

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 413, nays 0, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 140]

YEAS—413

Abercrombie	Davis, Tom	Jackson-Lee
Ackerman	Deal (GA)	(TX)
Aderholt	DeFazio	Jefferson
Akin	DeGette	Jindal
Alexander	Delahunt	Johnson (GA)
Allen	DeLauro	Johnson (IL)
Altmire	Dent	Johnson, E. B.
Andrews	Diaz-Balart, L.	Johnson, Sam
Arcuri	Diaz-Balart, M.	Jones (NC)
Bachmann	Dicks	Jones (OH)
Bachus	Dingell	Jordan
Baird	Doggett	Kagen
Baker	Donnelly	Kanjorski
Barrett (SC)	Doolittle	Kaptur
Barrow	Doyle	Keller
Bartlett (MD)	Drake	Kennedy
Barton (TX)	Dreier	Kildee
Bean	Duncan	Kind
Becerra	Edwards	King (IA)
Berkley	Ehlers	Kingston
Berman	Ellison	Kirk
Berry	Ellsworth	Klein (FL)
Biggert	Emanuel	Kline (MN)
Bilbray	Emerson	Kucinich
Bilirakis	Engel	Kuhl (NY)
Bishop (GA)	English (PA)	LaHood
Bishop (NY)	Eshoo	Lamborn
Bishop (UT)	Etheridge	Lampson
Blackburn	Everett	Langevin
Blumenauer	Fallin	Lantos
Blunt	Farr	Larsen (WA)
Boehner	Fattah	Larson (CT)
Bonner	Feeney	Latham
Bono	Ferguson	LaTourette
Boozman	Filner	Lee
Boren	Flake	Levin
Boswell	Forbes	Lewis (CA)
Boucher	Fortenberry	Lewis (GA)
Boustany	Fossella	Lewis (KY)
Boyd (FL)	Fox	Linder
Boyd (KS)	Frank (MA)	Lipinski
Brady (PA)	Franks (AZ)	LoBiondo
Brady (TX)	Frelinghuysen	Loebsack
Braley (IA)	Gallely	Lofgren, Zoe
Brown, Corrine	Garrett (NJ)	Lowe
Brown-Waite,	Gerlach	Lucas
Ginny	Giffords	Lungren, Daniel
Buchanan	Gillibrand	E.
Burgess	Gillmor	Lynch
Burton (IN)	Gingrey	Mack
Butterfield	Gohmert	Mahoney (FL)
Buyer	Gonzalez	Maloney (NY)
Calvert	Goode	Manzullo
Camp (MI)	Goodlatte	Marchant
Campbell (CA)	Gordon	Markey
Cannon	Granger	Marshall
Cantor	Green, Al	Matheson
Capito	Green, Gene	Matsui
Capps	Grijalva	McCarthy (CA)
Capuano	Gutierrez	McCarthy (NY)
Cardoza	Hall (NY)	McCaul (TX)
Carnahan	Hall (TX)	McCollum (MN)
Carney	Hare	McCotter
Carson	Harman	McCreary
Carter	Hastert	McDermott
Castle	Hastings (FL)	McGovern
Castor	Hastings (WA)	McHenry
Chabot	Hayes	McHugh
Chandler	Heller	McIntyre
Clarke	Hensarling	McKeon
Clay	Herger	McMorris
Cleaver	Herseth	Rodgers
Clyburn	Higgins	McNerney
Coble	Hill	McNulty
Cohen	Hinche	Meehan
Cole (OK)	Hinojosa	Meek (FL)
Conaway	Hirono	Meeks (NY)
Conyers	Hobson	Melancon
Cooper	Hodes	Mica
Costa	Hoekstra	Michaud
Costello	Holden	Millender-
Courtney	Holt	McDonald
Cramer	Honda	Miller (MI)
Crenshaw	Hookey	Miller (NC)
Crowley	Hoyer	Miller, Gary
Cuellar	Hulshof	Miller, George
Cummings	Hunter	Mitchell
Davis (AL)	Davis (SC)	Mollohan
Davis (CA)	Inslee	Moore (KS)
Davis (IL)	Israel	Moore (WI)
Davis (KY)	Issa	Moran (KS)
Davis, David	Jackson (IL)	Moran (VA)

Murphy (CT)	Rogers (KY)	Stearns
Murphy, Patrick	Rogers (MI)	Stupak
Murphy, Tim	Rohrabacher	Sullivan
Murtha	Ros-Lehtinen	Sutton
Musgrave	Roskam	Tancredo
Myrick	Ross	Tanner
Nadler	Rothman	Tauscher
Napolitano	Roybal-Allard	Taylor
Neal (MA)	Royce	Terry
Neugebauer	Ruppersberger	Thompson (CA)
Nunes	Rush	Thompson (MS)
Oberstar	Ryan (OH)	Thornberry
Obey	Ryan (WI)	Tiahrt
Oliver	Salazar	Tiberi
Ortiz	Sali	Tierney
Pallone	Sánchez, Linda	Towns
Pascarell	T.	Turner
Pastor	Sanchez, Loretta	Udall (CO)
Paul	Sarbanes	Udall (NM)
Payne	Saxton	Upton
Pearce	Schakowsky	Van Hollen
Pence	Schiff	Velázquez
Perlmutter	Schwartz	Visclosky
Peterson (MN)	Scott (GA)	Walden (OR)
Peterson (PA)	Scott (VA)	Walsh (NY)
Petri	Sensenbrenner	Walz (MN)
Pickering	Serrano	Wamp
Pitts	Sessions	Wasserman
Platts	Shadegg	Schultz
Poe	Shays	Waters
Pomeroy	Shea-Porter	Watson
Porter	Sherman	Watt
Price (GA)	Shimkus	Waxman
Price (NC)	Shuler	Weiner
Pryce (OH)	Shuster	Westmoreland
Putnam	Simpson	Wexler
Radanovich	Sires	Whitfield
Rahall	Slaughter	Wicker
Ramstad	Smith (NE)	Wilson (NM)
Rangel	Smith (NJ)	Wilson (OH)
Regula	Smith (TX)	Wilson (SC)
Rehberg	Smith (WA)	Wolf
Reichert	Snyder	Woolsey
Renzi	Solis	Wu
Reyes	Souder	Wynn
Reynolds	Space	Yarmuth
Rodriguez	Spratt	Young (AK)
Rogers (AL)	Stark	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—20

Baca	Gilchrest	Sestak
Baldwin	Graves	Skelton
Brown (SC)	Kilpatrick	Walberg
Cubin	King (NY)	Welch (VT)
Culberson	Knollenberg	Weldon (FL)
Davis, Jo Ann	Miller (FL)	Weller
Davis, Lincoln	Schmidt	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 1439

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and 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 for:

Mr. SESTAK. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 140, I whole-heartedly support recognizing the 186th anniversary of the independence of Greece celebrating Greek and American Democracy. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF THE HOUSE FOR THE GOOD FRIDAY AGREEMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 222.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by

the gentleman from Florida (Mr. WEXLER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 222, 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 419, nays 1, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 141]

YEAS—419

Abercrombie	Crowley	Hinche
Ackerman	Cuellar	Hinojosa
Aderholt	Cummings	Hirono
Akin	Davis (AL)	Hobson
Alexander	Davis (CA)	Hodes
Allen	Davis (IL)	Hoekstra
Altmire	Davis, David	Holden
Andrews	Davis, Lincoln	Holt
Arcuri	Davis, Tom	Honda
Bachmann	Deal (GA)	Hooley
Bachus	DeFazio	Hoyer
Baird	DeGette	Hulshof
Baker	Delahunt	Hunter
Barrett (SC)	DeLauro	Inglis (SC)
Barrow	Dent	Inslee
Bartlett (MD)	Diaz-Balart, L.	Israel
Barton (TX)	Diaz-Balart, M.	Issa
Bean	Dicks	Jackson (IL)
Becerra	Dingell	Jackson-Lee
Berkley	Doggett	(TX)
Berman	Donnelly	Jefferson
Berry	Doolittle	Jindal
Biggert	Doyle	Johnson (GA)
Bilbray	Drake	Johnson (IL)
Bilirakis	Dreier	Johnson, E. B.
Bishop (GA)	Duncan	Johnson, Sam
Bishop (NY)	Edwards	Jones (NC)
Bishop (UT)	Ehlers	Jones (OH)
Blackburn	Ellison	Jordan
Blumenauer	Ellsworth	Kagen
Blunt	Emanuel	Kanjorski
Boehner	Emerson	Kaptur
Bonner	Engel	Keller
Bono	English (PA)	Kennedy
Boozman	Eshoo	Kildee
Boren	Etheridge	Kind
Boswell	Everett	King (IA)
Boucher	Fallin	King (NY)
Boustany	Farr	Kingston
Boyd (FL)	Fattah	Kirk
Boyd (KS)	Feeney	Klein (FL)
Brady (PA)	Ferguson	Kline (MN)
Brady (TX)	Filner	Knollenberg
Braley (IA)	Flake	Kucinich
Brown, Corrine	Forbes	Kuhl (NY)
Brown-Waite,	Fortenberry	LaHood
Ginny	Fossella	Lamborn
Buchanan	Fox	Lampson
Burgess	Frank (MA)	Langevin
Burton (IN)	Franks (AZ)	Lantos
Butterfield	Frelinghuysen	Larsen (WA)
Buyer	Gallely	Larson (CT)
Calvert	Garrett (NJ)	Latham
Camp (MI)	Gerlach	LaTourette
Campbell (CA)	Giffords	Lee
Cannon	Gilchrest	Levin
Cantor	Gillibrand	Lewis (CA)
Capito	Gillmor	Lewis (GA)
Capps	Gingrey	Lewis (KY)
Capuano	Gohmert	Linder
Cardoza	Gonzalez	Lipinski
Carnahan	Goode	LoBiondo
Carney	Goodlatte	Loebsack
Carson	Gordon	Lofgren, Zoe
Carter	Granger	Lowe
Castle	Graves	Lucas
Castor	Green, Al	Lungren, Daniel
Chabot	Green, Gene	E.
Chandler	Grijalva	Lynch
Clarke	Gutierrez	Mack
Clay	Hall (NY)	Mahoney (FL)
Cleaver	Hall (TX)	Maloney (NY)
Clyburn	Hare	Manzullo
Coble	Harman	Marchant
Cohen	Hastert	Markey
Cole (OK)	Hastings (FL)	Marshall
Conaway	Hastings (WA)	Matheson
Conyers	Hayes	Matsui
Cooper	Heller	McCarthy (CA)
Costa	Hensarling	McCarthy (NY)
Costello	Herger	McCaul (TX)
Courtney	Herseth	McCollum (MN)
Cramer	Higgins	McCotter
Crenshaw	Hill	McCreary

McDermott	Porter	Smith (TX)
McGovern	Price (GA)	Smith (WA)
McHenry	Price (NC)	Snyder
McHugh	Pryce (OH)	Solis
McIntyre	Putnam	Souder
McKeon	Radanovich	Space
McMorris	Rahall	Spratt
Rodgers	Ramstad	Stark
McNerney	Rangel	Stearns
McNulty	Regula	Stupak
Meehan	Rehberg	Sullivan
Meek (FL)	Reichert	Sutton
Meeks (NY)	Renzi	Tancredo
Melancon	Reyes	Tanner
Mica	Reynolds	Tauscher
Michaud	Rodriguez	Taylor
Millender-	Rogers (AL)	Terry
McDonald	Rogers (KY)	Thompson (CA)
Miller (MI)	Rogers (MI)	Thompson (MS)
Miller (NC)	Rohrabacher	Thornberry
Miller, Gary	Ros-Lehtinen	Tiahrt
Miller, George	Roskam	Tiberi
Mitchell	Ross	Tierney
Mollohan	Rothman	Towns
Moore (KS)	Roybal-Allard	Turner
Moore (WI)	Royce	Udall (CO)
Moran (KS)	Ruppersberger	Udall (NM)
Moran (VA)	Rush	Upton
Murphy (CT)	Ryan (OH)	Van Hollen
Murphy, Patrick	Ryan (WI)	Velázquez
Murphy, Tim	Salazar	Vislosky
Murtha	Sali	Walberg
Musgrave	Sánchez, Linda	Walden (OR)
Myrick	T.	Walsh (NY)
Nadler	Sanchez, Loretta	Walz (MN)
Napolitano	Sarbanes	Wamp
Neal (MA)	Saxton	Wasserman
Neugebauer	Schakowsky	Schultz
Nunes	Schiff	Waters
Oberstar	Schwartz	Watson
Obey	Scott (GA)	Watt
Olver	Scott (VA)	Waxman
Ortiz	Sensenbrenner	Weiner
Pallone	Serrano	Welch (VT)
Pascrell	Sessions	Westmoreland
Pastor	Sestak	Wexler
Payne	Shadegg	Whitfield
Pearce	Shays	Wicker
Pence	Shea-Porter	Wilson (NM)
Perlmutter	Sherman	Wilson (OH)
Peterson (MN)	Shimkus	Wilson (SC)
Peterson (PA)	Shuler	Wolf
Petri	Shuster	Woolsey
Pickering	Simpson	Wu
Pitts	Sires	Wynn
Platts	Slaughter	Yarmuth
Poe	Smith (NE)	Young (AK)
Pomeroy	Smith (NJ)	Young (FL)

NAYS—1

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NOT VOTING—13

Baca	Davis (KY)	Skelton
Baldwin	Davis, Jo Ann	Weldon (FL)
Brown (SC)	Kilpatrick	Weiler
Cubin	Miller (FL)	
Culberson	Schmidt	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 1448

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, due to official leave of absence, I was unable to vote on three bills considered today under suspension of the rules. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on final passage of H. Res. 64, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Government of Bangladesh should immediately drop all pending

charges against Bangladeshi journalist Salah Uddin Shoaib Choudhury; “yea” on final passage of H. Res. 228, Recognizing the 186th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating Greek and American democracy, and “yea” on final passage of H. Res. 222, Expressing the support of the House of Representatives for the Good Friday Agreement, signed on April 10, 1998, as a blueprint for a lasting peace in Northern Ireland, and for other purposes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I respectfully request that I be excused from today’s votes due to official business at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. I regret that I was not able to cast these votes; however, if I had been present I would have voted in the following way: “yea” on H. Res. 64; “yea” on H. Res. 228; “yea” on H. Res. 222.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 139 on final passage of H. Res. 64, rollcall No. 140 on final passage of H. Res. 228, and rollcall No. 141 on final passage of H. Res. 222, I am not recorded because I was absent due to attendance at a family funeral. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on each of the rollcall votes.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF MEMBER OF HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Melody McEntee, Director, Government, Business and Community Relations, Office of Hon. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 12, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with an administrative subpoena, issued by the United States Merit Systems Protection Board, for testimony and documents.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is inconsistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

MELODY MCENTEE,
Director, Government, Business
and Community Relations.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

CONGRESSIONAL CONSTITUTION CAUCUS’ WEEKLY “CONSTITUTION HALF HOUR”

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

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I am here today to announce our support of the A-PLUS Act authored by my good friend from Michigan (Mr. HOEKSTRA). I stand here as the founder and chairman of the Congressional Constitution Caucus, and I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this legislation.

Normally, when I begin my weekly floor speeches, I quote the relevant portion of the Constitution that corresponds with the evening’s topic. Yet today I have difficulty choosing a coinciding article and section from our founding document. You see, the Constitution does not contain the word “school” or even “education.” Contrary to common modern misconceptions, there is no constitutional right guaranteeing each citizen an education.

Now, this does not mean education is unimportant or that the Constitution is silent on the issue. The 10th amendment unambiguously states, “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.”

Historically, in the United States, education has not fallen under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government. Parents, local schools and the States were responsible for children’s academic training. It has only been in the last 50 years or so has the Federal Government begun overstepping its constitutional boundaries by parading the increasing bureaucracies of the Department of Education.

Mr. HOEKSTRA’s bill seeks to correct many of the problems associated with a Federal bureaucracy by putting control over education money back into the hands of the taxpayers and, most importantly, the parents.

Under the current system, the Federal Government essentially bribes States into complying with the burdensome No Child Left Behind program. Yes, States can opt out of these regulations, but doing so would mean losing millions of dollars in aid every year.

Under its bill, first it will free States from following needless Federal regulations and mandates. Currently, the No Child Left Behind program restricts academic innovation and ignores the diversity present in each State, region and school district.

Secondly, A-PLUS Act will reduce the amount of time and money that school officials currently devote to complying with these mandates. Each