

Veterans' Affairs Committee. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Stated against:

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 33, H. Res. 956, the rule to provide consideration of H.R. 4137, I was absent due to inclement weather grounding flights from Wisconsin. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

### CALLING FOR A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO THE CURRENT ELECTORAL CRISIS IN KENYA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 283, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PAYNE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 283, as amended.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 405, nays 1, not voting 23, as follows:

[Roll No. 34]

YEAS—405

Abercrombie	Cantor	Ehlers
Ackerman	Capito	Ellison
Aderholt	Capps	Ellsworth
Akin	Capuano	Emanuel
Alexander	Cardoza	Engel
Allen	Carmahan	English (PA)
Altmire	Carney	Eshoo
Andrews	Carter	Etheridge
Arcuri	Castle	Fallin
Baca	Castor	Fattah
Bachmann	Chabot	Feeney
Bachus	Chandler	Ferguson
Baird	Clarke	Flake
Barrett (SC)	Clay	Forbes
Barrow	Cleaver	Fossella
Bartlett (MD)	Clyburn	Fox
Barton (TX)	Coble	Frank (MA)
Bean	Cohen	Franks (AZ)
Becerra	Cole (OK)	Frelinghuysen
Berkley	Conaway	Gallely
Berman	Conyers	Garrett (NJ)
Berry	Cooper	Gerlach
Biggart	Costa	Giffords
Bilbray	Costello	Gilchrest
Bilirakis	Courtney	Gillibrand
Bishop (GA)	Crenshaw	Gingrey
Bishop (NY)	Crowley	Gohmert
Bishop (UT)	Cubin	Gonzalez
Blumenauer	Cuellar	Goode
Blunt	Culberson	Goodlatte
Boehner	Cummings	Gordon
Bonner	Davis (AL)	Granger
Bono Mack	Davis (CA)	Green, Al
Boozman	Davis (IL)	Green, Gene
Boren	Davis (KY)	Grijalva
Boswell	Davis, David	Hall (NY)
Boustany	Davis, Lincoln	Hall (TX)
Boyd (FL)	Davis, Tom	Hare
Boyd (KS)	Deal (GA)	Harman
Brady (PA)	DeFazio	Hastings (FL)
Brady (TX)	DeGette	Hastings (WA)
Braleigh (IA)	DeLauro	Hayes
Broun (GA)	Dent	Heller
Brown (SC)	Diaz-Balart, L.	Hensarling
Brown, Corrine	Diaz-Balart, M.	Herger
Brown-Waite,	Ginny	Herseth Sandlin
Buchanan	Dingell	Higgins
Burgess	Doggett	Hill
Burton (IN)	Donnelly	Hinchey
Butterfield	Doolittle	Hinojosa
Buyer	Doyle	Hirono
Calvert	Drake	Hobson
Camp (MI)	Dreier	Hodes
Campbell (CA)	Duncan	Hoekstra
Cannon	Edwards	Holden
		Holt

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

NAYS—1

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NOT VOTING—23

Baldwin	Fortenberry	Ruppersberger
Blackburn	Graves	Sanchez, Loretta
Boucher	Gutierrez	Smith (NJ)
Cramer	Lantos	Smith (WA)
Emerson	Lowey	Tanner
Everett	Manzullo	Woolsey
Farr	Porter	Wynn
Filner	Pryce (OH)	

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the

concurrent resolution, as amended, 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. FILNER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 34, I was away from the Capitol attending a function in my capacity as Chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, February 7, I missed rollcall votes 32, 33, and 34 due to a delay in my flight. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on 32 and 33 and "yea" on 34.

### EXPRESSING SYMPATHY TO VICTIMS OF SOUTHERN STORMS

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

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, my grandfather used to tell me that the most important road in the county was the one in front of your house. And I think we all know that is true in many different ways, particularly in times of tragedy.

We have been in this well and we've talked about Katrina and we have talked about a bridge that fell in Minnesota, and we have all had tragedies in our areas in different ways, and I think we all feel sympathetic.

But for those folks in Arkansas, Alabama, Kentucky, Indiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee, once again we feel it very intensely. It is the road in front of our house today. There were 50 lives lost, 32 in Tennessee, 22 of those were in my district. Many folks were displaced. We are not going to have electricity back in many areas for another few days.

As I ask for a moment of silence, I also want us to feel the community of our entire House and our entire country. I think we felt that as we have helped in other places. Again, I just remind Members that this happened in our area this time. It can happen in your area next time.

But we are all together, and as we commemorate those dead and misplaced in our States, we also want to remember your States, too.

I ask for a moment of silence.

The SPEAKER. All Members will please rise and observe a moment of silence in respect of those affected by the recent tragedy.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

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

There was no objection.

### EXTENDING PARITY IN APPLICATION OF CERTAIN LIMITS TO MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HOLDEN). The unfinished business is the

vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4848, 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 New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4848, as amended.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 384, nays 23, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 35]

YEAS—384

Abercrombie	Cuellar	Hoekstra
Ackerman	Culberson	Holden
Aderholt	Cummings	Holt
Akin	Davis (AL)	Honda
Alexander	Davis (CA)	Hooley
Allen	Davis (IL)	Hoyer
Altmire	Davis (KY)	Hulshof
Andrews	Davis, David	Hunter
Arcuri	Davis, Lincoln	Inglis (SC)
Baca	Davis, Tom	Inslee
Bachus	Deal (GA)	Israel
Baird	DeFazio	Issa
Barrett (SC)	DeGette	Jackson (IL)
Barrow	Delahunt	Jackson-Lee
Bartlett (MD)	DeLauro	(TX)
Barton (TX)	Dent	Jefferson
Bean	Diaz-Balart, L.	Johnson (GA)
Becerra	Diaz-Balart, M.	Johnson (IL)
Berkley	Dicks	Johnson, E. B.
Berman	Dingell	Johnson, Sam
Berry	Doggett	Jones (NC)
Biggert	Donnelly	Jones (OH)
Bilbray	Doyle	Kagen
Billirakis	Drake	Kanjorski
Bishop (GA)	Dreier	Kaptur
Bishop (NY)	Edwards	Keller
Bishop (UT)	Ehlers	Kennedy
Blunt	Ellison	Kildee
Boehner	Ellsworth	Kilpatrick
Bonner	Emanuel	Kind
Bono Mack	Engel	King (NY)
Boozman	English (PA)	Kingston
Boren	Eshoo	Kirk
Boswell	Etheridge	Klein (FL)
Boustany	Fallin	Kline (MN)
Boyd (FL)	Fattah	Knollenberg
Boyd (KS)	Feeney	Kucinich
Brady (PA)	Ferguson	Kuhl (NY)
Brady (TX)	Filner	LaHood
Braley (IA)	Forbes	Lampson
Brown (SC)	Fossella	Langevin
Brown, Corrine	Frank (MA)	Larsen (WA)
Buchanan	Frelinghuysen	Larson (CT)
Burgess	Gallely	Latham
Burton (IN)	Gerlach	LaTourette
Butterfield	Giffords	Latta
Buyer	Gilchrest	Lee
Calvert	Gillibrand	Levin
Camp (MI)	Gingrey	Lewis (CA)
Cantor	Gohmert	Lewis (GA)
Capito	Gonzalez	Lewis (KY)
Capps	Goode	Linder
Capuano	Goodlatte	Lipinski
Cardoza	Gordon	LoBiondo
Carnahan	Granger	Loeb sack
Carney	Graves	Lofgren, Zoe
Carter	Green, Al	Lucas
Castle	Green, Gene	Lungren, Daniel
Castor	Grijalva	E.
Chabot	Gutierrez	Lynch
Chandler	Hall (NY)	Maloney (FL)
Clarke	Hall (TX)	Maloney (NY)
Clay	Hare	Markley
Cleaver	Harman	Marshall
Clyburn	Hastings (FL)	Matheson
Coble	Hastings (WA)	Matsui
Cohen	Hayes	McCarthy (CA)
Cole (OK)	Heller	McCarthy (NY)
Conaway	Herger	McCaul (TX)
Conyers	Herseth Sandlin	McCollum (MN)
Cooper	Higgins	McCotter
Costa	Hill	McCrery
Costello	Hinchey	McDemott
Courtney	Hinojosa	McGovern
Crenshaw	Hirono	McHenry
Crowley	Hobson	McHugh
Cubin	Hodes	McIntyre

McKeon	Rahall	Space
McMorris	Ramstad	Spratt
Rodgers	Rangel	Stark
McNerney	Regula	Stearns
McNulty	Rehberg	Stupak
Meek (FL)	Reichert	Sullivan
Meeks (NY)	Renzi	Sutton
Melancon	Reyes	Tancredo
Mica	Reynolds	Tauscher
Michaud	Richardson	Taylor
Miller (FL)	Rodriguez	Terry
Miller (MI)	Rogers (AL)	Thompson (CA)
Miller (NC)	Rogers (KY)	Thompson (MS)
Miller, Gary	Rogers (MI)	Thornberry
Miller, George	Ros-Lehtinen	Tiahrt
Mitchell	Roskam	Tiberi
Mollohan	Ross	Tierney
Moore (KS)	Rothman	Towns
Moore (WI)	Roybal-Allard	Tsongas
Moran (KS)	Rush	Turner
Moran (VA)	Ryan (OH)	Udall (CO)
Murphy (CT)	Ryan (WI)	Udall (NM)
Murphy, Patrick	Salazar	Upton
Murphy, Tim	Sánchez, Linda	Van Hollen
Murtha	T.	Velázquez
Musgrave	Sarbanes	Visclosky
Myrick	Saxton	Walberg
Nadler	Schakowsky	Walden (OR)
Napolitano	Schiff	Walsh (NY)
Neal (MA)	Schmidt	Walz (MN)
Neugebauer	Schwartz	Wamp
Nunes	Scott (GA)	Wasserman
Oberstar	Scott (VA)	Schultz
Obey	Sensenbrenner	Waters
Oliver	Serrano	Watson
Ortiz	Sessions	Watt
Pallone	Sestak	Waxman
Pascrell	Shays	Weiner
Pastor	Shea-Porter	Welch (VT)
Payne	Sherman	Weldon (FL)
Pearce	Shimkus	Weller
Perlmutter	Shuler	Westmoreland
Peterson (MN)	Shuster	Wexler
Peterson (PA)	Simpson	Whitfield (KY)
Petri	Sires	Wilson (NM)
Pickering	Skelton	Wilson (OH)
Pitts	Slaughter	Wilson (SC)
Platts	Smith (NE)	Wittman (VA)
Pomeroy	Smith (NJ)	Wolf
Price (CA)	Smith (TX)	Wu
Price (NC)	Snyder	Young (AK)
Putnam	Solis	Young (FL)
Radanovich	Souder	

NAYS—23

Bachmann	Flake	Mack
Broun (GA)	Foxx	Paul
Brown-Waite,	Franks (AZ)	Pence
Ginny	Garrett (NJ)	Poe
Campbell (CA)	Hensarling	Rohrabacher
Cannon	Jordan	Royce
Doolittle	King (IA)	Sali
Duncan	Lamborn	Shadegg

NOT VOTING—22

Baldwin	Fortenberry	Sanchez, Loretta
Blackburn	Lantos	Smith (WA)
Blumenauer	Lowe	Tanner
Boucher	Manzullo	Woolsey
Cramer	Marchant	Wynn
Emerson	Porter	Yarmuth
Everett	Pryce (OH)	
Farr	Ruppersberger	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

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Mr. ROHRABACHER and Mrs. BACHMANN changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

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.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. MANZULLO. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, February 6, 2008, I was unable

to return to Washington in time to vote because of the large snowstorm that hit the Chicago-land area yesterday and delayed my arrival until mid-afternoon today. If I was here, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 29, “yea” on rollcall No. 30, “yea” on rollcall No. 31, “no” on rollcall No. 32, “no” on rollcall No. 33, “yea” on rollcall No. 34, and “yea” on rollcall No. 35.

#### COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY AND AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 956 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. 4137.

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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. 4137) to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes, with Mr. PASTOR in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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, I yield myself 5 minutes.

Mr. Chairman and Members of the House, I rise in strong support of H.R. 4137, the College Opportunity and Affordability Act, which was reported by the Committee on Education and Labor with unanimous bipartisan support. This legislation strengthens and reauthorizes our Nation's higher education program.

With our recent enactment of the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, this Congress has already taken a historic step by providing the single largest increase in Federal student aid since the GI bill.

But we all know that there's still work to do to ensure that the doors of college are truly open to call qualified students. H.R. 4137 helps us reach this goal.

Today's students and families face a number of challenges on the path to college, from skyrocketing college prices, to needlessly complicated student aid application process, to predatory tactics by student lenders.

The College Opportunity and Affordability Act will address these challenges by reshaping our higher education system so that, once again, it operates in the best interest of students and families.

The bill will create a higher education system that is more affordable and fair and easier to navigate for consumers.