

makes those critical first minutes and hours when someone is found to be missing count and increases the chances of a happy ending. In the four months since the enactment of our state-wide program, there have been 41 Florida Silver Alerts including nine last month.

The legislation we consider today will take the Florida model nationwide so that all States can have the benefit of a Silver Alert system and so that we can track missing senior citizens who drive off in their cars should they cross state boundaries. It will establish a national coordinator to bring together State efforts and authorize the appropriation of \$10 million a year for State activities in support of the Silver Alert program. Finally, it will provide an annual report to Congress and the States on the program so that we can share lessons learned to improve the effectiveness of state-wide and nationwide Silver Alert networks.

Mr. Speaker, this is good legislation and I again want to commend my colleague from Florida GUS BILIRAKIS for his tireless work to keep the issue alive. Senior citizens and their families all across our nation will directly benefit from that action we take today.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 632, the National Silver Alert Act of 2009. I thank Mr. DOGGETT for his leadership on this issue. This bill allows for the creation and enhancement of alert plans for missing adults across the nation and is an important step toward ensuring the safe return of missing adults nationwide.

According to the Connecticut Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, nearly 70,000 Connecticut residents have Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. Six out of every ten people diagnosed with Alzheimer's will wander from their homes or care giving facilities at some stage of their disease. Of those who wander, 50 percent risk serious injury or death if not found within the first 24 hours. For this reason, it is necessary that systems for timely, local search responses are put into place.

The National Silver Alert Act of 2009 provides for the coordination of resources needed by families and law enforcement officials to undertake appropriate search efforts for a missing adult. The bill acknowledges the need to protect the privacy, dignity, independence and autonomy of any missing adult who may be the subject of a Silver Alert, making this bill a truly comprehensive approach.

I urge my colleagues to join me in support of the National Silver Alert Act of 2009 and to continue to push for legislation that seeks to protect missing adults.

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, if the other side decides to relinquish its remaining time, I will do the same. We have no other speakers.

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time. I urge adoption of this resolution.

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. I will yield back the balance of my time, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. JOHNSON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 632.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of the privileges of the House and offer the resolution as noticed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 143

Whereas, the gentleman from New York, Charles B. Rangel, the fourth most senior Member of the House of Representatives, serves as chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, a position of considerable power and influence within the House of Representatives; and,

Whereas, clause one of rule 23 of the Rules of the House of Representatives provides, "A Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House shall conduct himself at all times in a manner that shall reflect creditably on the House;"

Whereas, The New York Times reported on September 5, 2008, that, "Representative Charles B. Rangel has earned more than \$75,000 in rental income from a villa he has owned in the Dominican Republic since 1988, but never reported it on his federal or state tax returns, according to a lawyer for the congressman and documents from the resort"; and,

Whereas, in an article in the September 5, 2008 edition of The New York Times, his attorney confirmed that Representative Rangel's annual congressional Financial Disclosure statements failed to disclose the rental income from his resort villa; and,

Whereas, The New York Times reported on September 6, 2008 that, "Representative Charles B. Rangel paid no interest for more than a decade on a mortgage extended to him to buy a villa at a beachfront resort in the Dominican Republic, according to Mr. Rangel's lawyer and records from the resort. The loan, which was extended to Mr. Rangel in 1988, was originally to be paid back over seven years at a rate of 10.5 percent. But within two years, interest on the loan was waived for Mr. Rangel,"; and,

Whereas, clause 5(a)(2)(A) of House Rule 25 defines a gift as, "... a gratuity, favor, discount entertainment, hospitality, loan, forbearance, or other item having monetary value" and prohibits the acceptance of such gifts except in limited circumstances; and,

Whereas, Representative Rangel's acceptance of thousands of dollars in interest forgiveness is a violation of the House gift ban; and,

Whereas, Representative Rangel's failure to disclose the aforementioned gifts and income on his Personal Financial Disclosure Statements violates House rules and federal law; and,

Whereas, Representative Rangel's failure to report the aforementioned gifts and income on federal, state and local tax returns is a violation of the tax laws of those jurisdictions; and,

Whereas, the Committee on Ways and Means, which Representative Rangel chairs, has jurisdiction over the United States Tax Code; and,

Whereas, the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct first announced on July 31, 2008 that it was reviewing allegations of misconduct by Representative Rangel; and,

Whereas, The House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct announced on September 24, 2008 that it had established an investigative subcommittee in the matter of Representative Rangel; and,

Whereas, The New York Times reported on November 24, 2008 that, "Congressional records and interviews show that Mr. Rangel

was instrumental in preserving a lucrative tax loophole that benefited [Nabors Industries] an oil drilling company last year, while at the same time its chief executive was pledging \$1 million to the Charles B. Rangel School of Public Service at C.C.N.Y."; and,

Whereas, the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct announced on December 9, 2008 that it had expanded the jurisdiction of the aforementioned investigative subcommittee to examine the allegations related to Representative Rangel's involvement with Nabors Industries; and,

Whereas, Roll Call newspaper reported on September 15, 2008 that, "The inconsistent reports are among myriad errors, discrepancies and unexplained entries on Rangel's personal disclosure forms over the past eight years that make it almost impossible to get a clear picture of the Ways and Means chairman's financial dealings,"; and,

Whereas, Roll Call newspaper reported on September 16, 2008 that, "Rangel said he would hire a 'forensic accountant' to review all of his disclosure forms going back 20 years, and to provide a report to the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, which Rangel said will then make public,"; and,

Whereas, nearly five months after Representative Rangel pledged to provide a public forensic accounting of his tax and federal financial disclosure records, he has failed to do so; and,

Whereas, an editorial in The New York Times on September 15, 2008 stated, "Mounting embarrassment for taxpayers and Congress makes it imperative that Representative Charles Rangel step aside as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee while his ethical problems are investigated,"; and,

Whereas, on May 24, 2006, then Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi cited "high ethical standards" in a letter to Representative William Jefferson asking that he resign his seat on the Committee on Ways and Means in light of ongoing investigations into alleged financial impropriety by Representative Jefferson,

Whereas, by the conduct giving rise to this resolution, Representative Charles B. Rangel has dishonored himself and brought discredit to the House; and,

Therefore, be it Resolved, Upon adoption of this resolution and pending completion of the investigation into his affairs by the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, Representative Rangel is hereby removed as chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution qualifies.

MOTION TO TABLE

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I move to lay the resolution on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to lay on the table.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, this 15-minute vote on the motion to lay on the table will be followed by 5-minute votes on motions to suspend the rules with regard to House Resolution 128, by the yeas and nays, and House Resolution 134, by the yeas and nays.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 242, nays 157, answered “present” 16, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 57]  
YEAS—242

Abercrombie	Halvorson	Nye
Ackerman	Hare	Oberstar
Adler (NJ)	Hastings (FL)	Obey
Altmire	Heinrich	Olver
Andrews	Herseth Sandlin	Ortiz
Arcuri	Higgins	Pallone
Baca	Hill	Pascrell
Baird	Himes	Pastor (AZ)
Baldwin	Hinchev	Paul
Barrow	Hirono	Payne
Bean	Hodes	Perlmutter
Becerra	Holden	Perriello
Berman	Holt	Peters
Berry	Honda	Peterson
Bishop (GA)	Hoyer	Pingree (ME)
Bishop (NY)	Inslee	Polis (CO)
Blumenauer	Israel	Pomeroy
Bocieri	Jackson (IL)	Price (NC)
Boren	Jackson-Lee	Rahall
Boswell	(TX)	Rangel
Boucher	Johnson (GA)	Reyes
Boyd	Johnson, E. B.	Richardson
Brady (PA)	Jones	Rodriguez
Braley (IA)	Kagen	Rohrabacher
Bright	Kanjorski	Ross
Brown, Corrine	Kaptur	Rothman (NJ)
Capps	Kennedy	Roybal-Allard
Capuano	Kildee	Ruppersberger
Cardoza	Kilpatrick (MI)	Rush
Carnahan	Kilroy	Ryan (OH)
Carney	Kind	Salazar
Carson (IN)	King (NY)	Sánchez, Linda
Childers	Kirkpatrick (AZ)	T.
Clarke	Kissell	Sanchez, Loretta
Clay	Klein (FL)	Sarbanes
Cleaver	Kosmas	Schauer
Clyburn	Kratovil	Schiff
Cohen	Kucinich	Schrader
Connolly (VA)	Langevin	Schwartz
Conyers	Larsen (WA)	Scott (GA)
Cooper	Larson (CT)	Serrano
Costa	Lee (CA)	Sestak
Costello	Levin	Shea-Porter
Courtney	Lewis (GA)	Sherman
Crowley	Lipinski	Shuler
Cuellar	Loeb sack	Sires
Cummings	Lowe y	Skelton
Dahlkemper	Lujan	Slaughter
Davis (AL)	Lynch	Smith (WA)
Davis (CA)	Maffei	Snyder
Davis (IL)	Maloney	Space
Davis (TN)	Markey (CO)	Speier
DeFazio	Markey (MA)	Spratt
DeGette	Marshall	Stupak
Delahunt	Massa	Tanner
DeLauro	Matheson	Tauscher
Dicks	Matsui	Taylor
Dingell	McCarthy (NY)	Teague
Doggett	McCollum	Thompson (CA)
Donnelly (IN)	McDermott	Thompson (MS)
Doyle	McGovern	Tierney
Driehaus	McIntyre	Titus
Edwards (MD)	McMahon	Tonko
Edwards (TX)	McNerney	Towns
Ellison	Meek (FL)	Tsongas
Ellsworth	Meeks (NY)	Van Hollen
Engel	Melancon	Velázquez
Eshoo	Michaud	Visclosky
Etheridge	Miller (NC)	Walz
Farr	Miller, George	Wasserman
Fattah	Minnick	Schultz
Filner	Mitchell	Waters
Foster	Mollohan	Watson
Fudge	Moore (KS)	Watt
Giffords	Moore (WI)	Waxman
Gonzalez	Moran (VA)	Weiner
Gordon (TN)	Murphy (CT)	Wilson (OH)
Grayson	Murphy, Patrick	Woolsey
Green, Al	Murtha	Wu
Griffith	Nadler (NY)	Yarmuth
Gutierrez	Napolitano	Young (AK)
Hall (NY)	Neal (MA)	

NAYS—157

Aderholt	Bilbray	Boustany
Akin	Bilirakis	Brady (TX)
Alexander	Bishop (UT)	Broun (GA)
Austria	Blackburn	Brown (SC)
Bachus	Boehner	Brown-Waite,
Barton (TX)	Bono Mack	Ginny
Biggart	Boozman	Buchanan

Burgess	Inglis	Pitts
Buyer	Issa	Platts
Calvert	Jenkins	Posey
Camp	Johnson, Sam	Price (GA)
Cantor	Jordan (OH)	Radanovich
Cao	King (IA)	Rehberg
Capito	Kingston	Reichert
Carter	Kirk	Roe (TN)
Cassidy	Lamborn	Rogers (AL)
Castle	Lance	Rogers (KY)
Chaffetz	Latham	Rogers (MI)
Coble	LaTourette	Rooney
Coffman (CO)	Latta	Ros-Lehtinen
Cole	Lee (NY)	Roskam
Crenshaw	Lewis (CA)	Royce
Culberson	Linder	Ryan (WI)
Davis (KY)	LoBiondo	Scalise
Deal (GA)	Lucas	Schmidt
Diaz-Balart, L.	Luetkemeyer	Schock
Diaz-Balart, M.	Lummis	Sensenbrenner
Dreier	Lungren, Daniel	Sessions
Duncan	E.	Shadegg
Ehlers	Mack	Shimkus
Emerson	Manzullo	Shuster
Fallin	Marchant	Simpson
Flake	McCarthy (CA)	Smith (NE)
Fleming	McCaul	Smith (NJ)
Forbes	McClintock	Smith (TX)
Fortenberry	McCotter	Souder
Fox	McHenry	Stearns
Franks (AZ)	McHugh	Sullivan
Frelinghuysen	McKeon	Terry
Gallegly	McMorris	Thompson (PA)
Garrett (NJ)	Rodgers	Thornberry
Gerlach	Mica	Tiahrt
Gingrey (GA)	Miller (FL)	Turner
Gohmert	Miller (MI)	Upton
Goodlatte	Miller, Gary	Walden
Graves	Moran (KS)	Wamp
Guthrie	Murphy, Tim	Westmoreland
Hall (TX)	Myrick	Whitfield
Harper	Neugebauer	Wilson (SC)
Heller	Nunes	Wittman
Hensarling	Olson	Wolf
Hergert	Paulsen	Young (FL)
Hoekstra	Pence	
Hunter	Petri	

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—16

Barrett (SC)	Chandler	Lofgren, Zoe
Bartlett	Conaway	Poe (TX)
Bonner	Dent	Scott (VA)
Burton (IN)	Green, Gene	Welch
Butterfield	Hastings (WA)	
Castor (FL)	Kline (MN)	

NOT VOTING—17

Bachmann	Grijalva	Solis (CA)
Berkley	Harman	Stark
Blunt	Hinojosa	Sutton
Campbell	Johnson (IL)	Tiberi
Frank (MA)	Putnam	Wexler
Granger	Schakowsky	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Two minutes remain in this vote.

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Mr. PAUL changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas changed his vote from “yea” to “present.”

Messrs. CONAWAY, BURTON of Indiana and POE of Texas changed their vote from “nay” to “present.”

So the motion to table was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MCINTYRE). The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H.

Res. 128, as amended, 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 Ohio (Ms. FUDGE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 128, as amended.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 413, nays 0, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 58]  
YEAS—413

Abercrombie	Cohen	Hastings (FL)
Ackerman	Cole	Hastings (WA)
Adler (NJ)	Conaway	Heinrich
Akin	Adler (NJ)	Heller
Alexander	Conyers	Hensarling
Altmire	Cooper	Herger
Andrews	Costa	Herseth Sandlin
Arcuri	Costello	Higgins
Austria	Courtney	Hill
Baca	Crenshaw	Himes
Bachmann	Crowley	Hinchev
Bachus	Cuellar	Hirono
Baldwin	Culberson	Hodes
Barrett (SC)	Cummings	Hoekstra
Barrow	Dahlkemper	Holden
Bartlett	Davis (AL)	Holt
Barton (TX)	Davis (CA)	Honda
Bean	Davis (IL)	Hoyer
Becerra	Davis (KY)	Hunter
Berman	Davis (TN)	Inglis
Berry	Deal (GA)	Inslee
Biggart	DeFazio	Israel
Bilbray	DeGette	Issa
Bilirakis	Delahunt	Jackson (IL)
Bishop (GA)	DeLauro	Jackson-Lee
Bishop (NY)	Dent	(TX)
Bishop (UT)	Diaz-Balart, L.	Jenkins
Blackburn	Diaz-Balart, M.	Johnson (GA)
Blumenauer	Dicks	Johnson, E. B.
Bocieri	Dingell	Johnson, Sam
Boehner	Doggett	Jones
Bonner	Donnelly (IN)	Jordan (OH)
Bono Mack	Doyle	Kagen
Boozman	Dreier	Kanjorski
Boren	Driehaus	Kaptur
Boswell	Duncan	Kennedy
Boucher	Edwards (MD)	Kildee
Boustany	Edwards (TX)	Kilpatrick (MI)
Boyd	Ehlers	Kilroy
Brady (PA)	Ellison	Kind
Brady (TX)	Ellsworth	King (IA)
Braley (IA)	Emerson	King (NY)
Bright	Engel	Kingston
Broun (GA)	Eshoo	Kirk
Brown (SC)	Etheridge	Kirkpatrick (AZ)
Brown, Corrine	Fallin	Kissell
Brown-Waite,	Farr	Klein (FL)
Ginny	Fattah	Kline (MN)
Buchanan	Filner	Kosmas
Burgess	Flake	Kratovil
Burton (IN)	Flake	Kucinich
Butterfield	Fleming	Lamborn
Buyer	Forbes	Lance
Calvert	Fortenberry	Langevin
Camp	Foster	Langevin
Cantor	Fox	Larsen (WA)
Cao	Franks (AZ)	Larson (CT)
Capito	Frelinghuysen	Latham
Capps	Fudge	LaTourette
Capuano	Gallegly	Latta
Cardoza	Gerlach	Lee (CA)
Carnahan	Giffords	Lee (NY)
Carney	Gingrey (GA)	Levin
Carson (IN)	Gohmert	Lewis (CA)
Carter	Gonzalez	Lewis (GA)
Cassidy	Goodlatte	Linder
Castle	Gordon (TN)	Lipinski
Castor (FL)	Graves	LoBiondo
Chaffetz	Grayson	Loeb sack
Chandler	Green, Al	Lofgren, Zoe
Childers	Green, Gene	Lowe y
Clarke	Griffith	Lucas
Clay	Guthrie	Luetkemeyer
Cleaver	Gutierrez	Lujan
Clyburn	Hall (NY)	Lummis
Coble	Hall (TX)	Lungren, Daniel
Coffman (CO)	Halvorson	E.
	Hare	Lynch
	Harper	Mack