

Upton Weldon (FL) Wittman (VA)  
Walberg Weller Wolf  
Walden (OR) Whitfield (KY) Young (AK)  
Walsh (NY) Wilson (NM) Young (FL)  
Wamp Wilson (SC)

## NOT VOTING—17

Baca Fossella Miller, Gary  
Baker Honda Paul  
Berkley Hunter Shimkus  
Berry Jefferson Tanner  
Culberson Lantos Westmoreland  
Forbes Meeks (NY)

□ 1212

Messrs. SESSIONS and MILLER of Florida changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the previous question was ordered.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

# CONDEMNING ASSASSINATION OF FORMER PAKISTANI PRIME MINISTER BENAZIR BHUTTO AND REAFFIRMING COMMITMENT OF UNITED STATES TO ASSIST PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 912, 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 New York (Mr. ACKERMAN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 912.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 413, nays 0, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 3]

YEAS—413

Abercrombie	Boswell	Clarke
Ackerman	Boucher	Clay
Aderholt	Boustany	Cleaver
Akin	Boyd (FL)	Clyburn
Alexander	Boyd (KS)	Coble
Allen	Brady (PA)	Cohen
Altmire	Brady (TX)	Conaway
Andrews	Brady (IA)	Conyers
Arcuri	Broun (GA)	Cooper
Bachmann	Brown (SC)	Costa
Bachus	Brown, Corrine	Costello
Baird	Brown-Waite,	Courtney
Baldwin	Ginny	Cramer
Barrett (SC)	Buchanan	Crenshaw
Barrow	Burgess	Crowley
Bartlett (MD)	Burton (IN)	Cubin
Barton (TX)	Butterfield	Cuellar
Bean	Buyer	Cummings
Becerra	Calvert	Davis (AL)
Berman	Camp (MI)	Davis (CA)
Biggert	Campbell (CA)	Davis (IL)
Bilbray	Cannon	Davis (KY)
Bilirakis	Cantor	Davis, David
Bishop (GA)	Capito	Davis, Lincoln
Bishop (NY)	Capps	Davis, Tom
Bishop (UT)	Capuano	Deal (GA)
Blackburn	Cardoza	DeFazio
Blumenauer	Carnahan	DeGette
Blunt	Carney	Delahunt
Boehner	Carter	DeLauro
Bonner	Castle	Dent
Bono Mack	Castor	Diaz-Balart, L.
Boozman	Chabot	Diaz-Balart, M.
Boren	Chandler	Dicks

Dingell	Klein (FL)	Porter	Watson	Wexler	Woolsey
Doggett	Kline (MN)	Price (GA)	Watt	Whitfield (KY)	Wu
Donnelly	Knollenberg	Price (NC)	Waxman	Wilson (NM)	Wynn
Doolittle	Kucinich	Pryce (OH)	Weiner	Wilson (OH)	Yarmuth
Doyle	Kuhl (NY)	Putnam	Welch (VT)	Wilson (SC)	Young (AK)
Drake	LaHood	Radanovich	Weldon (FL)	Wittman (VA)	Young (FL)
Dreier	Rahall	Rahall	Weller	Wolf	
Duncan	Lamborn	Ramstad			
Edwards	Lampson	Rangel			
Ehlers	Langevin	Regula			
Ellison	Larsen (WA)	Rehberg			
Elsworth	Larson (CT)	Reichert			
Emanuel	Latham	Renzi			
Emerson	LaTourette	Reyes			
Engel	Latta	Reynolds			
English (PA)	Lee	Richardson			
Eshoo	Levin	Rodriguez			
Etheridge	Lewis (CA)	Rogers (AL)			
Everett	Lewis (GA)	Rogers (KY)			
Fallin	Lewis (KY)	Rogers (MI)			
Farr	Linder	Rohrabacher			
Fattah	Lipinski	Ros-Lehtinen			
Feeney	LoBiondo	Roskam			
Ferguson	Loeb sack	Ross			
Filner	Lofgren, Zoe	Rothman			
Flake	Lowey	Roybal-Allard			
Fortenberry	Lucas	Royce			
Fox	Lungren, Daniel	Ruppersberger			
Frank (MA)	E.	Rush			
Frank (AZ)	Lynch	Ryan (OH)			
Frelinghuysen	Mack	Ryan (WI)			
Galleghy	Mahoney (FL)	Salazar			
Garrett (NJ)	Maloney (NY)	Sali			
Gerlach	Manzullo	Sánchez, Linda			
Giffords	Marchant	T.			
Gilchrest	Markey	Sanchez, Loretta			
Gillibrand	Marshall	Sarbanes			
Gingrey	Matheson	Saxton			
Gohmert	Matsui	Schakowsky			
Gonzalez	McCarthy (CA)	Schiff			
Goode	McCarthy (NY)	Schmidt			
Goodlatte	McCaul (TX)	Schwartz			
Gordon	McCollum (MN)	Scott (GA)			
Granger	McCotter	Scott (VA)			
Graves	McCrery	Sensenbrenner			
Green, Al	McDermott	Serrano			
Green, Gene	McGovern	Sessions			
Grijalva	McHenry	Sestak			
Gutierrez	McHugh	Shadeeg			
Hall (NY)	McIntyre	Shays			
Hall (TX)	McKeon	Shea-Porter			
Hare	McMorris	Sherman			
Harman	Hare	Shuler			
Hastings (FL)	Rodgers	Shuster			
Hastings (WA)	McNerney	Simpson			
Hayes	McNulty	Sires			
Heller	Meek (FL)	Skelton			
Hensarling	Melancon	Slaughter			
Herger	Mica	Smith (NE)			
Herseth Sandlin	Michaud	Smith (NJ)			
Higgins	Miller (FL)	Smith (TX)			
Hill	Miller (MI)	Smith (WA)			
Hinche	Miller (NC)	Snyder			
Hinojosa	Miller, George	Solis			
Hiron	Mitchell	Souder			
Hobson	Mollohan	Space			
Hodes	Moore (KS)	Spratt			
Hoekstra	Moore (WI)	Stark			
Holden	Moran (KS)	Stearns			
Holt	Moran (VA)	Stupak			
Hooley	Murphy (CT)	Sullivan			
Hoyer	Murphy, Patrick	Sutton			
Hulshof	Murphy, Tim	Tancredo			
Inglis (SC)	Murtha	Tauscher			
Inslee	Musgrave	Taylor			
Israel	Myrick	Terry			
Issa	Nadler	Thompson (CA)			
Jackson (IL)	Napolitano	Thompson (MS)			
Jackson-Lee	Neal (MA)	Thornberry			
(TX)	Neugebauer	Tiahrt			
Johnson (GA)	Nunes	Tiberi			
Johnson (IL)	Oberstar	Tierney			
Johnson, E. B.	Obey	Towns			
Johnson, Sam	Olver	Tsongas			
Jones (NC)	Ortiz	Turner			
Jones (OH)	Pallone	Udall (CO)			
Jordan	Pascrell	Udall (NM)			
Kagen	Pastor	Upton			
Kanjorski	Payne	Van Hollen			
Kaptur	Pearce	Velazquez			
Keller	Pelosi	Visclosky			
Kennedy	Pence	Walberg			
Kildee	Perlmutter	Walden (OR)			
Kilpatrick	Peterson (MN)	Walsh (NY)			
Kind	Peterson (PA)	Walz (MN)			
King (IA)	Petri	Wamp			
King (NY)	Pickering	Wasserman			
Kingston	Pitts	Schultz			
Kirk	Platts	Waters			
	Poe				
	Pomeroy				

Watson Wexler Woolsey  
Watt Whitfield (KY) Wu  
Waxman Wilson (NM) Wynn  
Weiner Wilson (OH) Yarmuth  
Welch (VT) Wilson (SC) Young (AK)  
Weldon (FL) Wittman (VA) Young (FL)  
Weller Wolf

## NOT VOTING—18

Baca Forbes Meeks (NY)  
Baker Fossella Miller, Gary  
Berkley Honda Paul  
Berry Hunter Shimkus  
Cole (OK) Jefferson Tanner  
Culberson Lantos Westmoreland

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining on this vote. We are encouraging Members to hurry up and vote, please.

□ 1220

Mr. WELLER of Illinois changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

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.

# PROVIDING FOR CONCURRENCE BY HOUSE WITH AMENDMENT IN SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4253, MILITARY RESERVIST AND VETERAN SMALL BUSINESS RE-AUTHORIZATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 921, 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 gentlewoman from New York (Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 921.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 406, nays 2, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 4]

YEAS—406

Abercrombie	Bishop (UT)	Calvert
Ackerman	Blackburn	Camp (MI)
Aderholt	Blumenauer	Campbell (CA)
Akin	Blunt	Cannon
Alexander	Boehner	Cantor
Allen	Bonner	Capito
Altmire	Bono Mack	Capps
Andrews	Boozman	Capuano
Arcuri	Boren	Cardoza
Bachmann	Boswell	Carnahan
Bachus	Boucher	Carney
Baird	Boustany	Carter
Baldwin	Boyd (FL)	Castle
Barrett (SC)	Boyd (KS)	Castor
Barrow	Brady (PA)	Chabot
Bartlett (MD)	Brady (TX)	Chandler
Barton (TX)	Brady (IA)	Clarke
Bean	Brown (SC)	Clay
Becerra	Brown, Corrine	Cleaver
Berman	Brown-Waite,	Clyburn
Biggert	Ginny	Coble
Bilirakis	Buchanan	Cohen
Bishop (GA)	Butterfield	Cole (OK)
Bishop (NY)	Buyer	Conaway

Conyers  
Cooper  
Costa  
Costello  
Courtney  
Cramer  
Crenshaw  
Crowley  
Cubin  
Cuellar  
Cumming  
Davis (AL)  
Davis (CA)  
Davis (IL)  
Davis (KY)  
Davis, David  
Davis, Lincoln  
Davis, Tom  
Deal (GA)  
DeFazio  
DeGette  
Delahunt  
DeLauro  
Dent  
Diaz-Balart, L.  
Diaz-Balart, M.  
Dicks  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Donnelly  
Doolittle  
Doyle  
Drake  
Dreier  
Duncan  
Edwards  
Ehlers  
Ellison  
Ellsworth  
Emanuel  
Emerson  
Engel  
English (PA)  
Eshoo  
Etheridge  
Everett  
Fallin  
Farr  
Fattah  
Feeney  
Ferguson  
Filner  
Fortenberry  
Fox  
Frank (MA)  
Franks (AZ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Gallegly  
Garrett (NJ)  
Gerlach  
Giffords  
Gilchrest  
Gillibrand  
Gingrey  
Gohmert  
Gonzalez  
Goode  
Goodlatte  
Gordon  
Granger  
Graves  
Green, Al  
Green, Gene  
Grijalva  
Gutierrez  
Hall (NY)  
Hall (TX)  
Hare  
Harman  
Hastings (WA)  
Hayes  
Heller  
Hensarling  
Herger  
Herseth Sandlin  
Higgins  
Hill  
Hinchey  
Hinojosa  
Hirono  
Hobson  
Hodes  
Hoekstra  
Holden  
Holt  
Hooley  
Hoyer  
Hulshof  
Inglis (SC)

Inslee  
Israel  
Issa  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson-Lee  
(TX)  
Johnson (IL)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Johnson, Sam  
Jones (NC)  
Jones (OH)  
Jordan  
Kagen  
Kanjorski  
Kaptur  
Keller  
Kennedy  
Kildee  
Kilpatrick  
Kind  
King (IA)  
King (NY)  
Kingston  
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  
Loeb  
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)  
McCullum (MN)  
McCotter  
McCrery  
McDermott  
McGovern  
McHenry  
McHugh  
McIntyre  
McKeon  
McMorris  
Rodgers  
McNerney  
McNulty  
Meek (FL)  
Melancon  
Mica  
Michaud  
Miller (FL)  
Miller (MI)  
Miller (NC)  
Miller, George  
Mitchell  
Mollohan  
Moore (KS)  
Moore (WI)  
Moran (KS)  
Moran (VA)  
Murphy (CT)  
Murphy, Patrick  
Murphy, Tim  
Murtha  
Muschgrave  
Myrick  
Nadler

Napolitano  
Neal (MA)  
Neugebauer  
Nunes  
Oberstar  
Obey  
Oliver  
Ortiz  
Pallone  
Pascarella  
Pastor  
Payne  
Pearce  
Pence  
Perlmutter  
Peterson (MN)  
Peterson (PA)  
Petri  
Pickering  
Pitts  
Platts  
Poe  
Pomeroy  
Porter  
Price (GA)  
Price (NC)  
Pryce (OH)  
Putnam  
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  
Rush  
Ryan (OH)  
Ryan (WI)  
Salazar  
Sali  
Sánchez, Linda  
T.  
Sanchez, Loretta  
Sarbanes  
Saxton  
Schakowsky  
Schiff  
Schmidt  
Schwartz  
Scott (GA)  
Scott (VA)  
Sensenbrenner  
Serrano  
Sessions  
Sestak  
Shadegg  
Shays  
Shea-Porter  
Sherman  
Shuler  
Shuster  
Simpson  
Sires  
Skelton  
Slaughter  
Smith (NE)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX)  
Smith (WA)  
Snyder  
Solis  
Souder  
Space  
Spratt  
Stark  
Stearns  
Stupak  
Sullivan  
Sutton  
Tancredo  
Tauscher  
Taylor  
Terry

Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Thornberry  
Tiahrt  
Tiberi  
Tierney  
Towns  
Tsongas  
Turner  
Udall (CO)  
Udall (NM)  
Upton  
Van Hollen  
Velázquez  
Visclosky  
Walberg  
Walden (OR)  
Walsh (NY)  
Walz (MN)  
Wamp  
Wasserman  
Schultz  
Waters  
Watson  
Watt  
Waxman  
Weiner  
Welch (VT)  
Weldon (FL)  
Weller

Wexler  
Whitfield (KY)  
Wilson (NM)  
Wilson (OH)  
Wilson (SC)  
Wittman (VA)  
Wolf  
Woolsey  
Wu  
Wynn  
Yarmuth  
Young (AK)  
Young (FL)

## NAYS—2

Broun (GA)

Flake

## NOT VOTING—22

Baca  
Baker  
Berkley  
Berry  
Bibray  
Burgess  
Burton (IN)  
Culberson

Forbes  
Fossella  
Hastings (FL)  
Honda  
Hunter  
Jefferson  
Johnson (GA)  
Lantos

Meeks (NY)  
Miller, Gary  
Paul  
Shimkus  
Tanner  
Westmoreland

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 1228

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.

## GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 2768.

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

There was no objection.

## SUPPLEMENTAL MINE IMPROVEMENT AND NEW EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT OF 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 918 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 2768.

□ 1230

## IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2768) to establish improved mandatory standards to protect miners during emergencies, and for other purposes, with Mr. GUTIERREZ in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

□ 1230

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

The gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) and the gentleman

from California (Mr. McKEON) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER).

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Chairman, today I rise in strong support of legislation that would greatly enhance the health and safety protections in the Nation's coal mines.

Despite significant progress over the last several decades, mining remains one of the most dangerous jobs in America. Mining fatalities occur at a rate more than seven times the average of all private industries; and we are reminded of how dangerous mining can be by the tragedies like the one in Utah in August of this last year, where six miners and three rescuers died in what appears to have been a preventable disaster, and the tragedies of Kentucky and West Virginia in 2006.

Accidents every year claim the lives of one or two miners at a time. In 2007, according to the Mine Safety and Health Administration, 32 coal miners and 31 metal and nonmetal miners died on the job. Miners also face serious health risks, including a resurgence of black lung disease.

The legislation we are considering today, the S-MINER Act, builds on the work of the last Congress when it passed the MINER Act of 2006. The S-MINER Act represents a comprehensive approach to minimize the health and safety risks facing miners. It is critical that Congress take this action, because one of the things that is clear is that we cannot leave mine safety and health to the Bush administration.

When the Sago Mine disaster occurred, we learned that the Bush administration had withdrawn or delayed more than a dozen health and safety proposals that would have benefited miners. The Bush administration filled top-level positions at MSHA with executives from the very industry that the agency was charged with regulating. Dangerous rules favored by the industry, which would leave miners vulnerable to aggressive "belt air" fires, became law under this administration.

From 2001 to 2006, the Bush administration gutted MSHA by cutting funding and staffing, and especially in coal mine enforcement, where the worst tragedies would strike in 2006 and 2007. Even as coal production increased around the country, the Bush administration cut the Mine Safety and Health Administration's coal enforcement personnel by 9 percent by 2006. And then came the Sago disaster, Aracoma Alma, Darby, and Crandall Canyon mines. Even after these recent tragedies, even after the MINER Act was enacted, we continue to see neglect from this administration.

The Inspector General found this past fall that MSHA was failing to conduct mandated inspections on time, leaving thousands of miners unprotected. In 2006 alone, MSHA failed to complete the required inspections of 107 mines, employing 7,500 miners. And,