

thing, but I'm ready to work, Congressmen.

As a local official, I worked hard and I worked with both parties. I focused on balancing budgets and creating jobs. This will still be my approach, and these will be my priorities in Congress.

I pledge to work as hard as I can to mend our failing economy and help bring down the skyrocketing cost of gas, groceries and health care.

I look forward to meeting and working with every single one of you. I look forward to standing up for the values of the people who I have the honor of serving. And I pledge to work every day for the people of the First District of the great State of Mississippi.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Mississippi, the whole number of the House is 435.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

GAS PRICE RELIEF FOR CONSUMERS ACT OF 2008

The SPEAKER. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6074, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SERRANO). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6074.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 324, nays 84, not voting 26, as follows:

[Roll No. 332]

YEAS—324

Abercrombie	Boswell	Chabot
Ackerman	Boucher	Chandler
Aderholt	Boyd (FL)	Childers
Alexander	Boyd (KS)	Clarke
Allen	Brady (PA)	Clay
Altmire	Braley (IA)	Cleaver
Arcuri	Brown (SC)	Clyburn
Baca	Brown, Corrine	Cohen
Bachmann	Brown-Waite,	Conyers
Bachus	Ginny	Cooper
Baird	Buchanan	Costa
Baldwin	Burton (IN)	Costello
Barrow	Butterfield	Courtney
Bean	Buyer	Cramer
Becerra	Camp (MI)	Crowley
Berkley	Campbell (CA)	Cuellar
Berman	Cantor	Cummings
Berry	Capito	Davis (AL)
Biggert	Capps	Davis (CA)
Bilbray	Capuano	Davis, David
Bilirakis	Cardoza	Davis, Lincoln
Bishop (GA)	Carnahan	DeFazio
Bishop (NY)	Carney	DeGette
Blackburn	Carson	DeLauro
Bono Mack	Castle	Dent
Boozman	Castor	Dicks
Boren	Cazayoux	Doggett

Donnelly	Latham	Rothman
Doyle	LaTourette	Roybal-Allard
Drake	Latta	Royce
Dreier	Lee	Ruppersberger
Duncan	Levin	Ryan (OH)
Edwards	Lewis (GA)	Ryan (WI)
Ehlers	Linder	Salazar
Ellison	Lipinski	Salli
Ellsworth	LoBiondo	Sánchez, Linda
Emanuel	Loebuck	T.
Emerson	Lofgren, Zoe	Sanchez, Loretta
Engel	Lowe	Sarbanes
English (PA)	Lynch	Saxton
Eshoo	Mahoney (FL)	Schakowsky
Etheridge	Maloney (NY)	Schiff
Farr	Manzullo	Schwartz
Fattah	Markley	Scott (GA)
Filner	Marshall	Scott (VA)
Forbes	Matsui	Sensenbrenner
Fortenberry	McCarthy (NY)	Serrano
Fossella	McCaul (TX)	Sestak
Foster	McCollum (MN)	Shays
Frank (MA)	McCotter	Shea-Porter
Gallely	McDermott	Sherman
Gerlach	McGovern	Shuler
Giffords	McHenry	Simpson
Gohmert	McHugh	Sires
Gonzalez	McIntyre	Skelton
Goode	McNerney	Slaughter
Goodlatte	McNulty	Smith (NJ)
Gordon	Meek (FL)	Smith (TX)
Graves	Meeks (NY)	Smith (WA)
Green, Al	Melancon	Snyder
Green, Gene	Mica	Solis
Grijalva	Michaud	Souder
Hall (NY)	Miller (MI)	Space
Hare	Miller (NC)	Speier
Harman	Miller, George	Spratt
Hastings (FL)	Mitchell	Stark
Hayes	Mollohan	Stearns
Heller	Moore (KS)	Stupak
Herger	Moore (WI)	Sutton
Herseeth Sandlin	Moran (VA)	Tanner
Higgins	Murphy (CT)	Tauscher
Hill	Murphy, Patrick	Taylor
Hinchee	Murtha	Terry
Hinojosa	Musgrave	Thompson (CA)
Hirono	Nadler	Thompson (MS)
Hobson	Napolitano	Tiberi
Hodes	Neal (MA)	Tierney
Holden	Oberstar	Towns
Holt	Obey	Tsongas
Honda	Oliver	Turner
Hoolley	Ortiz	Udall (NM)
Hoyer	Pallone	Upton
Hunter	Pascarell	Van Hollen
Inslee	Pastor	Velázquez
Jackson (IL)	Payne	Visclosky
Jackson-Lee	Perlmutter	Walden (OR)
(TX)	Peterson (MN)	Walsh (NY)
Jefferson	Petri	Walz (MN)
Johnson (IL)	Pickering	Wamp
Johnson, E. B.	Platts	Wasserman
Jones (NC)	Pomeroy	Schultz
Jones (OH)	Porter	Waters
Jordan	Price (NC)	Watson
Kagen	Rahall	Watt
Kanjorski	Ramstad	Waxman
Kaptur	Rangel	Weiner
Keller	Regula	Welch (VT)
Kildee	Rehberg	Wexler
Kilpatrick	Reichert	Whitfield (KY)
Kind	Reyes	Wilson (OH)
King (NY)	Reynolds	Wilson (SC)
Kirk	Richardson	Wittman (VA)
Klein (FL)	Rodriguez	Wolf
Knollenberg	Rogers (AL)	Woolsey
Kucinich	Rogers (KY)	Wu
Kuhl (NY)	Rogers (MI)	Wynn
LaHood	Ros-Lehtinen	Yarmuth
Langevin	Roskam	Young (FL)
Larsen (WA)	Ross	
Larson (CT)		

NAYS—84

Akin	Carter	Franks (AZ)
Barrett (SC)	Coble	Frelinghuysen
Barrett (MD)	Cole (OK)	Garrett (NJ)
Barton (TX)	Conaway	Gingrey
Bishop (UT)	Cubin	Granger
Blunt	Culberson	Hall (TX)
Boehner	Davis (KY)	Hastings (WA)
Bonner	Deal (GA)	Hensarling
Boustany	Doolittle	Hoekstra
Brady (TX)	Everett	Inglis (SC)
Brown (GA)	Fallin	Issa
Burgess	Feeney	Johnson (GA)
Calvert	Flake	Johnson, Sam
Cannon	Foxx	King (IA)

Kline (MN)	Moran (KS)	Shadegg
Lamborn	Myrick	Shimkus
Lampson	Neugebauer	Shuster
Lewis (CA)	Nunes	Smith (NE)
Lewis (KY)	Pearce	Sullivan
Lucas	Pence	Tancred
Lungren, Daniel	Peterson (PA)	Thornberry
E.	Pitts	Tiahrt
Mack	Poe	Walberg
Marchant	Price (GA)	Weldon (FL)
McCarthy (CA)	Radanovich	Weller
McCrery	Renzi	Westmoreland
McKeon	Rohrabacher	Young (AK)
Miller (FL)	Scalise	
Miller, Gary	Schmidt	

NOT VOTING—26

Andrews	Ferguson	McMorris
Blumenauer	Gilchrest	Rodgers
Crenshaw	Gillibrand	Paul
Davis (IL)	Gutierrez	Pryce (OH)
Davis, Tom	Hulshof	Putnam
Delahunt	Israel	Rush
Diaz-Balart, L.	Kennedy	Sessions
Diaz-Balart, M.	Kingston	Udall (CO)
Dingell	Matheson	Wilson (NM)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). One minute remains in this vote.

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Messrs. COLE of Oklahoma, LAMPSON and MILLER of Florida changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

FRANK SINATRA DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 1144, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATSON) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1144, as amended.

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 402, nays 3, not voting 29, as follows:

[Roll No. 333]

YEAS—402

Abercrombie	Baird	Biggert
Ackerman	Baldwin	Bilbray
Aderholt	Barrett (SC)	Bilirakis
Akin	Barrow	Bishop (GA)
Alexander	Bartlett (MD)	Bishop (NY)
Allen	Barton (TX)	Bishop (UT)
Altmire	Bean	Blackburn
Arcuri	Becerra	Blunt
Baca	Berkley	Boehner
Bachmann	Berman	Bonner
Bachus	Berry	Bono Mack

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
Calvert
Camp (MI)
Campbell (CA)
Cannon
Cantor
Capito
Capps
Capuano
Cardoza
Carnahan
Carney
Carson
Carter
Castle
Castor
Cazayoux
Chabot
Chandler
Childers
Clarke
Clay
Cleaver
Clyburn
Coble
Cohen
Cole (OK)
Conyers
Cooper
Costa
Costello
Courtney
Cramer
Crowley
Cubin
Cuellar
Culberson
Cummings
Davis (AL)
Davis (CA)
Davis (KY)
Davis, David
Davis, Lincoln
Deal (GA)
DeFazio
DeGette
DeLauro
Dent
Dicks
Doggett
Donnelly
Doolittle
Doyle
Drake
Dreier
Duncan
Edwards
Ehlers
Ellison
Ellsworth
Emanuel
Emerson
Engel
English (PA)
Eshoo
Etheridge
Everett
Fallin
Farr
Fattah
Feeney
Filner
Flake
Forbes
Fortenberry
Fossella
Foster
Foxx
Frank (MA)
Franks (AZ)
Frelinghuysen

Gallegly
Garrett (NJ)
Gerlach
Giffords
Gingrey
Gonzalez
Goode
Goodlatte
Gordon
Granger
Graves
Green, Al
Green, Gene
Grijalva
Hall (NY)
Hall (TX)
Hare
Harman
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Heller
Hensarling
Herger
Herseeth Sandlin
Higgins
Hill
Hinchey
Hinojosa
Hirono
Hobson
Hodes
Hoekstra
Holden
Holt
Honda
Hoolley
Hoyer
Hunter
Inglis (SC)
Inslee
Issa
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jefferson
Johnson (GA)
Johnson (IL)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones (NC)
Jones (OH)
Jordan
Kagen
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Keller
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kind
King (IA)
King (NY)
Kirk
Klein (FL)
Kline (MN)
Knollenberg
Kucinich
Kuhl (NY)
LaHood
Lamborn
Lampson
Langevin
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Latham
LaTourette
Latta
Lee
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (GA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Lipinski
LoBiondo
Loebach
Lofgren, Zoe
Lowey
Lucas
Lungren, Daniel
E.
Lynch
Mack
Mahoney (FL)
Maloney (NY)
Manzullo
Marchant
Markey
Marshall

Matsui
McCarthy (CA)
McCarthy (NY)
McCaul (TX)
McCollum (MN)
McCotter
McCrery
McDermott
McGovern
McHenry
McHugh
McIntyre
McKeon
McMorris
Rodgers
McNerney
McNulty
Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)
Melancon
Mica
Michaud
Miller (FL)
Miller (MI)
Miller (NC)
Miller, Gary
Miller, George
Mitchell
Mollohan
Moore (KS)
Moore (WI)
Moran (KS)
Moran (VA)
Murphy (CT)
Murphy, Patrick
Murphy, Tim
Murtha
Musgrave
Myrick
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal (MA)
Nunes
Oberstar
Obey
Oliver
Ortiz
Pallone
Pascarelli
Pastor
Payne
Pearce
Pence
Perlmutter
Peterson (MN)
Peterson (PA)
Petri
Pickering
Pitts
Platts
Pomeroy
Porter
Price (GA)
Price (NC)
Radanovich
Rahall
Ramstad
Rangel
Regula
Rehberg
Reichert
Renzi
Reyes
Reynolds
Richardson
Rodriguez
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rogers (MI)
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Roskam
Ross
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Ruppersberger
Ryan (OH)
Ryan (WI)
Salazar
Sali
Sánchez, Linda
T.
Sanchez, Loretta
Sarbanes
Scalise
Schakowsky
Schiff
Schmidt

Schwartz
Scott (GA)
Scott (VA)
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Sestak
Shadegg
Shays
Shea-Porter
Sherman
Shimkus
Shuler
Shuster
Simpson
Sires
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Snyder
Solis
Souder
Space
Speier

NAYS—3

Conaway

NOT VOTING—29

Andrews
Blumenauer
Buyer
Crenshaw
Davis (IL)
Davis, Tom
Delahunt
Diaz-Balart, L.
Diaz-Balart, M.
Dingell

Ferguson
Gilchrest
Gillibrand
Gohmert
Gutierrez
Hulshof
Israel
Kennedy
Kingston
Matheson

□ 1337

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title was amended so as to read: “Resolution expressing support for the designation of a Frank Sinatra Day, in honor of the dedication of the Frank Sinatra commemorative stamp.”

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 4789

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove myself as a cosponsor of H.R. 4789.

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

There was no objection.

VETERANS EMERGENCY CARE FAIRNESS ACT OF 2008

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3819) to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to reimburse veterans receiving emergency treatment in non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities for such treatment until such veterans are transferred to Department facilities, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3819

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 Emergency Care Fairness Act of 2008”.

SEC. 2. MANDATORY REIMBURSEMENT OF VETERANS RECEIVING EMERGENCY TREATMENT IN NON-DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FACILITIES UNTIL TRANSFER TO DEPARTMENT FACILITIES.

(a) CERTAIN VETERANS WITHOUT SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY.—Section 1725 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “may reimburse” and inserting “shall reimburse”; and

(2) in subsection (f)(1), by striking subparagraph (C) and inserting the following new subparagraph (C):

“(C) until—

“(i) such time as the veteran can be transferred safely to a Department facility or other Federal facility; or

“(ii) such time as a Department facility or other Federal facility agrees to accept such transfer if—

“(I) at the time described in clause (i), no Department facility or other Federal facility agrees to accept such transfer; and

“(II) the non-Department facility in which such medical care or services is furnished makes and documents reasonable attempts to transfer the veteran to a Department facility or other Federal facility.”.

(b) CERTAIN VETERANS WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY.—Section 1728 of such title is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following new subsection (a):

“(a) The Secretary, under such regulations as the Secretary shall prescribe, shall reimburse veterans entitled to hospital care or medical services under this chapter for the reasonable value of emergency treatment (including travel and incidental expenses under the terms and conditions set forth in section 111 of this title) for which such veterans have made payment, from sources other than the Department, where such emergency treatment was rendered to such veterans in need thereof for any of the following:

“(1) An adjudicated service-connected disability.

“(2) A non-service-connected disability associated with and held to be aggravating a service-connected disability.

“(3) Any disability of a veteran in the veteran has a total disability permanent in nature from a service-connected disability.

“(4) Any illness, injury, or dental condition of a veteran who—

“(A) is a participant in a vocational rehabilitation program (as defined in section 3101(9) of this title); and

“(B) is medically determined to have been in need of care or treatment to make possible the veteran’s entrance into a course of training, or prevent interruption of a course of training, or hasten the return to a course of training which was interrupted because of such illness, injury, or dental condition.”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “care or services” both places it appears and inserting “emergency treatment”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(c) In this section, the term ‘emergency treatment’ has the meaning given such term in section 1725(f)(1) of this title.”.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

Mr. FILNER. I thank the Speaker.