

People will be out there. They will try to make their living, try to pay their bills, try to get into their home. But what we are doing in this committee and what we have to continue to do, and I am sure we will with the ranking member and the gentlelady from California and with her tenacity on this issue, her concern for people, as the members of the committee have been concerned about these issues, we will continue to do that. Because people are willing to sacrifice. But we have got to help them along, and we have got to give them some assistance as a government.

I am very proud of the subcommittee and very proud of Mr. MILLER and the resolution.

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

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker and Members, in closing, let me just say what a pleasure it has been for me serving on this subcommittee with Chairman NEY. Not only has he provided strong leadership for homeownership, as he alluded to, we have made visits not only in California but in Louisiana and Mississippi, not only looking at CDBG and section 8 and these very important programs that are helping Americans have decent and safe living conditions but leading to homeownership oftentimes.

The attention that was paid to Katrina victims and what took place in the gulf coast region has not been matched by anyone. Mr. NEY took it upon himself and his committee to go there and to spend the time taking a look at all aspects of this disaster.

And while we were there, we were able to understand what the insurance companies were or were not doing. We were able to understand what was happening with public housing. We were able to understand what was happening with the trailers, who was getting them, who was not getting them. And we were able to work very closely with Mr. BAKER, with Mr. JEFFERSON and with others who come from that region to begin to talk about how we are going to build homes, how we are going to replace those homes, how we are going to be able to use CDBG funds to make sure that people have the opportunity to not only rebuild their homes but to restore their lives.

With that, Mr. Speaker, again I thank Chairman NEY. I thank Vice Chairman MILLER.

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Resolution 854, a resolution recognizing June 2006 as National Homeownership Month, a time for individuals and families to reach for part of the American dream and purchase a home of their own.

In recognition of National Homeownership Month and in my capacity as Chairman and Co-founder of the Congressional Rural Housing Caucus, I became an original co-sponsor of House Resolution 854.

In the United States, each individual has the opportunity to own a home of their own. Homeownership inspires

civic responsibility. Homeowners are more likely to vote and get involved with local issues.

Families owning a home are able to offer children a stable living environment. In many cases, homeownership influences a child's personal development in many positive, measurable ways.

Twenty percent of our Nation's population lives in rural communities, yet a majority of these families live in substandard housing conditions.

These communities simply do not have the resources—either economic or infrastructure—to address the problems of substandard housing. The gap between the haves and have nots continues to grow, especially in rural America. Now is the time to stem this tide.

According to the Census Bureau, 48 percent of African-Americans; and, 50 percent of Hispanics owned a home as of the first quarter in 2006. While many gains have been made, lagging minority homeownership rates are a serious concern to me and Congress.

Rural America and minorities are in dire need of housing assistance—and we should all strive to make every month “homeownership month.”

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague from California—and fellow homebuilder—Congressman MILLER, for his sponsorship of this resolution.

More Americans own their home than ever before. Nearly 70 percent of American's are homeowners. So it is a good time for us to assess the positive impacts of homeownership on families, communities and on the nation's economy.

When a family owns their own home, they have a greater stake in their community. In addition to shelter, that family also has an asset that appreciates in value.

Communities with high rates of homeownership often have residents who are more involved in local schools, civic organizations and churches.

Housing has led our nation's economic expansion over the past few years, accounting for 16 percent of our Gross Domestic Product. New housing starts and home sales hit record levels from 2003 through 2005.

Although housing sales and starts have cooled to more typical levels, the housing market remains strong and sound. Without the expansion of homeownership and the strength of our housing market, our nation would not have the economic growth we are experiencing today.

It is important that Congress pass tax, regulatory and housing finance policies to continue this growth and to help make the dream of homeownership a reality for even more Americans.

The Housing Subcommittee has advanced legislation this year that modernizes the Federal Housing Administration. In order for FHA to continue to offer assistance to first-time buyers and buyers with lower incomes, FHA needs more flexibility to keep pace with changes in the mortgage marketplace. The House needs to approve H.R. 5121.

When regulations on the housing industry are reasonable, the cost of housing goes

down. Regulatory relief is needed to make housing more affordable to more Americans.

One step Congress should take to make regulations more reasonable is passage of H.R. 5558, which makes common-sense reforms to storm water permitting.

Before coming to Congress, I spent a lot of time in the housing business. The housing market has been through ups and downs, but through all the changes, home ownership continues to be vital for families, communities and the nation's economy.

This resolution today affirms Congress' support for homeownership and the importance of homeownership in our country.

I urge support for the resolution and support for sound housing policies in Congress.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KLINE). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 854.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on this legislation, H.R. 42, and H.R. 5341 and to insert extraneous material thereon.

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

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:

Adoption of H. Res. 890, by the yeas and nays;

Adoption of the conference report on H.R. 889, by the yeas and nays;

Passage of H.R. 4843, 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.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5672, SCIENCE, STATE, JUSTICE, COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the vote on adoption of House Resolution 890, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 224, nays 188, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 319]

YEAS—224

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

NAYS—188

Ackerman	Bishop (GA)	Capps
Allen	Bishop (NY)	Capuano
Andrews	Blumenauer	Cardin
Baca	Boren	Cardoza
Baird	Boswell	Carnahan
Baldwin	Boucher	Castle
Barrow	Boyd	Chandler
Bean	Brady (PA)	Clay
Berkley	Brown (OH)	Cleaver
Berman	Brown, Corrine	Clyburn
Berry	Butterfield	Conyers

Cooper	Kennedy (RI)	Pomeroy
Costa	Kildee	Price (NC)
Costello	Kilpatrick (MI)	Rahall
Cramer	Kind	Rangel
Crowley	Kucinich	Reyes
Cuellar	Langevin	Ross
Cummings	Lantos	Rothman
Davis (AL)	Larsen (WA)	Roybal-Allard
Davis (CA)	Larson (CT)	Ruppersberger
Davis (FL)	Lee	Ryan (OH)
Davis (IL)	Levin	Sabo
DeFazio	Lewis (GA)	Salazar
DeGette	Lipinski	Sánchez, Linda
Delahunt	Lofgren, Zoe	T.
DeLauro	Lowey	Sanchez, Loretta
Dicks	Lynch	Sanders
Dingell	Maloney	Schakowsky
Doggett	Marky	Schiff
Doyle	Marshall	Schwartz (PA)
Edwards	Matheson	Scott (GA)
Emanuel	Matsui	Scott (VA)
Engel	McCollum (MN)	Serrano
Eshoo	McDermott	Sherman
Etheridge	McGovern	Skelton
Farr	McIntyre	Slaughter
Fattah	McKinney	Smith (WA)
Finer	McNulty	Snyder
Frank (MA)	Meehan	Solis
Gonzalez	Meek (FL)	Spratt
Gordon	Meeke (NY)	Stark
Green, Al	Melancon	Stupak
Green, Gene	Michaud	Tanner
Grijalva	Millender-	Tauscher
Harman	McDonald	Taylor (MS)
Hastings (FL)	Miller (NC)	Thompson (CA)
Hereth	Miller, George	Thompson (MS)
Hinchey	Mollohan	Tierney
Hinojosa	Moore (KS)	Towns
Holden	Moore (WI)	Udall (CO)
Holt	Moran (VA)	Udall (NM)
Honda	Murtha	Van Hollen
Hoolley	Nadler	Velázquez
Hoyer	Napolitano	Visclosky
Inslee	Neal (MA)	Wasserman
Israel	Oberstar	Schultz
Jackson (IL)	Obey	Waters
Jackson-Lee	Olver	Watson
(TX)	Owens	Watt
Jefferson	Pallone	Waxman
Johnson, E. B.	Pascrell	Wexler
Jones (OH)	Pastor	Woolsey
Kanjorski	Pelosi	Wu
Kaptur	Peterson (MN)	Wynn

NOT VOTING—20

Abercrombie	Evans	McCarthy
Becerra	Ford	Ortiz
Blackburn	Gutierrez	Payne
Cannon	Higgins	Rush
Carson	Hyde	Strickland
Case	Issa	Weiner
Davis (TN)	Johnson, Sam	

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Ms. MCKINNEY changed her vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. SULLIVAN and Mr. BRADY of Texas changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

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:

Mrs. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, today, Tuesday, June 27, I was delayed in my arrival for the week's legislative work, but had I been here I would have voted “no” on H. Res. 890, rollcall 319, approving the Rule for H.R. 5672.

# CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 889, COAST GUARD AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 2006

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Florida). The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the conference report on the bill H.R. 889.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the conference report on the bill, H.R. 889, 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 413, nays 0, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 320]

YEAS—413

Ackerman	Cuellar	Hinchey
Aderholt	Culberson	Hinojosa
Akin	Cummings	Hobson
Alexander	Davis (AL)	Hoekstra
Allen	Davis (CA)	Holden
Andrews	Davis (FL)	Holt
Baca	Davis (IL)	Honda
Bachus	Davis (KY)	Hooley
Baird	Davis (TN)	Hostettler
Baker	Davis, Jo Ann	Hoyer
Baldwin	Davis, Tom	Hulshof
Barrett (SC)	Deal (GA)	Hunter
Barrow	DeFazio	Inglis (SC)
Bartlett (MD)	DeGette	Inslee
Barton (TX)	Delahunt	Israel
Bass	DeLauro	Issa
Bean	Dent	Istook
Beauprez	Diaz-Balart, L.	Jackson (IL)
Becerra	Diaz-Balart, M.	Jackson-Lee
Berkley	Dicks	(TX)
Berman	Dingell	Jefferson
Berry	Doggett	Jenkins
Biggert	Doolittle	Jindal
Bilbray	Doyle	Johnson (CT)
Bilirakis	Drake	Johnson (IL)
Bishop (GA)	Dreier	Johnson, E. B.
Bishop (NY)	Duncan	Jones (NC)
Bishop (UT)	Edwards	Jones (OH)
Blackburn	Ehlers	Kanjorski
Blumenauer	Emanuel	Kaptur
Blunt	Emerson	Keller
Boehlert	Engel	Kelly
Boehner	English (PA)	Kennedy (MN)
Bonilla	Eshoo	Kennedy (RI)
Bonner	Etheridge	Kildee
Bono	Everett	Kilpatrick (MI)
Boozman	Farr	Kind
Boren	Fattah	King (IA)
Boswell	Feeney	King (NY)
Boucher	Ferguson	Kingston
Boustany	Filner	Kirk
Boyd	Fitzpatrick (PA)	Kline
Bradley (NH)	Flake	Knollenberg
Brady (PA)	Foley	Kolbe
Brady (TX)	Forbes	Kucinich
Brown (OH)	Fortenberry	Kuhl (NY)
Brown (SC)	Fossella	LaHood
Brown, Corrine	Fox	Langevin
Brown-Waite,	Frank (MA)	Lantos
Ginny	Franks (AZ)	Larsen (WA)
Burgess	Frelinghuysen	Larson (CT)
Burton (IN)	Gallegly	Latham
Butterfield	Garrett (NJ)	LaTourette
Buyer	Gerlach	Leach
Calvert	Gibbons	Lee
Camp (MI)	Gilchrest	Levin
Campbell (CA)	Gillmor	Lewis (CA)
Cantor	Gingrey	Lewis (GA)
Capito	Gohmert	Lewis (KY)
Capps	Gonzalez	Linder
Capuano	Goode	Lipinski
Cardin	Goodlatte	LoBiondo
Cardoza	Gordon	Lofgren, Zoe
Carnahan	Granger	Lowey
Carter	Graves	Lucas
Castle	Green (WI)	Lungren, Daniel
Chabot	Green, Al	E.
Chandler	Green, Gene	Lynch
Chocola	Grijalva	Mack
Clay	Gutknecht	Maloney
Cleaver	Hall	Manzullo
Clyburn	Harman	Marchant
Coble	Harris	Marky
Conaway	Hart	Marshall
Conyers	Hastings (FL)	Matheson
Cooper	Hastings (WA)	Matsui
Costa	Hayes	McCaul (TX)
Costello	Hayworth	McCollum (MN)
Cramer	Hefley	McCotter
Crenshaw	Hensarling	McCrery
Crowley	Hergert	McDermott
Cubin	Herseth	McGovern