Ladies and gentlemen, global challenges can only be met by comprehensive international cooperation. This is also true for the third great task we need to stand up to in the 21st century, the wall that seemingly separates the present from the future. This wall bars from view the needs of future generations. It prevents us from doing what is urgently necessary to preserve the basis of our very life and our climate. We can already see now where this wasteful attitude towards our future leads: icebergs are melting in the Arctic; in Africa, people become refugees because their environment has been destroved: the global sea level is rising.

I am delighted to note that President Obama and you, in your daily work, consider the protection of our climate to be a very important task. We all know that we have no time to lose. We need an agreement at the climate conference in Copenhagen in December. We need an agreement on one objective: global warming must not exceed 2 degrees Celsius. To achieve this, we need the readiness of all countries to exact internationally binding obligations. We cannot afford missing the objectives in climate protection that science tells us have to be met. This would not only be irresponsible from an environmental point of view, it would also be technologically shortsighted, for the development of new technologies in the field of energy offers great opportunities for growth and innovative jobs.

No doubt about it, in December the world will look to us, to the Europeans and to the Americans. And it is true, there can be no agreement without China and India. But I am convinced once we, in Europe and America, show ourselves ready to adopt binding agreements, that we will also be able to persuade China and India to join in. Then in Copenhagen, we shall be able to overcome this wall separating the present and the future in the interest of our children and grandchildren and in the interest of sustainable development all over the world.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am convinced that just as we found the strength in the 20th century to bring about the fall of the wall made of concrete and barbed wire, we shall now show that necessary strength to overcome the walls of the 21st century, walls in our minds, walls of short-sighted self-interest, walls between the present and the future.

Ladies and gentlemen, my confidence is nurtured and comes from a very important source, a very special sound, the sound of the Liberty Bell in Schöneberg Town Hall in Berlin. Since 1950, the bell, cast after the original American Liberty Bell, hangs there in the belfry. A gift from American citizens, it is a symbol of the promise of freedom a promise that has been ful-

zens, it is a symbol of the promise of freedom, a promise that has been fulfilled. On the 3rd of October, 1990, the Liberty Bell rang again, signaling the unification of Germany, the greatest

moment of joy for the German people.

On the 13th of September, 2001, it tolled out again, 2 days after 9/11, the greatest day of mourning for the American people.

(Spoken in English:)

The freedom bell in Berlin is, like the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, a symbol which reminds us that freedom does not come about by itself. It must be struggled for and then defended anew every day of our lives. In this endeavor, Germany and Europe will also in the future remain strong and dependable partners for America. That, I promise you. Thank you very much.

(Applause, the Members rising.)

At 11 o'clock and 20 minutes a.m., Her Excellency Dr. Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, accompanied by the committee of escort, retired from the Hall of the House of Representatives.

The Majority Floor Services Chief escorted the invited guests from the Chamber in the following order:

The Members of the President's Cabinet:

The Dean of the Diplomatic Corps.

JOINT MEETING DISSOLVED

The SPEAKER. The purpose of the joint meeting having been completed, the Chair declares the joint meeting of the two Houses now dissolved.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 23 minutes a.m.), the joint meeting of the two Houses was dissolved.

The Members of the Senate retired to their Chamber.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The House will continue in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PASTOR of Arizona) at noon.

PRINTING OF PROCEEDINGS HAD DURING RECESS

Mr. WALZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the proceedings held during the recess be printed in the RECORD

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

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 3949, by the yeas and nays;

H. Res. 398, by the yeas and nays;

H. Res. 866, by the year and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

VETERANS' SMALL BUSINESS AS-SISTANCE AND SERVICEMEM-BERS PROTECTION ACT OF 2009

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3949, 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 Minnesota (Mr. WALZ) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3949, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 382, nays 2, not voting 48, as follows:

[Roll No. 835]

YEAS-382

Aderholt Carter Franks (AZ) Adler (NJ) Cassidy Frelinghuysen Castle Akin Fudge Alexander Castor (FL) Gallegly Altmire Garrett (NJ) Chaffetz Chandler Giffords Arcuri Childers Gingrey (GA) Austria Ba.ca. Chu Gohmert. Clarke Bachmann Gonzalez Bachus Cleaver Goodlatte Baird Clyburn Graves Baldwin Coble Grayson Coffman (CO) Barrow Green, Al Bartlett. Cohen Green Gene Barton (TX) Conaway Griffith Connolly (VA) Bean Grijalva Becerra Cooper Guthrie Berkley Costa Hall (TX) Costello Halvorson Berman Berry Courtney Hare Biggert Crowley Harman Bilbray Cuellar Harper Hastings (FL) Bilirakis Culberson Bishop (GA) Cummings Hastings (WA) Bishop (NY) Dahlkemper Heinrich Bishop (UT) Heller Davis (CA) Hensarling Blackburn Davis (IL) Davis (KY) Blumenauer Herger Blunt Herseth Sandlin DeFazio Boccieri DeGette Higgins Boehner Delahunt Hill Bonner DeLauro Himes Bono Mack Hinojosa Dent Diaz-Balart, L. Boozman Hirono Diaz-Balart, M. Hodes Boren Boswell Dicks Holden Boucher Dingell Honda. Hoyer Boustany Doggett Boyd Donnelly (IN) Hunter Brady (TX) Dovle Inglis Braley (IA) Dreier Inslee Bright Driehaus Israel Broun (GA) Duncan Tssa. Edwards (MD) Jackson (IL) Brown (SC) Brown-Waite, Edwards (TX) Jackson-Lee Ginny Ehlers (TX) Buchanan Ellison Jenkins Burgess Burton (IN) Ellsworth Johnson (GA) Johnson, E. B. Emerson Butterfield Johnson, Sam Engel Buver Eshoo Jones Calvert Etheridge Jordan (OH) Fallin Camp Kagen Campbell Farr Kaniorski Filner Cantor Kaptur Cao Fleming Kennedy Capito Forbes Kildee Fortenberry Kilpatrick (MI) Capps Cardoza Foster Kilroy Carnahan Foxx Kind Frank (MA) Carson (IN) King (IA)

King (NY) Kirk Kirkpatrick (AZ) Kissell Klein (FL) Kline (MN) Kosmas Kratovil Kucinich Lamborn Lance Langevin Larsen (WA) Larson (CT) Latham LaTourette Latta Lee (CA) Lee (NY) Levin Lewis (CA) Lewis (GA) Linder LoBiondo Loebsack Lofgren, Zoe Lowey Lucas Luetkemeyer Luián Lummis Lungren, Daniel E. Lynch Mack Maffei Manzullo Marchant Markey (CO) Markey (MA) Marshall Rehberg Reichert Massa Matheson Reyes Richardson Matsui McCarthy (CA) Rodriguez McCarthy (NY) Roe (TN) McClintock Rogers (AL) McCollum Rogers (KY) Rogers (MI) McCotter McDermott Rohrabacher McGovern Rooney McHenry Ros-Lehtinen McIntyre Roskam McKeon Ross McMahon McMorris Rothman (NJ) Roybal-Allard Rodgers Rovce McNerney Meek (FL) Ruppersberger Rush Ryan (WI) Melancon Mica Salazar Michaud Sanchez, Loretta

Mitchell Schock Schrader Mollohan Moore (KS) Schwartz Moore (WI) Scott (GA) Moran (VA) Scott (VA) Murphy (CT) Sensenbrenner Murphy (NY) Serrano Murphy, Tim Sessions Murtha Sestak Myrick Shadegg Nadler (NY) Shea-Porter Napolitano Sherman Neal (MA) Shimkus Neugebauer Shuler Shuster Nve Oberstar Simpson Obey Skelton Olson Slaughter Smith (NE) Olver Ortiz Smith (NJ) Pastor (AZ) Smith (TX) Smith (WA) Paulsen Pence Snyder Perlmutter Souder Perriello Space Peters Stark Peterson Stearns Petri Sullivan Pingree (ME) Sutton Pitts Tanner Platts Taylor Poe (TX) Teague Polis (CO) Terry Pomeroy Thompson (CA) Posey Price (NC) Thompson (MS) Thompson (PA) Thornberry Putnam Quigley Tiahrt Radanovich Tiberi Rangel Tierney

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Schmidt

Schiff

Flake Paul

Miller (FL)

Miller (MI)

Miller (NC)

Minnick

Miller, Gary

Miller, George

NOT VOTING-48

Abercrombie Gordon (TN) Pascrell Ackerman Granger Payne Andrews Gutierrez Price (GA) Barrett (SC) Hall (NY) Rahall Brady (PA) Hinchey Ryan (OH) Brown Corrine Hoekstra. Sánchez, Linda Capuano Т. Johnson (IL) Carney Sires Clav Kingston Speier Lipinski Cole Spratt Conyers Maloney Stupak Crenshaw McCaul Towns Davis (AL) Meeks (NY) Velázquez Davis (TN) Moran (KS) Wamp Murphy, Patrick Deal (GA) Young (FL) Fattah Gerlach Pallone

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Messrs. BROUN of Georgia, SNYDER and MURPHY of New York changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

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.

Holden

Honda.

Hover

Inglis

Inslee

Jackson (IL)

Jackson-Lee

Johnson (GA)

Johnson, E. B.

Johnson, Sam

Jordan (OH)

Kilpatrick (MI)

Kirknatrick (AZ)

(TX)

Jenkins

Jones

Kagen

Kaptur

Kildee

Kilroy

King (IA)

King (NY)

Kind

Kirk

Kissell

Kosmas

Kratovil

Kucinich

Lamborn

Langevin

Latham

Lee (CA)

Lee (NY)

Lewis (CA)

Lewis (GA)

LoBiondo

Loebsack

Lofgren, Zoe

Luetkemeyer

Lungren, Daniel

Latta

Levin

Linder

Lowey

Lucas

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E.

Lynch

Mack

Maffei

Manzullo

Marchant

Marshall

Matheson

Massa

Matsui

Markey (CO)

Markey (MA)

McCarthy (NY)

McClintock

McDermott

McCollum

Lummis

Larsen (WA)

Larson (CT)

LaTourette

Lance

Klein (FL)

Kennedy

Kanjorski

Issa

Hunter

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on Tuesday, November 3, and consequently missed rollcall vote No. 835 on H.R. 3949, the Veterans' Small Business Assistance and Servicemembers Protection Act of 2009. Had I been present, I would have voted "vea" on H.R. 3949.

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the vote to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3949 as amended I would have voted "yea."

RECOGNIZING 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF BERLIN AIRLIFT'S SUCCESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 398, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. WALZ) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 398.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 367, nays 0, not voting 65, as follows:

[Roll No. 836]

YEAS-367 Aderholt Campbell Edwards (MD) Adler (NJ) Cao Edwards (TX) Capito Ehlers Akin Alexander Ellison Capps Altmire Cardoza Ellsworth Carnahan Emerson Arcuri Austria Carson (IN) Engel Baca. Cassidy Eshoo Castle Bachmann Etheridge Bachus Castor (FL) Fallin Baird Chaffetz Fattah Baldwin Chandler Filner Childers Flake Barrow Bartlett Chu Fleming Bean Clarke Forbes Becerra ${\it Clay}$ Fortenberry Berkley Cleaver Foster Berman Clyburn Foxx Coble Berry Frelinghuysen Biggert Coffman (CO) Fudge Gallegly Bilbray Cohen Bilirakis Conaway Garrett (NJ) Giffords Connolly (VA) Bishop (GA) Gingrey (GA) Bishop (NY) Cooper Bishop (UT) Costa Gohmert Costello Blackburn Gonzalez Blumenauer Courtney Graves Boccieri Crowley Grayson Bonner Cuellar Green, Al Bono Mack Culberson Green, Gene Boozman Cummings Griffith Boren Dahlkemper Grijalva Boswell Davis (CA) Guthrie Hall (TX) Boucher Davis (IL) Boustany Davis (KY) Halvorson

DeFazio

DeGette

Delahunt

DeLauro

Diaz-Balart, L.

Diaz-Balart, M.

Doggett Donnelly (IN)

Dent

Dicks

Dovle

Driehaus

Duncan

Dingell

Hare

Harman

Harper

Heinrich

Hensarling

Heller

Herger

Higgins

Hinojosa

Hill

Himes

Hastings (FL)

Hastings (WA)

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Sanchez, Loretta Sarbanes Scalise Schakowsky Schiff Schmidt Schock Schrader Schwartz Scott (GA) Scott (VA) Sensenbrenner Serrano Sestak Shadegg Shea-Porter Sherman Shimkus Shuler Shuster Simpson Skelton Slaughter Smith (NE) Smith (NJ) Smith (TX) Smith (WA) Snyder Souder Space Speier Stark Stearns Sullivan Sutton Tanner Taylor Teague Terry Thompson (CA) Thompson (MS) Thompson (PA) Thornberry Tia.hrt. Tiberi Tierney Titus Tonko Tsongas Turner Upton Van Hollen Visclosky Walden Walz Wasserman Schultz Waters Watson Watt Waxman Weiner Welch Westmoreland Wexler Whitfield Wilson (OH) Wilson (SC) Wittman Wolf Woolsev Wu Yarmuth Young (AK)

NOT VOTING-

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