

this very important addition. It will give families added consolation, of course, on the burial of a loved one. So we thank you.

I have no further requests for time.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, we have no further requests for time, and we yield back the balance of our time.

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, we urge support for H.R. 797, as amended, and I yield back our time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SALAZAR). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 797, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the yeas have it.

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

#### VETERANS' COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 2007

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1284) to increase, effective as of December 1, 2007, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1284

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

##### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2007".

##### SEC. 2. INCREASE IN RATES OF DISABILITY COMPENSATION AND DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION.

(a) RATE ADJUSTMENT.—Effective on December 1, 2007, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall increase, in accordance with subsection (c), the dollar amounts in effect on November 30, 2007, for the payment of disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation under the provisions specified in subsection (b).

(b) AMOUNTS TO BE INCREASED.—The dollar amounts to be increased pursuant to subsection (a) are the following:

(1) WARTIME DISABILITY COMPENSATION.—Each of the dollar amounts under section 1114 of title 38, United States Code.

(2) ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR DEPENDENTS.—Each of the dollar amounts under sections 1115(1) of such title.

(3) CLOTHING ALLOWANCE.—The dollar amount under section 1162 of such title.

(4) DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION TO SURVIVING SPOUSE.—Each of the dollar amounts under subsections (a) through (d) of section 1311 of such title.

(5) DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION TO CHILDREN.—Each of the dollar

amounts under sections 1313(a) and 1314 of such title.

(c) DETERMINATION OF INCREASE.—

(1) PERCENTAGE.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), each dollar amount described in subsection (b) shall be increased by the same percentage as the percentage by which benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) are increased effective December 1, 2007, as a result of a determination under section 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)).

(2) ROUNDING.—Each dollar amount increased under paragraph (1), if not a whole dollar amount, shall be rounded to the next lower whole dollar amount.

(d) SPECIAL RULE.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may adjust administratively, consistent with the increases made under subsection (a), the rates of disability compensation payable to persons under section 10 of Public Law 85-857 (72 Stat. 1263) who have not received compensation under chapter 11 of title 38, United States Code.

##### SEC. 3. PUBLICATION OF ADJUSTED RATES.

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall publish in the Federal Register the amounts specified in section 2(b), as increased under that section, not later than the date on which the matters specified in section 215(i)(2)(D) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(D)) are required to be published by reason of a determination made under section 215(i) of such Act during fiscal year 2008.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

##### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 1284.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, we all urge passage of H.R. 1284, the so-called Veterans' Compensation, COLA, Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act. It would direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to increase, effective December 1 of this year, the rates of veterans' compensation to keep pace with the rising cost of living in our Nation. The rate adjustment is equal to that provided on an annual basis to Social Security recipients and is based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index.

Regardless, Mr. Speaker, of where any of us are on the current war in Iraq, we all believe that our returning young men and women who have served this Nation so courageously get all the attention, care, respect and love that we can give as a Nation. Nothing bothers any of us more than to see returning troops, whether it be at Walter Reed or any of our VA hospitals, have to face the bureaucracy that seems indifferent, and does not provide the services they need.

The cost of serving these veterans, which includes this annual COLA, is a continuing cost of war. We will have from Iraq and Afghanistan an increase in injuries and disabilities that will yield an increase in claims for compensation. Over 1.5 million servicemembers have been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan without any end, it looks like, in sight, and the President calls for more troops. Therefore, the Veterans Administration, as well as the military hospitals, can expect a significant increase in the number of new claims for compensation and new demands on the health care system. I think that recent events have shown that neither system is adequately prepared for that onslaught, and, in fact, the systems are stretched to the breaking point.

We as a Congress, we as a Nation, have got to give our veterans all the care that they need, all the resources they need, and we as Congress have to provide accountability for the spending of those resources.

Let me say that certainly we on the Democratic side, and I am sure supported on the Republican side, have made major increases in the resources to our veterans care that is now demanded from our Nation. I am told that the budget resolution will have an additional \$6.6 billion over what we appropriated last year for the Veterans Administration.

You know that we appropriated an additional \$3.6 billion for fiscal year 2007, the year that we are in now, in the so-called continuing resolution, the biggest increase of any department in that continuing resolution.

The supplemental that we will be considering at the end of this week has \$3.5 billion for military and veterans health care; we say if you are going to deal with the cost of war, deal with the costs of the warrior.

So just in 60 days, Mr. Speaker, the new majority in the Congress has provided an additional \$13.5 billion for the care of our Nation's veterans, and that is a bigger increase than was totalled in the last 5 years combined.

So I think we are responding to the Walter Reed scandal. We are responding to the tragic suicides that came from indifference from the bureaucracy. We are responding to the needs of traumatic brain injury that have so increased in this war. We are responding to the needs of those who have post-traumatic stress disorder. We are responding to the needs of a Veterans Administration that is backlogged 600,000 disability claims.

So we are going to respond with the dollars. We also need to make sure we have accountability, and we will have more to say on that in the future.

Congress regularly enacts an annual cost-of-living adjustment for veterans compensation to make sure that inflation does not erode the purchasing power of veterans and their families who depend upon this income to meet their daily needs. This bill before us, in

fact, will benefit all veterans from the World War I era through the current conflicts.

So I hope that we will have support for this. I would like to add my thanks for the increases that I talked about just a second ago in this budget for 2008 and the continuing resolution for 2007 and the supplemental that we will be considering to our Speaker, NANCY PELOSI, who insisted that we care for our Nation's veterans; also, the chairman of the Appropriations Committee, Mr. OBEY of Wisconsin; to his chairman of the subcommittee that looks at veterans affairs, Mr. EDWARDS from Texas; and the chairman of our Budget Committee, Mr. SPRATT, all of whom said we are not going to fail this test that America is faced with today, the test of whether we are going to make sure that our veterans get the care they need.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I would like to yield just a minute for a question to the chairman, if he might. By your comments, am I to take it that the majority does now have the votes necessary to pass the supplemental later this week?

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MILLER of Florida. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. FILNER. You are asking that of me? The lowest level of person in the House? No, I hope we will take up that supplemental at the end of the week.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. I thank the chairman.

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I do rise in strong support also of this piece of legislation, thanking my colleagues, the new chairman of the subcommittee which I chaired last year, Mr. HALL, and also Mr. LAMBORN, the new ranking member; also, again, thanking Chairman FILNER and Ranking Member BUYER for helping move this important legislation to the floor as quickly as it has.

In this piece of legislation we increased, effective as of December 1 of this year, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities, the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans. Also, the COLA adjustment includes wartime disability compensation, additional compensation for dependents, clothing allowance, dependency and indemnity compensation to a surviving spouse, dependency and indemnity compensation for children.

Mr. Speaker, this is an important annual authorization bill which provides much-needed assistance to our Nation's veterans. I encourage and expect all of my colleagues to support this piece of legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as he may consume to the new chairman of the Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs Subcommittee of the Veterans Affairs Committee, Mr. HALL of New York.

Mr. HALL of New York. Thank you, Congressman, for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, I introduced H.R. 1284 earlier this month with the Chairman of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Congressman FILNER.

Chairman FILNER has been instrumental in moving this bill forward. I thank him for that. I also want to thank the ranking member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, STEVE BUYER, and our ranking member of the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, DOUG LAMBORN, who were both helpful in getting this bill moved expeditiously. The fact that we got this bill to the floor within the month shows the House leadership's commitment to our Nation's veterans.

As chairman of the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, I believe that America must uphold its promise to care for our veterans and their families, and I strongly support efforts to alleviate unjust financial burdens imposed upon our Nation's veterans and their survivors. This is why I am so pleased that H.R. 1284 is on the floor today.

H.R. 1284 would provide a cost-of-living adjustment to the rates of disability compensation provided to our Nation's disabled veterans and to the compensation provided to the survivors of veterans and servicemembers who died or who will die as a result of military service.

Every year since 1976, Congress has enacted an annual COLA adjustment for veterans with disabilities and their survivors. The regularity of Congress' action on COLA legislation underscores its importance. Without it, inflation would diminish and erode the purchasing power of millions of beneficiaries. According to VA, as set forth in its fiscal year 2008 budget, the Department estimates that it will provide disability compensation to 3,220,031 veterans with service-related disabilities in fiscal year 2008.

In summary, this legislation is critical to the lives of over 3 million beneficiaries who have served our country well and faithfully. I ask for your continued support for our Nation's veterans, and I ask for your support of the bipartisan Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living-Adjustment Act of 2007.

I would just like to say a few words also about another bill that is on the floor today and falls under the jurisdiction of my subcommittee, H.R. 797, the Dr. James Allen Veteran Vision Equity Act. As with H.R. 1284, I am proud of the speed and fashion in which this bill has come to the floor.

H.R. 797, which has the backing of the Blind Veterans Association, would put the Veterans Administration on a par with the Social Security Administration, the World Health Organiza-

tion, and all 50 States in defining a visual impairment.

Furthermore, this bill allows certain veterans to receive a "V" on their gravestone and reauthorizes the VA's popular work/study program.

Mr. Speaker, this Congress faces a substantial task in dealing with the difficulties our veterans face. Currently there are more than 570,000 veterans claims pending before the VA, literally hundreds of thousands of veterans waiting on decisions that can substantially affect their financial situation.

On top of this, we have a new generation of veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. The subcommittee I chair, the Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs Subcommittee, recently held a hearing where we heard from experts and Iraq war veterans. They all agree that the VA is critically unprepared to deal with these new commitments and will be overwhelmed.

One witness privately compared the VA's current position to that of a person standing on a beach while a tsunami comes rushing towards the shore. These men and women deserve our support, and it is incumbent upon this Congress to act.

In the coming month, I plan to hold hearings on several pieces of legislation that will address this backlog. I have introduced one bill which would provide interim benefits to veterans who have waited over 6 months for a decision on their appeal.

While this will not fix the entire problem, it will help veterans pay their bills and buy their medicine while they wait for a decision from the VA. I look forward to working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle on these important issues, and I trust they share my sense of urgency on these matters.

It is my hope that H.R. 797 and H.R. 1284 are the first of many steps this Congress takes to ensure that those who have sacrificed so much for this country receive the benefits they have earned.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure now to yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from Washington, who although not on the VA Committee, is an active participant in much of the legislation that comes to that committee, and an Air Force veteran, Mr. REICHERT.

Mr. REICHERT. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, we are here to, and I am honored to be here to support H.R. 1284, the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2007. It sounds awful cold and mechanical when you rattle it off in that way, but it means a lot to the people who serve this country.

I was, as my good friend Mr. MILLER said, I was in the Air Force. I served 33 years in the King County Sheriff's Office in Seattle, Washington, and I had friends who were wounded in the line of duty, partners who were wounded, partners who were killed and sacrificed

their lives to protect their communities. I, myself, was nearly mortally wounded in serving our community as a sheriff's deputy.

I know what it means to have a community come behind you. I know what it means to have a family stand with you. I know what it means to have your friends, your relatives, and your local government to be there with you.

Our veterans deserve to know what that feeling is. They need to know the United States Government and Members of Congress are standing with them. We are soldiers here fighting with them, providing them with the benefits they need, the tools they need, the things they need to do their job, the things they need to do to protect their families, the things they need to have to provide for their families.

Two weeks ago I stopped and visited a marine in a Seattle VA hospital. This marine was wounded in the neck with a .22 caliber bullet. I stood in awe at his courage as he lay paralyzed from the waist down, and I asked him what his plans were for the future, and that I was honored to meet him, and sorry that he was wounded in battle.

He looked at me and smiled and said, Why feel sorry for me? Don't. I volunteered for this work. I want to protect America. You know what he said his plans for the future was? To go back to Iraq. He said, I will walk again and fight next to my brothers and sisters on the front lines.

I met another soldier at Madigan Hospital, the Army hospital in Tacoma, Washington, a soldier who was standing near someone who blew themselves up, a suicide bomber. He is now suffering from a blood viral infection. He has been treated for over a year at Madigan Hospital. I said the same thing to him. I am honored to meet you. What are your plans for the future?

He said, I will heal. Don't feel sorry for me. I am going back to fight with my fellow soldiers.

This cost-of-living increase seems mechanical to us as we sit here in this House floor. It means a lot to the soldiers that are fighting and dying for this freedom of our citizens, of all of us here today.

I am so proud to be here to stand before you and support this legislation.

One of the other things that we must do, not only pass legislation that helps them provide for their families and for themselves and their future, you must reach out and make sure that those veterans who are out in our community, 624,000 veterans in the State of Washington, know what benefits are available to them.

On March 31, we would hold a veterans fair just across the water from Seattle, Washington, and invite every veteran in the State to be there so they can learn how we can help them and we can honor them.

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Nevada (Ms. BERKLEY).

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I also would like to thank Chairman FILNER, Ranking Member BUYER, and subcommittee chairman, JOHN HALL, and ranking subcommittee chairman, Mr. MILLER, for their continued efforts to ensure the value of veterans benefits does not erode as the cost living increases.

H.R. 1284, the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act, will help our service-disabled veterans and their survivors maintain the purchasing power of their benefits in 2008.

Now, everyone that has spoken before me has been quite eloquent, and you don't need for me to reinforce all of the statements that they have already made. But I would like to let you know how this affects the people that I represent.

Last year, over 31,000 veterans and survivors received disability compensation or pension payments from the VA in the State of Nevada. The action we are taking here today will help the Nevada veterans and families who depend on these VA benefits. No amount of money can adequately compensate our veterans for the loss of their health, or families for the loss of a loved one. It is important, though, that these benefits do not lose their value over time, and that we demonstrate our genuine appreciation for the sacrifices they have made on behalf of our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that everybody vote in favor of this measure.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. DENT).

Mr. DENT. Thank you, Congressman MILLER, for your leadership, as well as Congresswoman BERKLEY. I appreciate all of your leadership on this very important issue.

Mr. Speaker, I too rise today to speak in favor of H.R. 1284, the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2007.

I think we all are indeed grateful for the services of our Nation's veterans. They have answered this country's call time and time again. As a matter of fact, just last week I visited a VA outpatient clinic in my own district of Allentown, Pennsylvania. I continue to be amazed by the spirit of our veterans. Many of whom I met with there were in the Vietnam War, and some of whom were still struggling with the issues that affected them since their return. But I am nevertheless amazed by their spirit.

I also recently visited the Walter Reed Army Hospital in the wake of events. But as a Nation, we are indebted to these veterans. We are indebted to them for their contributions to our freedom. We need to take every opportunity to let those veterans know that they are appreciated and that their needs will be met by a grateful government and a grateful Nation.

H.R. 1284 is an opportunity for us to help meet those needs. This bill provides for an increase in the rate of compensation for disabled veterans and

in the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for their families effective December 1.

The percentage increase in these rates would be equal to the increase for Social Security benefits, which would be calculated later this year. Veterans benefits must keep up with inflation. Veterans should not have to worry about losing their standard of living just because they may be living on a fixed income.

This bill will help to accomplish that particular objective. I strongly urge the Members of this House to show their support for America's veterans by voting in favor of the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living and Adjustment Act of 2007.

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, but I would like to thank Mr. MILLER for his commitment to our Nation's veterans, for leading his side with civility, cooperation and friendship.

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, veterans with service-related disabilities deserve not only our admiration, but also our support. This is why today I rise in strong support of H.R. 327, H.R. 797 and H.R. 1284, a series of bills assisting our service men and women.

H.R. 327, The Joshua Omvig Veterans Suicide Prevention Act will require the Veterans' Affairs Department to develop and implement a comprehensive program to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans. Last year a survey study conducted among Army and Marine combat units returning from Iraq and Afghanistan found that one in eight troops reported symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Moreover, less than half of these soldiers experiencing symptoms sought professional help, primarily out of fear of being stigmatized by peers or hurting their military careers. With PTSD comes feelings of estrangement from others, loss of satisfaction in previously satisfying activities, and the feeling of hopelessness about the future. It is no wonder then, that veterans suffer a higher risk of suicide. This bill, H.R. 327, is an important step in the right direction to ending the soldiers' stigma for seeking help, and gives hope to thousands of veterans and their families coping with the costs of war.

Like H.R. 327, The Veterans Vision Equity Act (H.R. 797), is intended to providing our patriots with the care they deserve. H.R. 797 would change current law to provide veterans who receive disability compensation because of blindness in one eye, additional benefits if they are visually impaired in the second eye. This bill provides only a small change to the current code, yet it would aid an estimated 13,200 veterans in getting proper compensation for their disability. We blessed with vision often take our sight for granted, but the loss of one's sight no doubt requires an altering of lifestyle. Indeed, the sights that once filled eyes with beauty are regulated to memories and perceived only in the imagination. Many of our veterans are coping with such a change, and this bill is important in supporting their transition.

Finally there is H.R. 1284, The Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2007. This bill would provide an increase in the rate of compensation for disabled veterans, as well as provide an increase in rates

of dependency and indemnity compensation for these veterans' families. The baby-boom generation understands why this bill is necessary: costs are going up. When I was young five dollars could buy you dinner and take you to the movies—now it can buy you a can of soda and chips. Indeed, inflation is slowly but surely driving up costs for basic goods and services. It is important that we meet our obligations to our veterans by providing them with benefits commensurate to their service. H.R. 1284 would achieve just that.

We are a nation at war. As such, now more than ever, maintaining the well-being of our veterans is paramount. Already, we have agreed for so much from our service men and women, and now it is time that we return the favor. I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting our troops and vote "yes" on H.R. 327, H.R. 797 and H.R. 1284.

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

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, we yield back the balance of our time.

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 pass the bill, H.R. 1284.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 835 by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 327 by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 797 by the yeas and nays.

The postponed vote on H.R. 1284 will be taken later.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

HAWAIIAN HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion of the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS) to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 835, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 835.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 262, nays 162, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 173]

YEAS—262

Abercrombie	Grijalva	Oberstar
Ackerman	Gutierrez	Obey
Alexander	Hall (NY)	Olver
Allen	Hare	Ortiz
Altmire	Harman	Pallone
Andrews	Hastert	Pascrell
Arcuri	Hastings (FL)	Pastor
Baca	Herseth	Payne
Baird	Higgins	Pearce
Baldwin	Hill	Perlmutter
Barrow	Hinchey	Peterson (MN)
Bean	Hinojosa	Peterson (PA)
Becerra	Hirono	Pickering
Berkley	Hodes	Pomeroy
Berman	Holden	Porter
Berry	Holt	Price (NC)
Bishop (GA)	Honda	Pryce (OH)
Bishop (NY)	Hooley	Rahall
Blumenauer	Hoyer	Rangel
Bono	Hunter	Reichert
Boren	Inslee	Renzi
Boswell	Israel	Reyes
Boucher	Jackson (IL)	Rodriguez
Boyd (FL)	Jackson-Lee	Ross
Boyd (KS)	(TX)	Rothman
Brady (PA)	Jefferson	Roybal-Allard
Braley (IA)	Johnson (GA)	Ruppersberger
Brown, Corrine	Johnson (IL)	Rush
Butterfield	Jones (NC)	Ryan (OH)
Cannon	Jones (OH)	Salazar
Capito	Kagen	Sánchez, Linda
Capps	Kaptur	T.
Capuano	Kennedy	Sanchez, Loretta
Cardoza	Kildee	Sanbarne
Carnahan	Kilpatrick	Sarbanes
Carney	Kind	Schakowsky
Carson	Kingston	Schiff
Castor	Klein (FL)	Schwartz
Chandler	Kucinich	Scott (GA)
Clarke	LaHood	Scott (VA)
Clay	Lampson	Serrano
Cleaver	Langevin	Sestak
Clyburn	Lantos	Shadegg
Cohen	Larsen (WA)	Shays
Cole (OK)	Larson (CT)	Shea-Porter
Conyers	LaTourette	Sherman
Cooper	Lee	Shimkus
Costa	Levin	Shuler
Costello	Lewis (GA)	Simpson
Courtney	Lipinski	Sires
Cramer	LoBiondo	Skelton
Crowley	Loebsack	Slaughter
Cuellar	Lofgren, Zoe	Smith (NJ)
Davis (AL)	Lowe	Smith (WA)
Davis (CA)	Lucas	Solis
Davis (IL)	Lynch	Space
Davis (KY)	Mahoney (FL)	Spratt
Davis, Lincoln	Maloney (NY)	Stark
DeFazio	Markey	Stupak
DeGette	Marshall	Sutton
Delahunt	Matheson	Tanner
DeLauro	Matsui	Tauscher
Dicks	McCarthy (NY)	Taylor
Dingell	McCollum (MN)	Thompson (CA)
Doggett	McDermott	Thompson (MS)
Donnelly	McGovern	Tierney
Doyle	McIntyre	Towns
Edwards	McNerney	Udall (CO)
Ellison	McNulty	Udall (NM)
Ellsworth	Meehan	Van Hollen
Emanuel	MEEK (FL)	Velázquez
Emerson	MEEKS (NY)	Visclosky
Engel	Melancon	Walz (MN)
Eshoo	Michaud	Wasserman
Etheridge	Millender-Schultz	
Farr	McDonald	Waters
Fattah	Miller (NC)	Watson
Filner	Miller, George	Watt
Fortenberry	Mitchell	Waxman
Frank (MA)	Mollohan	Weiner
Giffords	Moore (KS)	Welch (VT)
Gilchrest	Moore (WI)	Wexler
Gillibrand	Moran (VA)	Wilson (NM)
Gillmor	Murphy (CT)	Wilson (OH)
Gingrey	Murphy, Patrick	Woolsey
Gonzalez	Murtha	Wu
Gordon	Nadler	Wynn
Green, Al	Napolitano	Yarmuth
Green, Gene	Neal (MA)	Young (AK)

NAYS—162

Aderholt	Fox	Moran (KS)
Akin	Franks (AZ)	Murphy, Tim
Bachmann	Frelinghuysen	Musgrave
Bachus	Gallely	Myrick
Baker	Garrett (NJ)	Neugebauer
Barrett (SC)	Gerlach	Nunes
Bartlett (MD)	Gohmert	Paul
Barton (TX)	Goode	Petri
Biggart	Goodlatte	Pitts
Bilbray	Granger	Platts
Bilirakis	Graves	Poe
Bishop (UT)	Hall (TX)	Price (GA)
Blackburn	Hastings (WA)	Putnam
Blunt	Hayes	Radanovich
Boehner	Heller	Ramstad
Bonner	Hensarling	Regula
Boozman	Herger	Rehberg
Boustany	Hobson	Reynolds
Brady (TX)	Hoekstra	Rogers (AL)
Brown (SC)	Hulshof	Rogers (KY)
Brown-Waite,	Inglis (SC)	Rogers (MI)
Ginny	Issa	Rohrabacher
Buchanan	Jindal	Ros-Lehtinen
Burgess	Johnson, Sam	Roskam
Burton (IN)	Jordan	Royce
Buyer	Keller	Ryan (WI)
Calvert	King (IA)	Sali
Camp (MI)	King (NY)	Saxton
Campbell (CA)	Kirk	Schmidt
Cantor	Kline (MN)	Sensenbrenner
Carter	Knollenberg	Sessions
Castle	Kuhl (NY)	Shuster
Chabot	Lamborn	Smith (NE)
Coble	Latham	Smith (TX)
Conaway	Lewis (CA)	Souder
Crenshaw	Lewis (KY)	Stearns
Cubin	Linder	Sullivan
Culberson	Lungren, Daniel	Tancredo
Davis, David	E.	Terry
Dent	Mack	Thornberry
Diaz-Balart, L.	Manzullo	Tiahrt
Diaz-Balart, M.	Marchant	Tiberi
Doolittle	McCarthy (CA)	Turner
Drake	McCaul (TX)	Upton
Dreier	McCotter	Walberg
Duncan	McCrery	Walden (OR)
Ehlers	McHenry	Walsh (NY)
English (PA)	McHugh	Wamp
Everett	McKeon	Weldon (FL)
Fallin	McMorris	Weller
Feeney	Rodgers	Westmoreland
Ferguson	Mica	Whitfield
Flake	Miller (FL)	Wicker
Forbes	Miller (MI)	Wilson (SC)
Fossella	Miller, Gary	Wolf

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Cummings	Deal (GA)	Pence
Davis, Jo Ann	Johnson, E. B.	Snyder
Davis, Tom	Kanjorski	Young (FL)

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Mrs. CUBIN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Messrs. RAMSTAD, EHLERS, CULBERSON and DENT changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Messrs. NEAL of Massachusetts, PICKERING, KINGSTON, ALEXANDER, GINGREY, CANNON and GILMOR changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So (two-thirds being in the negative) the bill was not passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

JOSHUA OMVIG VETERANS SUICIDE PREVENTION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 327, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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 pass the bill, H.R. 327, as amended.