

substantial amount of funding for improving communications interoperability among first responders, which will help Oregon as it continues to aggressively address the issue at the local level. It also provides nearly \$4 billion over the next four years for rail, transit, and bus security, a matter which I have had a long standing interests. We have seen the devastating impacts of terrorism on these modes of transportation in Europe in recent years and it is crucial that we make investments to protect this infrastructure at home.

These changes and many others recommended by the 9/11 Commission represent an important and long overdue step forward to securing our Nation.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the conference report.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

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

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 371, nays 40, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 757]

YEAS—371

Abercrombie  
Ackerman  
Aderholt  
Akin  
Alexander  
Allen  
Altmire  
Andrews  
Arcuri  
Baca  
Bachmann  
Bachus  
Baird  
Baldwin  
Barrow  
Bartlett (MD)  
Bean  
Becerra  
Berkley  
Berry  
Biggert  
Bilirakis  
Bishop (GA)  
Bishop (NY)  
Blumenauer  
Blunt  
Bonner  
Bono  
Boozman  
Boren  
Boswell  
Boucher  
Boustany  
Boyd (FL)  
Boyd (KS)  
Brady (PA)  
Brady (TX)  
Braley (IA)  
Broun (GA)  
Brown (SC)  
Brown, Corrine  
Brown-Waite,  
    Ginny  
Buchanan  
Burgess  
Burton (IN)  
Butterfield  
Buyer  
Calvert  
Camp (MI)  
Cantor  
Capito  
Capps  
Capuano

Cardoza  
Carmahan  
Carney  
Carson  
Carter  
Castle  
Castor  
Chabot  
Chandler  
Clay  
Cleaver  
Clyburn  
Cohen  
Cole (OK)  
Conaway  
Conyers  
Cooper  
Costa  
Costello  
Courtney  
Cramer  
Crenshaw  
Crowley  
Cuellar  
Cummings  
Davis (AL)  
Davis (CA)  
Davis (IL)  
Davis, Lincoln  
Davis, Tom  
Deal (GA)  
DeFazio  
DeGette  
Harman  
DeLahunt  
DeLauro  
Dent  
Diaz-Balart, L.  
Diaz-Balart, M.  
Dicks  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Donnelly  
Doolittle  
Doyle  
Drake  
Dreier  
Edwards  
Ehlers  
Ellison  
Ellsworth  
Emerson  
Engel  
English (PA)  
Eshoo

Etheridge  
Everett  
Fallin  
Farr  
Fattah  
Feeney  
Ferguson  
Filner  
Forbes  
Fortenberry  
Fossella  
Foxy  
Franks (AZ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Garrett (NJ)  
Gallagher  
Giffords  
Gilchrest  
Gillibrand  
Gillmor  
Gohmert  
Gonzalez  
Goodlatte  
Gordon  
Granger  
Graves  
Green, Al  
Green, Gene  
Grijalva  
Hall (NY)  
Hall (TX)  
Hare  
Harman  
Hastings (FL)  
Hastings (WA)  
Hayes  
Heller  
Hensarling  
Herger  
Herseth Sandlin  
Higgins  
Hill  
Hinchev  
Hinojosa  
Hirono  
Hobson  
Hodes  
Holden  
Holt  
Honda  
Hoyer  
Hulshof  
Hunter

Inslee  
Israel  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson-Lee  
    (TX)  
Jefferson  
Jindal  
Johnson (GA)  
Johnson (IL)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Jones (OH)  
Kagen  
Kanjorski  
Kaptur  
Keller  
Kennedy  
Kildee  
Kilpatrick  
Kind  
King (NY)  
Kirk  
Klein (FL)  
Kline (MN)  
Knollenberg  
Kuhl (NY)  
Lamborn  
Lampson  
Langevin  
Lantos  
Larsen (WA)  
Larson (CT)  
Latham  
LaTourette  
Lee  
Levin  
Lewis (CA)  
Lewis (GA)  
Lewis (KY)  
Linder  
Lipinski  
LoBiondo  
Loeback  
Lofgren, Zoe  
Lowey  
Lucas  
Lungren, Daniel  
    E.  
Lynch  
Mack  
Mahoney (FL)  
Maloney (NY)  
Manzullo  
Marchant  
Markey  
Marshall  
Matheson  
Matsui  
McCarthy (CA)  
McCarthy (NY)  
McCaul (TX)  
McCollum (MN)  
McCotter  
McCreery  
McDermott  
McGovern  
McHugh  
McIntyre  
McKeon  
McMorris  
    Rodgers  
McNerney  
Meek (FL)

NAYS—40

Barrett (SC)  
Barton (TX)  
Bilbray  
Bishop (UT)  
Blackburn  
Campbell (CA)  
Cannon  
Coble  
Culberson  
Davis (KY)  
Davis, David  
Duncan  
Flake  
Gingrey

Goode  
Hoekstra  
Inglis (SC)  
Johnson, Sam  
Jones (NC)  
Jordan  
King (IA)  
Kingston  
McHenry  
Miller (FL)  
Sullivan  
Oberstar  
Paul  
Petri  
Price (GA)

NOT VOTING—22

Baker  
Berman  
Boehner  
Clarke  
Cubin  
Davis, Jo Ann  
Emanuel  
Frank (MA)

Gallegly  
Gutierrez  
Hastert  
Issa  
Kucinich  
LaHood  
McNulty  
Mica

Schwartz  
Melancon  
Scott (GA)  
Scott (VA)  
Serrano  
Sessions  
Sestak  
Shays  
Shea-Porter  
Sherman  
Shimkus  
Shuler  
Shuster  
Simpson  
Skelton  
Slaughter  
Smith (NE)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (WA)  
Snyder  
Solis  
Souder  
Space  
Spratt  
Stearns  
Stupak  
Sutton  
Tanner  
Tauscher  
Taylor  
Terry  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Thornberry  
Tiahrt  
Tiberi  
Tierney  
Townes  
Turner  
Udall (CO)  
Udall (NM)  
Upton  
Van Hollen  
Velázquez  
Visclosky  
Walberg  
Walden (OR)  
Walsh (NY)  
Walz (MN)  
Wasserman  
    Schultz  
Watson  
Watt  
Waxman  
Weiner  
Welch (VT)  
Weldon (FL)  
Weller  
Westmoreland  
Wexler  
Whitfield  
Wicker  
Wilson (NM)  
Wilson (OH)  
Wolf  
Woolsey  
Wu  
Wynn  
Yarmuth  
Young (AK)  
Young (FL)

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Mr. RADANOVICH changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. BOYD of Florida and Mr. TURNER changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the conference report 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. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from this Chamber today. I would like the RECORD to show that, had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall vote 757.

Stated against:

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to cast a vote on rollcall 757. Had I been present, I would have voted “nay” on the measure.

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 757, because of a family commitment I was not present for rollcall vote 757. Had I been present I would have voted “nay.”

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, July 27, 2007, I was absent from the House for medical reasons.

Had I been present I would have voted:

On rollcall No. 748—“aye”—Jackson/Lee Amendment No. 101 to H.R. 2419; on rollcall No. 749—“no”—Rangel Amendment No. 24 to H.R. 2419; on rollcall No. 750—“aye”—Boehner Amendment No. 23 to H.R. 2419; on rollcall No. 751—“aye”—Davis/Kirk Amendment No. 45 to H.R. 2419; on rollcall No. 752—“aye”—Udall Amendment No. 42 to H.R. 2419; on rollcall No. 753—“aye”—Putnam Amendment No. 60 to H.R. 2419; on rollcall No. 754—“aye”—Cooper Amendment No. 95 to H.R. 2419; on rollcall No. 755—“aye”—Motion to Recommit for H.R. 2419; on rollcall No. 756—“no”—Final Passage for H.R. 2419; on rollcall No. 757—“nay”—H. Res. 567, Conference Report on H.R. 1.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the Chamber for rollcall votes 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, and 757 on July 27, 2007. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on rollcall votes 748, 749, 751, 752, 754, 756, and 757, and I would have voted “no” on rollcall votes 750, 753, and 755.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2831, LILLY LEDBETTER FAIR PAY ACT OF 2007

Ms. SLAUGHTER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-263) on the resolution (H. Res. 579) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2831) to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Americans

With Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to clarify that a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice that is unlawful under such Acts occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to the discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 986, EIGHTMILE WILD AND SCENIC RIVER ACT

Ms. SLAUGHTER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-264) on the resolution (H. Res. 580) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 986) to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Eightmile River in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3161, AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

Ms. SLAUGHTER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-265) on the resolution (H. Res. 581) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3161) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. HIRONO) laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Homeland Security:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, July 25, 2007.

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

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: This letter serves as my intent to resign from the House Homeland Security Committee, effective today. I appreciated the opportunity to serve on this important committee and its jurisdictional prerogatives that affect the safety and security of our nation.

Sincerely,

KEVIN MCCARTHY,  
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I yield to my friend from Florida for the purpose of inquiring about next week's schedule.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Thank you very much.

Madam Speaker, on Monday, the House will meet at 10:30 a.m. for morning-hour business and noon for legislative business, with votes rolled until 6:30 p.m. In addition to several bills under suspension of the rules, a list of which will be announced by the close of business today, we will consider H.R. 986, the Eightmile Wild and Scenic River Act; and H.R. 2831, the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act.

On Tuesday, the House will meet at 9 a.m. for morning-hour business and 10 a.m. for legislative business. On Wednesday and Thursday the House will meet at 10 a.m. On Friday the House will meet at 9 a.m. We will consider the FY08 Agriculture appropriations bill, the FY08 Department of Defense appropriations bill, the Children's Health and Medicare Protection Act, and energy independence legislation.

Mr. CANTOR. I thank the gentlelady from Florida.

I notice the gentlelady indicates that the SCHIP bill will be on the calendar next week. As a member of the Ways and Means Committee, I and others worked until 2 a.m. on the package to increase the taxes to pay for the SCHIP bill supposedly coming out of the Energy and Commerce Committee that was supposed to have scheduled to mark up their bill today.

How do you expect this bill to come to the floor next week, and under what kind of rule from the Energy and Commerce Committee?

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. We do not yet know what the rule will look like. We will be consulting with the Rules Committee and the Chair of the respective committees and we will be able to determine that at that point.

Mr. CANTOR. I would ask the gentlelady, is it the intention to bring one package with the bill out of Ways and Means and the not yet marked up bill from the Energy and Commerce Committee?

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. There are various possibilities being considered, and those decisions have not yet been reached.

Mr. CANTOR. I thank the gentlelady. I would also like to ask about the energy bill. Would you expect that the energy bill will come to the floor again in one package? Is there a multiple energy bill still floating out there in the committees?

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. That is also a decision that has not yet been made. The Rules Committee will be consulted as well as the Chair of the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Mr. CANTOR. I would ask the gentlelady, does she expect the energy

bill that comes to the floor to contain CAFE standards?

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. We are considering a number of different possibilities, and those decisions, in terms of substance, have not yet been reached.

Mr. CANTOR. Further, Madam Speaker, what day do you expect to begin consideration of the energy bill?

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Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. That decision is still being considered.

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman.

Next, you mentioned that the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act will be on the floor next week, and I am aware that the Rules Committee met today on this bill. I would remind the gentlewoman that it is very rare for the Rules Committee to meet the week before a bill is on the floor, and in today's case that committee met on not just one bill but on three.

I would ask the gentlewoman, Madam Speaker, will the rule granted be open given that Members were not afforded an amendment deadline and the Rules Committee meeting was not noticed until 9:04 p.m. last night?

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. The rule for the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act will be a closed rule.

Mr. CANTOR. I thank the gentlewoman. Again, it is very rare for that to happen, especially when there was absolutely no amendment deadline given to the Members and the notice only coming since 9 o'clock last night.

I would ask the gentlewoman further on the DoD approps bill, you have been talking about having an Iraq vote each week before we leave. Do you anticipate a freestanding bill next week, or do you expect legislation to be confined to a DoD approps bill having to do with Iraq?

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Those decisions have not yet been made, but it is possible that we will consider an Iraq vote sometime during next week.

Mr. CANTOR. Again, I know the gentlewoman may not have the information in front of her. We are trying to get as much information as we can, Madam Speaker, for our Members in order to plan their schedules for next week. And along those lines, the schedule is rather heavy.

Should we expect and should our Members be prepared for legislative business next Saturday?

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. In the event that we do not complete the agenda that is ambitious for next week, Members should make plans to possibly be here on Saturday.

Mr. CANTOR. I thank the gentlewoman.

Madam Speaker, I would like to ask about a few things that are out there expected to or at least having been reported to come up but are not yet on the schedule. I would ask, do you expect the patent reform legislation to be added to next week's schedule, as it