGette	McCarthy	Tauscher
Delahunt	McCollum (MN)	Taylor (MS)
DeLauro	McDermott	Thompson (CA)
Dicks	McGovern	Thompson (MS)
Dingell	McIntyre	Tierney
Doggett	McNulty	Towns
Doyle	Meehan	Udall (CO)
Edwards	Meek (FL)	Udall (NM)
Emanuel	Melancon	Van Hollen
Engel	Michaud	Velázquez
Eshoo	Millender-	Visclosky
Etheridge	McDonald	Wasserman
Farr	Miller (NC)	Schultz
Fattah	Miller, George	Watt
Filner	Mollohan	Waxman
Ford	Moore (KS)	Weiner
Frank (MA)	Moore (WI)	Wexler
Gonzalez	Moran (VA)	Woolsey
Gordon	Murtha	Wu
Green, Al	Nadler	Wynn
Green, Gene	Napolitano	
Grijalva	Neal (MA)	

NOT VOTING—20

Cardoza	Marshall	Schakowsky
Clay	McKinney	Sweeney
Davis (FL)	Meeks (NY)	Waters
Evans	Miller (FL)	Watson
Gilchrest	Owens	Whitfield
Issa	Oxley	
Jackson-Lee	Rangel	
(TX)	Ruppersberger	

□ 1144

Messrs. STUPAK, BUTTERFIELD, DOGGETT, and CUELLAR 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.

□ 1145

PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE—PRIVILEGED RESOLUTION REQUIRING ETHICS INVESTIGATION OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS BRIBED BY REPUBLICAN LOBBYIST JACK ABRAMOFF

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to rule IX, I rise in regard to a question

of the privileges of the House, and I offer a privileged resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Whereas, it has been two years since credible reports of misconduct by Mr. Jack Abramoff and Members of Congress began appearing regularly in the public record, including reports closely linking Republican Members of Congress with the documented misconduct of Mr. Abramoff;

Whereas, in the first session of the 109th Congress, for the first time in the history of the House of Representatives, the rules of procedure of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct were changed on a partisan basis, the Chairman of the Committee and two of his Republican Colleagues were dismissed from the Committee, the newly appointed Chairman of the Committee improperly and unilaterally fired non-partisan staff, and the Chairman attempted to appoint supervisory staff without a vote of the Committee in direct contravention of the intent of the bi-partisan procedures adopted in 1997;

Whereas, because of these actions, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct conducted no investigative activities in the first session of the 109th Congress and has not yet conducted such activities;

Whereas, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and the Senate Committee on Finance have both undertaken investigations of Mr. Jack Abramoff's activities, yet no House Committee has begun any such investigation;

Whereas, on March 29th, 2006, Mr. Jack Abramoff was sentenced to 5 years and 10 months in prison after pleading guilty to conspiracy and wire fraud;

Whereas, a Justice Department press release reported that Mr. Jack Abramoff “corruptly provid[ed] things of value to public officials . . . including, but not limited to, a lavish trip to Scotland to play golf on worldfamous courses, tickets to sporting events and other entertainment, regular meals at Abramoff's upscale restaurant, and campaign contributions for [a] Representative, his political action committee, his campaign committee, and other political committees on behalf of [that] Representative.” (Department of Justice press release, January 3, 2006);

Whereas, Mr. Jack Abramoff's plea agreement states that he and his colleagues “provided things of value to public officials in exchange for a series of official acts and influence . . . including agreements to support and pass legislation (and) agreements to place statements in the Congressional Record.” (Abramoff Plea Agreement);

Whereas, on November 5, 2005, in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, a former Congressional staff member and business partner of Mr. Jack Abramoff pled guilty to conspiracy to violate Federal laws and admitted that, beginning in January, 2000, he offered and provided things of value to public officials, including Members of Congress and staff, in exchange for a series of official acts;

Resolved, That the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct shall immediately initiate an investigation of the misconduct by Members of Congress and their staff implicated in the scandals associated with Mr. Jack Abramoff's criminal activity.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution constitutes a question of the privileges of the House.

MOTION TO TABLE OFFERED BY MR. BISHOP OF UTAH

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I move to table the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to table.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 216, noes 193, answered “present” 7, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 76]

AYES—216

Aderholt	Garrett (NJ)	Norwood
Akin	Gibbons	Nunes
Alexander	Gillmor	Nussle
Bachus	Gingrey	Osborne
Baker	Gohmert	Otter
Barrett (SC)	Goode	Pearce
Bartlett (MD)	Goodlatte	Pence
Barton (TX)	Granger	Peterson (PA)
Bass	Graves	Petri
Beauprez	Gutknecht	Pickering
Biggart	Hall	Pitts
Bilirakis	Harris	Poe
Bishop (UT)	Hart	Pombo
Blackburn	Hastings (WA)	Porter
Blunt	Hayes	Price (GA)
Boehlert	Hayworth	Pryce (OH)
Boehner	Hefley	Putnam
Bonilla	Hensarling	Radanovich
Bonner	Herger	Ramstad
Bono	Hobson	Regula
Boozman	Hoekstra	Rehberg
Boustany	Hostettler	Reichert
Bradley (NH)	Hulshof	Renzi
Brown (SC)	Hunter	Reynolds
Brown-Waite,	Hyde	Rogers (AL)
Ginny	Inglis (SC)	Rogers (KY)
Burgess	Istook	Rogers (MI)
Burton (IN)	Jenkins	Rohrabacher
Buyer	Jindal	Ros-Lehtinen
Calvert	Johnson (CT)	Royce
Camp (MI)	Johnson (IL)	Ryan (WI)
Campbell (CA)	Johnson, Sam	Ryun (KS)
Cannon	Keller	Saxton
Cantor	Kelly	Schmidt
Capito	Kennedy (MN)	Schwarz (MI)
Carter	King (IA)	Sensenbrenner
Castle	King (NY)	Sessions
Chabot	Kingston	Shadegg
Chocola	Kirk	Shaw
Coble	Kline	Sherwood
Cole (OK)	Knollenberg	Shimkus
Conaway	Kolbe	Shuster
Crenshaw	Kuhl (NY)	Simmons
Cubin	LaHood	Simpson
Culberson	Latham	Smith (NJ)
Davis (KY)	LaTourette	Smith (TX)
Davis, Jo Ann	Lewis (CA)	Sodrel
Davis, Tom	Lewis (KY)	Stearns
Deal (GA)	Linder	Sullivan
DeLay	LoBiondo	Tancred
Dent	Lucas	Taylor (NC)
Diaz-Balart, L.	Lungren, Daniel E.	Terry
Diaz-Balart, M.	Mack	Thomas
Doolittle	Manzullo	Thornberry
Drake	Marchant	Tiahrt
Dreier	McCauley (TX)	Tiberi
Duncan	McCotter	Turner
Ehlers	McCrery	Upton
Emerson	McHenry	Walden (OR)
English (PA)	McHugh	Walsh
Everett	McKeon	Wamp
Feeney	McMorris	Weldon (FL)
Ferguson	Mica	Weldon (PA)
Fitzpatrick (PA)	Miller (MI)	Weller
Flake	Miller, Gary	Westmoreland
Foley	Moran (KS)	Whitfield
Forbes	Murphy	Wicker
Fortenberry	Musgrave	Wilson (NM)
Fossella	Myrick	Wilson (SC)
Fox	Neugebauer	Wolf
Franks (AZ)	Ney	Young (AK)
Frelinghuysen	Northup	Young (FL)
Gallegly		

NOES—193

Abercrombie	Baca	Bean
Ackerman	Baird	Becerra
Allen	Baldwin	Berkley
Andrews	Barrow	Berman

Berry	Hinojosa	Pascarell
Bishop (GA)	Holden	Pastor
Bishop (NY)	Holt	Payne
Blumenauer	Honda	Pelosi
Boren	Hoolley	Peterson (MN)
Boswell	Hoyer	Platts
Boucher	Inslee	Pomeroy
Boyd	Israel	Price (NC)
Brady (PA)	Jackson (IL)	Rahall
Brown (OH)	Jefferson	Reyes
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Butterfield	Kanjorski	Rothman
Capps	Kaptur	Rush
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Eshoo	Meek (FL)	Tierney
Etheridge	Melancon	Towns
Farr	Michaud	Udall (CO)
Fattah	Millender	Udall (NM)
Filner	McDonald	Van Hollen
Ford	Miller (NC)	Velázquez
Frank (MA)	Miller, George	Visclosky
Gerlach	Moore (KS)	Wasserman
Gonzalez	Moore (WI)	Schultz
Gordon	Moran (VA)	Waters
Green (WI)	Murtha	Watt
Green, Al	Nadler	Waxman
Grijalva	Napolitano	Weiner
Gutierrez	Neal (MA)	Wexler
Harman	Oberstar	Woolsey
Hastings (FL)	Olver	Wu
Hereth	Ortiz	Wynn
Higgins	Owens	
Hinchey	Pallone	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—7

Doyle	Jones (OH)	Roybal-Allard
Green, Gene	Mollohan	
Jones (NC)	Paul	

NOT VOTING—16

Brady (TX)	Issa	Oxley
Cardoza	Jackson-Lee	Rangel
Clay	(TX)	Ruppersberger
Davis (FL)	Meeks (NY)	Sweeney
Evans	Miller (FL)	Watson
Gilchrest	Obey	

□ 1208

So the motion to table was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, earlier today, I mistakenly cast my vote against tabling the privileged motion offered by Minority Leader NANCY PELOSI. In fact, I intended to vote in favor of tabling the motion and would like my intentions to be reflected in the RECORD.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 609.

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

There was no objection.

COLLEGE ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 742 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 609.

□ 1209

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 further consideration of the bill (H.R. 609) to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965, with Mr. CHOCOLA (Acting Chairman) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Wednesday, March 29, 2006, amendment No. 3 printed in House Report 109-399 by the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) had been disposed of and proceedings pursuant to House Resolution 741 had been completed.

Pursuant to House Resolution 742, no further general debate shall be in order.

Pursuant to House Resolution 742, no further amendment is in order except those printed in House Report 109-401. Each amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 OFFERED BY MRS. BIGGERT

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment No. 1 printed in House Report 109-401 offered by Mrs. BIGGERT:

Page 230, after line 10, insert the following new subsection:

(d) HOMELESS YOUTH.—Section 480(d) is further amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (6) and (7) as paragraphs (7) and (8), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (5) the following new paragraph:

“(6) has been verified as both a homeless child or youth and an unaccompanied youth, as such terms are defined in section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a), during the school year

in which the application for financial assistance is submitted, by—

“(A) a local educational agency liaison for homeless children and youths, as designated under section 722(g)(1)(J)(ii) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11432(g)(1)(J)(ii));

“(B) a director of a homeless shelter, transitional shelter, or independent living program; or

“(C) a financial aid administrator;”.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to House Resolution 742, the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. BIGGERT) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Illinois.

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Chairman, I rise to introduce an amendment that would make the dream of a college education more accessible to youth who are homeless and on their own.

While many young people experience homelessness as part of a family, so many youth in homeless situations are on their own. These children are unaccompanied for reasons that are extremely diverse and usually heartbreaking. In many cases they have run away to escape physical or sexual abuse. Others have been abandoned by their parents.

Due to their severe poverty, these homeless students are extremely unlikely to be able to access post-secondary education without Federal student aid. But in order to determine student eligibility for aid, the FAFSA requires them to provide financial information and a signature from their parent or guardian.

While these requirements are logical for most applicants, they create insurmountable barriers for unaccompanied homeless youth. So the very children who are most in need of financial assistance are the least likely to receive it.

My amendment removes these barriers by allowing unaccompanied homeless youth to be considered independent students. To ensure that there is no fraud or abuse, the living situation of the student must be verified by one of the following individuals: a McKinney-Vento Act school district liaison, a shelter director, or a financial aid administrator.

This independent student status will ensure that unaccompanied homeless youth are not required to provide their parental income information and parental signature, information they simply do not have and cannot get. The amendment thus opens the doors of higher education to some of our Nation's most vulnerable youth.

I should add, Mr. Chairman, that this amendment was scored by the CBO as having no budgetary impact.

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Chairman, will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. BIGGERT. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Chairman, I want to thank the gentlewoman, a good member of her committee, for her work. I think this makes the bill better, and I hope all of our Members can support this amendment.