

Cuellar	Jackson-Lee	Oberstar	Tiberi	Walsh (NY)	Westmoreland	Burton (IN)	Gonzalez	McCollum (MN)
Culberson	(TX)	Obey	Tierney	Walz (MN)	Wexler	Butterfield	Goode	McCotter
Cummings	Jefferson	Oliver	Towns	Wamp	Whitfield (KY)	Buyer	Goodlatte	McCrery
Davis (AL)	Johnson (GA)	Ortiz	Tsongas	Wasserman	Wilson (NM)	Calvert	Gordon	McDermott
Davis (CA)	Johnson (IL)	Pallone	Turner	Schultz	Wilson (OH)	Camp (MI)	Granger	McGovern
Davis (IL)	Johnson, E. B.	Pascarell	Udall (CO)	Waters	Wilson (SC)	Campbell (CA)	Graves	McHenry
Davis (KY)	Johnson, Sam	Pastor	Udall (NM)	Watson	Wittman (VA)	Cantor	Green, Al	McHugh
Davis, David	Jones (NC)	Paul	Upton	Watt	Wolf	Capito	Green, Gene	McIntyre
Davis, Lincoln	Jordan	Payne	Van Hollen	Waxman	Woolsey	Capps	Grijalva	McKeon
Davis, Tom	Kagen	Pearce	Velázquez	Weiner	Wu	Capuano	Gutierrez	McMorris
Deal (GA)	Kanjorski	Pence	Visclosky	Welch (VT)	Yarmuth	Cardoza	Hall (NY)	Rodgers
DeFazio	Kaptur	Perlmutter	Walberg	Weldon (FL)	Young (AK)	Carnahan	Hall (TX)	McNerney
DeGette	Keller	Peterson (PA)	Walden (OR)	Weller	Young (FL)	Carney	Hare	Meek (FL)
Delahunt	Kennedy	Petri				Carson	Harman	Meeks (NY)
DeLauro	Kildee	Pickering				Carter	Hastings (FL)	Mica
Dent	Kilpatrick	Platts	Baird	Hulshof	Pitts	Castle	Hastings (WA)	Michaud
Diaz-Balart, L.	Kind	Poe	Blackburn	Hunter	Scott (VA)	Castor	Hayes	Miller (FL)
Diaz-Balart, M.	King (IA)	Pomeroy	Cannon	Lee	Sensenbrenner	Chabot	Heller	Miller (MI)
Dicks	King (NY)	Porter	Cazayoux	Levin	Thornberry	Chandler	Hensarling	Miller (NC)
Dingell	Kingston	Price (GA)	Emerson	McNulty		Childers	Herger	Miller, Gary
Doggett	Kirk	Price (NC)	Hodes	Peterson (MN)		Clarke	Hersteth Sandlin	Miller, George
Donnelly	Klein (FL)	Pryce (OH)				Clay	Higgins	Mitchell
Doolittle	Kline (MN)	Putnam				Cleaver	Hill	Mollohan
Doyle	Knollenberg	Radanovich				Clyburn	Hinchey	Moore (KS)
Drake	Kucinich	Rahall				Coble	Hinojosa	Moore (WI)
Dreier	Kuhl (NY)	Ramstad				Cohen	Hirono	Moran (KS)
Duncan	LaHood	Rangel				Cole (OK)	Hobson	Moran (VA)
Edwards (MD)	Lamborn	Regula				Conaway	Hoekstra	Murphy (CT)
Edwards (TX)	Lampson	Rehberg				Conyers	Holden	Murphy, Patrick
Ehlers	Langevin	Reichert				Cooper	Holt	Murphy, Tim
Ellison	Larsen (WA)	Renzi				Costa	Honda	Murtha
Ellsworth	Larson (CT)	Reyes				Costello	Hooley	Musgrave
Emanuel	Latham	Reynolds				Courtney	Hoyer	Myrick
Engel	LaTourette	Richardson				Cramer	Hunter	Nadler
English (PA)	Latta	Rodriguez				Crenshaw	Inglis (SC)	Napolitano
Eshoo	Lewis (CA)	Rogers (AL)				Crowley	Inslee	Neal (MA)
Etheridge	Lewis (GA)	Rogers (KY)				Cubin	Israel	Neugebauer
Everett	Lewis (KY)	Rogers (MI)				Cuellar	Issa	Nunes
Fallin	Linder	Rohrabacher				Culberson	Jackson (IL)	Oberstar
Farr	Lipinski	Ros-Lehtinen				Cummings	Jackson-Lee	Obey
Fattah	LoBiondo	Roskam				Davis (AL)	(TX)	Oliver
Feeney	Loebsack	Ross				Davis (CA)	Jefferson	Ortiz
Ferguson	Loftgren, Zoe	Rothman				Davis (IL)	Johnson (GA)	Pallone
Filner	Lowe	Roybal-Allard				Davis (KY)	Johnson (IL)	Pascarell
Flake	Lucas	Royce				Davis, David	Johnson, E. B.	Pastor
Forbes	Lungren, Daniel	Ruppersberger				Davis, Lincoln	Johnson, Sam	Paul
Fortenberry	E.	Rush				Davis, Tom	Jones (NC)	Payne
Fossella	Lynch	Ryan (OH)				Deal (GA)	Jordan	Pearce
Foster	Mack	Ryan (WI)				DeFazio	Kagen	Pence
Foxx	Mahoney (FL)	Salazar				DeGette	Kanjorski	Perlmutter
Frank (MA)	Maloney (NY)	Sali				Delahunt	Kaptur	Peterson (PA)
Franks (AZ)	Manzullo	Sánchez, Linda				DeLauro	Keller	Petri
Frelinghuysen	Marchant	T.				Dent	Kennedy	Pickering
Gallegly	Markey	Sanchez, Loretta				Diaz-Balart, L.	Kildee	Platts
Garrett (NJ)	Marshall	Sarbanes				Diaz-Balart, M.	Kilpatrick	Poe
Gerlach	Matheson	Saxton				Dicks	Kind	Pomeroy
Giffords	Matsui	Scalise				Dingell	King (IA)	Porter
Gilchrest	McCarthy (CA)	Schakowsky				Doggett	King (NY)	Price (GA)
Gillibrand	McCarthy (NY)	Schiff				Donnelly	Kingston	Price (NC)
Gingrey	McCaul (TX)	Schmidt				Doolittle	Kirk	Pryce (OH)
Gohmert	McCollum (MN)	Schwartz				Doyle	Klein (FL)	Putnam
Gonzalez	McCotter	Scott (GA)				Drake	Kline (MN)	Radanovich
Goode	McCrery	Serrano				Dreier	Knollenberg	Rahall
Goodlatte	McDermott	Sessions				Duncan	Kucinich	Ramstad
Gordon	McGovern	Sestak				Edwards (MD)	Kuhl (NY)	Rangel
Granger	McHenry	Shadegg				Edwards (TX)	LaHood	Regula
Graves	McHugh	Shays				Ehlers	Lamborn	Rehberg
Green, Al	McIntyre	Shea-Porter				Ellison	Lampson	Reichert
Green, Gene	McKeon	Sherman				Ellsworth	Langevin	Renzi
Grijalva	McMorris	Shimkus				Emanuel	Larsen (WA)	Reyes
Gutierrez	Rodgers	Shuler				Emerson	Larson (CT)	Reynolds
Hall (NY)	McNerney	Shuster				Engel	Latham	Richardson
Hall (TX)	Meek (FL)	Simpson				English (PA)	LaTourette	Rodriguez
Hare	Meeks (NY)	Sires				Eshoo	Latta	Rogers (AL)
Harman	Melancon	Skelton				Etheridge	Lewis (CA)	Rogers (KY)
Hastings (FL)	Mica	Slaughter				Everett	Lewis (GA)	Rogers (MI)
Hastings (WA)	Michaud	Smith (NE)				Fallin	Lewis (KY)	Rohrabacher
Hayes	Miller (FL)	Smith (NJ)				Farr	Linder	Ros-Lehtinen
Heller	Miller (MI)	Smith (TX)				Fattah	Lipinski	Roskam
Hensarling	Miller (NC)	Smith (WA)				Feeney	LoBiondo	Ross
Herger	Miller, Gary	Snyder				Ferguson	Loebsack	Rothman
Hersteth Sandlin	Miller, George	Solis				Filner	Loftgren, Zoe	Roybal-Allard
Higgins	Mitchell	Souder				Flake	Lowe	Royce
Hill	Mollohan	Space				Forbes	Lucas	Ruppersberger
Hinchey	Moore (KS)	Speier				Fortenberry	Lungren, Daniel	Rush
Hinojosa	Moore (WI)	Spratt				Fossella	E.	Ryan (OH)
Hirono	Moran (KS)	Stark				Foster	Lynch	Ryan (WI)
Hobson	Moran (VA)	Stearns				Fox	Mack	Salazar
Hoekstra	Murphy (CT)	Stupak				Frank (MA)	Mahoney (FL)	Sali
Holden	Murphy, Patrick	Sullivan				Franks (AZ)	Maloney (NY)	Sánchez, Linda
Holt	Murphy, Tim	Sutton				Frelinghuysen	Manzullo	T.
Honda	Murtha	Tancred				Gallegly	Marchant	Sanchez, Loretta
Hooley	Musgrave	Tanner				Garrett (NJ)	Markey	Sarbanes
Hoyer	Myrick	Tauscher				Gerlach	Marshall	Saxton
Inglis (SC)	Nadler	Taylor				Giffords	Matheson	Scalise
Inslee	Napolitano	Terry				Gilchrest	Matsui	Schakowsky
Israel	Neal (MA)	Thompson (CA)				Gillibrand	McCarthy (CA)	Schiff
Issa	Neugebauer	Thompson (MS)				Gingrey	McCarthy (NY)	Schmidt
Jackson (IL)	Nunes	Tiahrt				Gohmert	McCaul (TX)	Schwartz

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□ 1343

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.

The title was amended so as to read: “A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a pilot program to permit certain highly rural veterans enrolled in the health system of the Department of Veterans Affairs to receive covered health services through providers other than those of the Department.”

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 578, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

VETERANS' COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ALTMIRE). The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 2617, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate 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 Senate bill, S. 2617.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 418, nays 0, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 579]

YEAS—418

Abercrombie	Bean	Boozman
Ackerman	Becerra	Boren
Aderholt	Berkley	Boswell
Akin	Berman	Boucher
Alexander	Berry	Boustany
Allen	Biggart	Boyd (FL)
Altmire	Billbray	Boyd (KS)
Andrews	Billirakis	Brady (PA)
Arcuri	Bishop (GA)	Brady (TX)
Baca	Bishop (NY)	Braley (IA)
Bachmann	Bishop (UT)	Broun (GA)
Bachus	Blackburn	Brown (SC)
Baldwin	Blumenauer	Brown, Corrine
Barrett (SC)	Blunt	Brown-Waite,
Barrow	Boehner	Ginny
Bartlett (MD)	Bonner	Buchanan
Barton (TX)	Bono Mack	Burgess

Scott (GA)	Stearns	Walz (MN)
Serrano	Stupak	Wamp
Sessions	Sullivan	Wasserman
Sestak	Sutton	Schultz
Shadegg	Tancred	Waters
Shays	Tanner	Watson
Shea-Porter	Tauscher	Watt
Sherman	Taylor	Waxman
Shimkus	Terry	Weiner
Shuler	Thompson (CA)	Welch (VT)
Shuster	Thompson (MS)	Weldon (FL)
Simpson	Tiahrt	Westmoreland
Sires	Tiberi	Wexler
Skelton	Tierney	Whitfield (KY)
Slaughter	Towns	Wilson (NM)
Smith (NE)	Tsongas	Wilson (OH)
Smith (NJ)	Turner	Wilson (SC)
Smith (TX)	Udall (CO)	Wittman (VA)
Smith (WA)	Udall (NM)	Wolf
Snyder	Upton	Woolsey
Solis	Van Hollen	Wu
Souder	Velázquez	Yarmuth
Space	Visclosky	Young (AK)
Speier	Walberg	Young (FL)
Spratt	Walden (OR)	
Stark	Walsh (NY)	

□ 1354

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. 3667) to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers in the State of Vermont for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with Mr. SALAZAR 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 Arizona (Mr. GRIJALVA) and the gentleman from Utah (Mr. BISHOP) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona.

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

H.R. 3667, the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic River Study Act, was introduced by our colleague from Vermont, Representative WELCH. This bill would amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to authorize the National Park Service to study specific sections of the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers in Vermont for their potential inclusion into the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

I want to thank our colleague from Vermont, Congressman WELCH, for his hard work on this measure. This is a good piece of legislation, which will help showcase the natural heritage of Vermont.

We are coming upon the 40th anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act in October. It's important to celebrate the legacy of this act, the preservation of some of our wildest rivers and the safeguarding of our scenic waterways for generations to come, and to acknowledge the essential role that stewardship and a conservation ethic play in the management of our Nation's rivers and streams.

The Missisquoi is a tributary of Lake Champlain, located in northern Vermont. The Trout is a tributary of the Missisquoi. With its headwaters in Lowell, Vermont, the Missisquoi extends almost 100 miles, flowing north into Quebec, then returning to Vermont to flow west before finally ending its journey at Lake Champlain.

As it runs its course through open pastoral fields, scenic gorges and native hardwood forests, the river is a remarkable example of a northeastern ecosystem. It is bordered by the largest and perhaps highest quality silver maple floodplain forest remaining in the State of Vermont. American elm, white ash, white oak, and red maple are found along its banks.

The river is home to diverse fish and wildlife, including native rainbow and brown trout, rare freshwater mussels, spiny soft-shell turtles and river otter. While on the river's banks, bobcat,

white-tailed deer, and moose can sometimes be spotted, and the surrounding marshes host large flocks of migratory birds.

In addition to these natural qualities, there are numerous Abenaki Indian archeological sites along the floodplain.

And the river is well-known for its outstanding recreational opportunities as well. It is part of the Northern Forest Canoe Trail—a historic 740-mile water trail through New York, Vermont, Quebec, New Hampshire, and Maine—and outfitters consider the northern part of the river to be the pre-eminent flat-water paddling spot in Vermont.

It is also renowned for its waterfalls, and the Great Falls on the upper river is recognized as Vermont's largest undammed waterfall.

Simply put, this river is a superb illustration of Vermont's postcard perfect national scenery.

During a hearing on this bill, the administration testified in support of the bill, but recommended that changes be made to clearly specify which segments should be included in the study, as not all of the sections of the river in the original bill were appropriate for consideration. They recommended other technical changes as well.

The Natural Resources Committee amended the bill to respond to those recommendations and clarified which sections of the river would be studied for the wild and scenic attributes.

Mr. Chairman, H.R. 3667 simply authorizes a study of this river. It is a preliminary step, not a final designation.

Its enactment would simply trigger a process which will allow the National Park Service the opportunity to gather information from, listen to, and coordinate with State officials and local communities; with farmers, business owners, and river outfitters; and with hunters, anglers, birders, paddlers, and hikers—all those who value this river. Only then, after careful consideration and with input from all the stakeholders, will the National Park Service provide recommendations to Congress about the potential of this river.

That is all the legislation does. It is that simple. Let's not lose sight of what this bill is about.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 3667.

I reserve the balance of my time.

□ 1400

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and it will be quite awhile.

Well, Mr. Chairman, here we are in a 15-day session. We're now one-fifth of the way through our final session before we end. The Democrat leaders, who have set the agenda and run this floor for almost 2 years now, have had 5 weeks in preparation for this day. So the first issue of significance, the only issue we may have this week that has a rule, the most significant piece of

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Baird	Lee	Pitts
Cannon	Levin	Scott (VA)
Cazayoux	McNulty	Sensenbrenner
Hodes	Melancon	Thornberry
Hulshof	Peterson (MN)	Weller

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining in the vote.

□ 1352

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 5977

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, DUNCAN HUNTER was mistakenly added to the list of cosponsors on H.R. 5977. I ask unanimous consent to have his name removed.

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

There was no objection.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. 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 regarding H.R. 3667.

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

There was no objection.

MISSISQUOI AND TROUT RIVERS WILD AND SCENIC RIVER STUDY ACT OF 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1419 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. 3667.