

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised that there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1904

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title was amended so as to read: "A Bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to enhance the protection of credit ratings of members of the reserve component who serve on active duty in support of a contingency operation, and for other purposes".

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 744, 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 motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 744.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 351, nays 0, not voting 81, as follows:

[Roll No. 1036]

YEAS—351

Abercrombie	Buchanan	DeGette
Aderholt	Burgess	Delahunt
Allen	Burton (IN)	DeLauro
Altmine	Calvert	Dent
Andrews	Camp (MI)	Diaz-Balart, L.
Arcuri	Campbell (CA)	Diaz-Balart, M.
Baca	Cantor	Dingell
Bachmann	Capito	Doggett
Bachus	Capps	Donnelly
Baker	Capuano	Drake
Baldwin	Cardoza	Dreier
Barrett (SC)	Carnahan	Edwards
Barrow	Carter	Ehlers
Bartlett (MD)	Castle	Ellison
Barton (TX)	Castor	Ellsworth
Becerra	Chabot	Emerson
Berkley	Chandler	Engel
Berry	Clarke	English (PA)
Biggert	Clay	Eshoo
Bilbray	Cleaver	Etheridge
Bilirakis	Clyburn	Everett
Bishop (GA)	Coble	Fallin
Bishop (NY)	Cohen	Farr
Bishop (UT)	Cole (OK)	Fattah
Blackburn	Conaway	Feeney
Blumenauer	Conyers	Filner
Boehner	Cooper	Fortenberry
Bonner	Costa	Fossella
Bono	Courtney	Foxx
Boozman	Cramer	Frank (MA)
Boren	Crenshaw	Franks (AZ)
Boucher	Cuellar	Frelinghuysen
Boustany	Culberson	Gallely
Boyd (FL)	Davis (AL)	Garrett (NJ)
Boysd (KS)	Davis (CA)	Gerlach
Brady (PA)	Davis (KY)	Gilchrest
Brady (TX)	Davis, David	Gillibrand
Brown (GA)	Davis, Lincoln	Gingrey
Brown (SC)	Davis, Tom	Gonzalez
Brown-Waite,	Deal (GA)	Goodre
Ginny	DeFazio	Goodlatte

Gordon	Matheson	Rush
Graves	Matsui	Ryan (OH)
Green, Al	McCarthy (CA)	Ryan (WI)
Green, Gene	McCarthy (NY)	Salazar
Hall (NY)	McCaull (TX)	Sali
Hall (TX)	McCollum (MN)	Sánchez, Linda
Hastings (FL)	McCotter	T.
Hastings (WA)	McCrary	Sanchez, Loretta
Hayes	McDermott	Sarbanes
Heller	McGovern	Schiff
Hensarling	McHenry	Schmidt
Herger	McHugh	Schwartz
Higgins	McIntyre	Scott (GA)
Hill	McKeon	Scott (VA)
Hinchey	McMorris	Sensenbrenner
Hinojosa	Rodgers	Serrano
Hirono	McNerney	Sessions
Hobson	Meek (FL)	Sestak
Hodes	Melancon	Shadegg
Hoekstra	Mica	Shays
Holt	Michaud	Shea-Porter
Honda	Miller (FL)	Sherman
Hooley	Miller (MI)	Shuler
Hoyer	Miller (NC)	Simpson
Hulshof	Miller, Gary	Sires
Hunter	Miller, George	Skelton
Inglis (SC)	Mitchell	Slaughter
Issa	Mollohan	Smith (NE)
Jackson (IL)	Moore (KS)	Smith (NJ)
Jackson-Lee (TX)	Moore (WI)	Smith (TX)
Jefferson	Moran (KS)	Snyder
Johnson (GA)	Moran (VA)	Solis
Johnson, E. B.	Murphy (CT)	Souder
Jones (NC)	Murphy, Patrick	Space
Jones (OH)	Murtha	Spratt
Jordan	Musgrave	Stark
Kagen	Myrick	Stearns
Kanjorski	Nadler	Stupak
Kaptur	Napolitano	Sullivan
Keller	Neugebauer	Sutton
Kennedy	Nunes	Tanner
Kildee	Obey	Tauscher
Kilpatrick	Olver	Taylor
King (IA)	Ortiz	Thompson (CA)
King (NY)	Pallone	Thompson (MS)
Kingston	Paul	Tiaht
Kirk	Pearce	Tierney
Klein (FL)	Pence	Tsongas
Kline (MN)	Perlmutter	Turner
Knollenberg	Peterson (MN)	Udall (CO)
Kuhl (NY)	Pitts	Udall (NM)
LaHood	Platts	Upton
Lamborn	Poe	Van Hollen
Lampson	Pomeroy	Velázquez
Langevin	Porter	Walberg
Lantos	Price (GA)	Walden (OR)
Larsen (WA)	Putnam	Walsh (NY)
Larson (CT)	Rahall	Walz (MN)
Latham	Ramstad	Wamp
LaTourette	Rangel	Wasserman
Lee	Regula	Schultz
Levin	Rehberg	Waters
Lewis (CA)	Reichert	Watson
Lewis (GA)	Renzi	Watt
Lewis (KY)	Reyes	Waxman
LoBiondo	Reynolds	Weiner
Loebsack	Richardson	Welch (VT)
Lofgren, Zoe	Rodriguez	Weldon (FL)
Lucas	Rogers (AL)	Wexler
Lungren, Daniel E.	Rogers (KY)	Wicker
Lynch	Rogers (MI)	Wilson (NM)
Mack	Ros-Lehtinen	Wilson (SC)
Mahoney (FL)	Ross	Wolf
Marchant	Rothman	Woolsey
Markey	Roybal-Allard	Wu
Marshall	Royce	Wynn
	Ruppersberger	Young (AK)
		Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—81

Ackerman	Davis (IL)	Inslee
Akin	Dicks	Israel
Alexander	Doolittle	Jindal
Baird	Doyle	Johnson (IL)
Bean	Duncan	Johnson, Sam
Berman	Emanuel	Kind
Blunt	Ferguson	Kucinich
Boswell	Flake	Linder
Braley (IA)	Forbes	Lipinski
Brown, Corrine	Giffords	Lowey
Butterfield	Gohmert	Maloney (NY)
Buyer	Granger	Manzullo
Cannon	Grijalva	McNulty
Carney	Gutierrez	Meeks (NY)
Carson	Hare	Murphy, Tim
Costello	Harman	Neal (MA)
Crowley	Hastert	Oberstar
Cubin	Herschel Sandlin	Pascarella
Cummings	Holden	Pastor

Payne	Saxton	Tiberi
Peterson (PA)	Schakowsky	Towns
Pickering	Shimkus	Visclosky
Price (NC)	Shuster	Weller
Pryce (OH)	Smith (WA)	Westmoreland
Radanovich	Tancredo	Whitfield
Rohrabacher	Terry	Wilson (OH)
Roskam	Thornberry	Yarmuth

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A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the Chamber for rollcall votes 1034, 1035, and 1036 on November 5, 2007. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all three rollcall votes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from this chamber today. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 1034, 1035 and 1036.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BOSWELL. Mr. Speaker, I regret that flight delays prevented me from being to vote today. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on the motion to close portions of the conference on H.R. 3222, H.R. 513, and H. Res. 744.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE HOUSE FIND HARRIET MIERS AND JOSHUA BOLTON IN CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS

Mr. CONYERS from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-423) on the resolution recommending that the House of Representatives find Harriet Miers and Joshua Bolten, Chief of Staff, White House, in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with subpoenas duly issued by the Committee on the Judiciary, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

OKLAHOMA IS OK WITH NEW IMMIGRATION LAW

(Mr. POE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, there is a new immigration law in effect, and even Federal judges refused to stop it.

On November 1 it became a felony to knowingly harbor and hide illegals. It is against the law to give illegals driver's licenses or give them public benefits. Local police may now hold illegals

they arrest for felonies and detain them for Federal deportation. And employers must use the new Federal verification system to determine legal status of workers.

This, unfortunately, is not a new Federal law, but one passed recently by the Sooner State: Oklahoma. Apparently, Okies are frustrated with too few results from Federal enforcement folk so they passed their own State law on immigration.

And good for them. Hopefully, other States will follow.

Of course, noncitizen groups and the "give America away" crowd sued Oklahoma in Federal court. And they lost. Early results of the law indicate illegals are leaving Oklahoma, some even going back to their own country, as it ought to be. They are getting the message: come to America the legal way or don't come at all.

And that's just the way it is.

□ 1915

PERU FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

(Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to strongly oppose the proposed U.S.-Peru Free Trade Agreement.

My opposition to the Peru FTA reflects America's opposition to the recent string of trade pacts that benefitted the wealthiest few at the expense of hardworking Americans. A recent poll revealed that six in 10 Republicans think free trade has been bad for the U.S., and that's just Republicans.

The American public is tired of waiting for this administration to "get it" and to start negotiating fair and smart trade deals that can benefit the little guy as well as the corporate fat cat.

The American public is impatient and, frankly, so am I. Fair trade can create economic opportunities for everyone, big business and working families alike, at home and abroad. Fair trade can advance our economy without jeopardizing good jobs and encourage development without ravaging our environment.

Some say that the Peru FTA is better than what we've had in the past. I join the American people in saying, "It's not good enough."

Join me in standing up for American families. I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on the Peru Free Trade Agreement.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentle-

men from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. CUMMINGS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCINTYRE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, what a privilege it is to speak on National Bible Week as we celebrate the written Word of God, as we anticipate the upcoming celebration, the week of November 18-25. In fact, this book, the number one best seller of all time, the book is known as a book of encouragement, a book of enlightenment, and a book of edification.

Encouragement. When I think about what the Bible has meant to me, I remember some of the great verses from the Old Testament, such as Joshua 1:9, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified. Do not be discouraged. For the Lord God will be with you wherever you go." And Psalm 118:13-15 says, "I was pushed back and about to fall, but the Lord has helped me. The Lord is my strength and my song, He has become my salvation."

And then Psalm 138:8, which precedes my favorite Psalm, 139, it says, "The Lord will accomplish that which concerns me. Your love, O Lord, endures forever."

When we think of this day, when so many people are discouraged, I know, as we celebrate National Bible Week, that the Bible has been a Word of encouragement that I've experienced and I know many others have.

In addition to encouragement, it's a Word of enlightenment. Psalm 19 says, "Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. The unfolding of Your Word gives light and gives understanding to the simple." And as many of my friends back home in North Carolina know, my favorite Old Testament verse is from Proverbs, 29:18, that says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." And I think that's a great challenge to us, as leaders in this country, to have vision for where we want to take our country and what we want to do and how we want to solve the problems. In fact, this verse, "Where there is no vision, the people perish," is inscribed in our own Science Committee room in the Rayburn House Office Building.

In addition to encouragement and enlightenment, the Bible is a book of edification. Paul writes in the Book of Romans 10:17 that faith comes from hearing and hearing by the Word. And then James 1:22 reminds that we should be doers of the Word and not hearers only.

The Bible allows us to see ourselves through its many stories and parables and prophesies and teachings. It also shows the flaws and frailties that we all share in common in humanity. It also shows the fellowship, both human

and divine, that calls forth those values that so often we look for in our society today, values of forgiveness, of faithfulness and of fulfillment in becoming all that we know that we can become.

I'm grateful that we take time in this country to celebrate the national week of the Bible coming up the week of November 18-25, and that we would take time tonight to celebrate not only the historical importance, but the personal importance that this great book, the best seller of all time, has for people literally the world over.

PRESIDENT NICOLAS SARKOZY ADDRESSES CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to congratulate President Nicolas Sarkozy on his election to the presidency of France, and also welcome him to Washington, DC, as he addresses a joint meeting of this Congress on Wednesday of this week. I look forward to hearing his remarks in this Chamber.

This past May, Mr. Speaker, Nicolas Sarkozy became the 23rd President of France. His election has ushered in a new and welcomed era in positive relations between France and the United States.

The history of friendship between these two countries, the United States and France, runs deep and it runs wide. Since the American Revolution, we have shared a deep commitment to freedom and independence; both of our countries have. Perhaps one of the best early demonstrations of France's commitment to our shared heritage of freedom is the example of General Marquis de Lafayette—General Lafayette, a young Frenchman who believed so passionately in the cause of freedom and liberty for all individuals that he left his homeland of France and came to join the American colonies in their fight for independence against Great Britain.

It was General Lafayette who persuaded the French to help Americans in their fight for freedom and independence from Great Britain. He served courageously under the command of General George Washington. George Washington's and Lafayette's portraits both hang in this hall tonight.

General Lafayette is the only non-American portrait in the entire Capitol building, and is the only other portrait besides General Washington in this House Chamber. There is a reason for that; both of them, General Washington and his friend Lafayette, were committed to liberty for all.

The American people will always be grateful to the commitment of General Lafayette and the people of France throughout our pursuit for freedom and democracy through the American Revolution. And the American Revolution was successful because of their help.