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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will notify the Senate of the action of the House.

VETERANS EMERGENCY CARE FAIRNESS ACT OF 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3819, 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. 3819, as amended.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 412, nays 0, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 347]

YEAS-412 Abercrombie Cazayoux Franks (AZ) Ackerman Chabot Frelinghuysen Chandler Aderholt Gallegly Garrett (NJ) Childers Akin Alexander Clarke Gerlach Giffords Allen Clay Altmire Cleaver Gilchrest Andrews Clyburn Gingrev Arcuri Gohmert Coble Gonzalez Baca Cohen Bachmann Cole (OK) Goode Goodlatte Conaway Bachus Baird Conyers Gordon Baldwin Cooper Granger Barrett (SC) Costa Graves Green, Al Barrow Costello Bartlett (MD) Green, Gene Courtney Barton (TX) Cramer Bean Crowley Gutierrez Becerra Cubin Hall (NY) Cuellar Hall (TX) Berkley Berry Culberson Hare Biggert Cummings Harman Davis (AL) Hastings (FL) **Bilirakis** Davis (CA) Hastings (WA) Bishop (GA) Davis (IL) Hayes Davis (KY) Heller Bishop (NY) Hensarling Bishop (UT) Davis David Davis, Lincoln Herseth Sandlin Blackburn Davis, Tom Deal (GA) Blumenauer Higgins Blunt Hill Hinchey Boehner DeFazio Bonner Bono Mack DeGette Hinojosa Delahunt Hirono Boozman Dent Hobson Diaz-Balart, L. Hodes Hoekstra Boren Boswell Dicks Dingell Boucher Holden Boustany Doggett Holt. Donnelly Honda Boyd (FL) Doolittle Boyda (KS) Hooley Brady (PA) Dovle Hover Hulshof Brady (TX) Drake Braley (IA) Dreier Hunter Inglis (SC) Broun (GA) Duncan Brown (SC) Edwards Inslee Brown-Waite, Ehlers Israel Ginny Ellison Issa. Ellsworth Jackson (IL) Buchanan Burgess Burton (IN) Jackson-Lee Emanuel Emerson (TX) Butterfield Engel Jefferson Eshoo Buyer Johnson (GA) Etheridge Calvert Johnson (IL) Camp (MI) Everett Johnson, E. B. Campbell (CA) Fallin Johnson, Sam Cannon Farr Jones (NC) Fattah Cantor Jones (OH) Capito Feeney Jordan Capps Ferguson Kagen Capuano Filner Kanjorski Cardoza Flake Kaptur Carnahan Forbes Keller Foster Kildee Carnev Carson Foxx Kilpatrick Frank (MA) Castle Kind

Murphy, Patrick Murphy, Tim King (IA) King (NY) Shadegg Kingston Murtha Shays Kirk Musgrave Shea-Porter Klein (FL) Myrick Sherman Kline (MN) Napolitano Shimkus Knollenberg Neal (MA) Shuler Neugebauer Kucinich Shuster Kuhl (NY) Nunes Simpson LaHood Oberstar Sires Lamborn Obey Skelton Lampson Olver Slaughter Langevin Ortiz Smith (NE) Larsen (WA) Pallone Smith (NJ) Larson (CT) Pascrel1 Smith (TX) Latham Pastor Smith (WA) LaTourette Paul Snyder Latta Payne Solis Pearce Lee Souder Levin Pence Space Lewis (CA) Perlmutter Speier Peterson (MN) Lewis (GA) Spratt Lewis (KY) Peterson (PA) Stark Linder Petri Stearns Lipinski Pickering Stupak LoBiondo Pitts Sullivan Loebsack Platts Sutton Lofgren, Zoe Poe Tancredo Pomeroy Lowey Tanner Lucas Porter Lungren, Daniel Price (GA) Tauscher Price (NC Taylor E. Pryce (OH) Thompson (CA) Lvnch Thompson (MS) Mack Putnam Mahoney (FL) Radanovich Thornberry Tiberi Rahall Malonev (NY) Ramstad Manzullo Tierney Marchant Rangel Towns Markev Regula Tsongas Marshall Rehberg Turner Matheson Reichert Udall (CO) Matsui Renzi Udall (NM) McCarthy (CA) Reves Upton McCarthy (NY) Richardson Van Hollen McCaul (TX) Rodriguez Velázquez McCollum (MN) Rogers (AL) Visclosky McCotter Rogers (KY) Walberg McCrery Rogers (MI) Walden (OR) McDermott Rohrabacher Walsh (NY) McGovern Roskam Walz (MN) McHenry RossWamp McIntyre Rothman Wasserman Roybal-Allard McKeon Schultz McMorris Royce Waters Rodgers Ruppersberger McNerney Rvan (OH) Watt Ryan (WI) McNulty Waxman Meek (FL) Salazar Weiner Meeks (NY) Sali Welch (VT) Sánchez, Linda Melancon Weldon (FL) Mica T. Weller Michaud Sanchez, Loretta Westmoreland Miller (FL) Sarbanes Whitfield (KY) Miller (MI) Saxton Miller (NC) Wilson (NM) Scalise Wilson (OH) Miller, Gary Schakowsky Wilson (SC) Miller, George Schiff Mitchell Schmidt Wittman (VA) Mollohan Schwartz Wolf Woolsey Moore (KS) Scott (GA) Moore (WI) Wu Scott (VA) Moran (KS) Sensenbrenner Yarmuth Young (AK) Moran (VA) Serrano Murphy (CT) Young (FL) Sessions

NOT VOTING—22		
Berman Brown, Corrine Carter Castor Crenshaw DeLauro Diaz-Balart, M. English (PA)	Fortenberry Fossella Gillibrand Herger Kennedy McHugh Nadler Reynolds	Ros-Lehtinen Rush Terry Tiahrt Wexler Wynn

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are reminded there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1816

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. McHUGH, Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 347, unfortunately, during the vote I was unavoidably detained off the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

VETERANS' COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT OF

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5826, on which the yeas and navs 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. 5826.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 417, nays 0, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 348] YEAS-417

Abercrombie Capps Eshoo Etheridge Capuano Ackerman Aderholt Cardoza Akin Carnahan Fallin Alexander Carney Farr Fattah Allen Carson Altmire Castle Feeney Cazayoux Ferguson Andrews Arcuri Chabot Filner Ba.ca. Chandler Flake Bachmann Childers Forbes Bachus Clarke Fortenberry Baird Clav Foster Cleaver Baldwin Foxx Franks (AZ) Barrett (SC) Clyburn Barrow Coble Frelinghuvsen Bartlett (MD) Cohen Gallegly Garrett (NJ) Barton (TX) Cole (OK) Bean Conaway Gerlach Becerra Conyers Giffords Berkley Cooper Gilchrest Berman Costa Gingrev Costello Berry Gohmert Biggert Courtney Gonzalez Bilbrav Crowley Goode Goodlatte Bilirakis Cubin Bishop (GA) Cuellar Gordon Bishop (NY) Culberson Granger Bishop (UT) Cummings Graves Blackburn Davis (AL) Green, Al Blumenauer Davis (CA) Green, Gene Blunt Davis (IL) Grijalva Boehner Davis (KY) Gutierrez Bonner Davis, David Hall (NY) Bono Mack Davis, Lincoln Hall (TX) Boozman Davis, Tom Hare Deal (GA) Boren Harman Boswell DeFazio Hastings (FL) Boucher DeGette Hastings (WA) Boustany DeLauro Hayes Dent Diaz-Balart, L. Boyd (FL) Heller Hensarling Boyda (KS) Diaz-Balart, M. Brady (PA) Herger Brady (TX) Dicks Herseth Sandlin Dingell Braley (IA) Higgins Broun (GA) Doggett Hill Brown (SC) Donnelly Hinchey Brown-Waite, Doolittle Hinojosa Ginny Hirono Dovle Buchanan Drake Hobson Burgess Dreier Hodes Burton (IN) Duncan Hoekstra Butterfield Edwards Holden Ehlers Holt Buyer Calvert Ellison Honda Camp (MI) Ellsworth Hooley Campbell (CA) Emanuel Hoyer Cannon Emerson Hulshof Cantor Engel Hunter Inglis (SC) Capito English (PA)

Inslee Michaud Schakowsky Miller (FL) Schiff Israel Miller (MI) Schmidt Issa Jackson (IL) Miller (NC) Schwartz Jackson-Lee Miller, Gary Scott (GA) Scott (VA) (TX) Miller, George Jefferson Mitchell Sensenbrenner Johnson (GA) Mollohan Serrano Johnson (II.) Moore (KS) Sessions Johnson, E. B. Moore (WI) Sestak Johnson, Sam Moran (KS) Shadegg Jones (NC) Moran (VA) Shays Shea-Porter Jones (OH) Murphy (CT) Jordan Murphy, Patrick Sherman Kanjorski Murphy, Tim Shimkus Kaptur Murtha Shuler Keller Musgrave Shuster Kildee Myrick Simpson Kilpatrick Nadler Sires Kind Napolitano Skelton King (IA) Neal (MA) Slaughter King (NY) Neugebauer Smith (NE) Kingston Smith (NJ) Nunes Oberstar Smith (TX) Klein (FL) Obey Smith (WA) Kline (MN) Olver Snyder Knollenberg Ortiz Solis Kucinich Pallone Souder Kuhl (NY) Pascrell Space LaHood Pastor Spratt Lamborn Paul Stark Lampson Payne Stearns Langevin Pearce Stupak Larsen (WA) Sullivan Pence Larson (CT) Perlmutter Sutton Latham Peterson (MN) Tancredo LaTourette Peterson (PA) Tanner Latta Petri Tauscher Lee Pickering Tavlor Levin Pitts Terrv Lewis (CA) Platts Thompson (CA) Lewis (GA) Poe Thompson (MS) Lewis (KY) Pomerov Thornberry Linder Porter Tiberi Lipinski Price (GA) Tierney LoBiondo Price (NC) Towns Loebsack Pryce (OH) Tsongas Lofgren, Zoe Putnam Turner Radanovich Udall (CO) Lowey Rahall Udall (NM) Lungren, Daniel Ramstad Upton Van Hollen E. Rangel Lynch Regula Velázquez Mack Rehberg Visclosky Mahoney (FL) Walberg Reichert Walden (OR) Malonev (NY) Renzi Manzullo Walsh (NY) Reves Marchant Reynolds Walz (MN) Wamp Markey Richardson Marshall Rodriguez Wasserman Matheson Schultz Rogers (AL) Matsui Rogers (KY) Waters McCarthy (CA) Rogers (MI) Watson McCarthy (NY) Rohrabacher Wat.t. McCaul (TX) Ros-Lehtinen Waxman McCollum (MN) Weiner Roskam McCotter Welch (VT) Ross Rothman McCrery Weldon (FL) McGovern Roybal-Allard Weller McHenry Westmoreland Royce McHugh Ruppersberger Whitfield (KY) McIntyre Rvan (OH) Wilson (NM) Wilson (OH) Rvan (WI) McKeon McMorris Salazar Wilson (SC) Rodgers Wittman (VA) Sali Sánchez Linda McNerney Wolf McNulty T. Woolsey Wu Sanchez, Loretta Meek (FL) Yarmuth Meeks (NY) Sarbanes Melancon Saxton Young (AK)

NOT VOTING-17

Young (FL)

Brown, Corrine Fossella Rush Carter Frank (MA) Speier Castor Gillibrand Tiahrt Cramer Kagen Wexler Crenshaw Kennedy Wynn Delahunt McDermott

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

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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.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, we just finished a vote several minutes ago on the override of the farm bill, except that the override vote occurred on a bill that had never been considered by the House or the Senate, since the bill that we voted to override apparently is missing one title of the bill—or the conference report—that passed the House and the Senate. I am concerned about the procedures, the process, and the constitutionality of what we've just done.

I would like to ask the majority leader if he can help myself and the other Members understand just what are we dealing with here.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, will my friend yield?

Mr. BOEHNER. I would be happy to yield.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, clearly, what we are dealing with is an unfortunate situation. The unfortunate situation is that apparently-and again I just learned about this about an hour and a half ago when Mr. PETERSON, the chairman of the committee, told me he and Mr. GOODLATTE were discussing this problem and how to proceed. Apparently what happened is title III, which I understand is not very controversial, but in any event, title III came up on the screen for the printing on the parchment that is sent to the President, but, unfortunately, whatever reasons, it was not printed out and it was not caught in the proofing of that. Apparently, as well, the White House did not catch the fact that the bill was not inclusive of title

Frankly, I have not looked at the bill to see whether there's a title I, II, and then goes to IV, which would have been self-evident that there was a missing title.

In any event, without having researched it or talked to anybody about precedents, what has happened is that the House and the Senate passed in exactly the same form that which was vetoed by the President. Now, we passed more than that, but that which we have just voted on was passed in both Houses in exactly the form we just voted on.

The vote, therefore, superficially, off the top of my head, without having researched this, is that what we have done is we have passed that which we originally passed through the House and the Senate and sent to the President, notwithstanding the President's veto, and something that we did also pass, which was incorporated in that bill, was neither vetoed nor signed by the President because, unfortunately, as a result of a clerical error, it was not included in the bill.

I, in discussions with Mr. Peterson, understand that he and Mr. Goodlatte were in discussion on this issue when they first learned of it, and I don't know how long they knew about it before I found out about it; that, as I thought, their agreement would be that we would pass, subsequent to passing the initial bill, the title III either by unanimous consent or under the suspension calendar.

I don't know the conversations that occurred between Mr. Peterson and Mr. Goodlatte. Mr. Peterson is on the floor, I know. I don't know exactly where he is. But it was his understanding that that would be an acceptable way to proceed. That was where I thought it to be.

Mr. BOEHNER. Reclaiming my time, we may have transported to the President a portion of the bill that passed the House and Senate, but we did not send to the President, apparently, the farm bill conference report as passed by the House and the Senate.

I think what's of grave concern to me is, yes, I understand that mistakes do happen in this process, but before the consideration of the override debate and vote, we were aware of the problem. And I just think that in deference to all Members, we could have waited before consideration of the override so that all the Members would understand just what we're dealing with and the problems that are contained therein. I just think that in the rush to move this override vote, we don't know what precedents of the House we may have stepped on and what constitutional problems that we may have. I would remind my colleague that there was a very small mistake made in the Deficit Reduction Act several years ago that's been the subject of a lawsuit and privileged resolutions and moral outrage from some of my friends on the other side of the aisle, which, frankly, the Deficit Reduction Act error pales in comparison to what we have here.

So I would ask my colleague, I think we need to get to the bottom of what happened.

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I don't know that the override that we just cast—we voted to override a bill that had never been considered by the House or the Senate, and I don't know how that is constitutional.

I would be happy to yield to my friend.

Mr. HOYER. Well, as I said, everything that we voted on was passed by the House and the Senate in exactly the same form. Obviously, I agree with your premise that the bill as passed out of Congress was not the exact same bill because of the deletion of title III,