

it doesn't. That is why we need to pass this bill. If we don't, prisoners eligible for payments from before they were in jail may soon receive a lump sum retroactive check, some covering back benefits over 3 or 4 years.

Thanks in large part to the work of my Ways and Means colleague, WALLY HERGER, those with outstanding felony arrest warrants, known as fugitive felons, have not been able to receive supplemental security income, Social Security, or Social Security disability benefits.

According to the Office of the Inspector General, their data-sharing efforts with local, State, and Federal law enforcement agencies contributed to over 83,000 arrests since the program's inception in 1996. While well-intentioned, the Martinez settlement nevertheless requires Social Security to pay benefits that had been suspended. And as a result, taxpayers are now on the hook for millions of dollars. We can and we must do better.

I look forward to working with Chairman TANNER to right this wrong and draft legislation to suspend payments for those fugitives wanted for the most heinous crimes while permitting lenience in cases where good cause exemptions make sense.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. TANNER. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. At this time, I'd like to recognize and yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. HERGER), a member of the Ways and Means Committee and one of our staunch allies, as much time as he may consume.

Mr. HERGER. I thank my good friend from Texas.

I rise today to discuss an issue I have been involved with for many years.

The landmark 1996 welfare reform included legislation I drafted that denies fugitive felons, along with probation and parole violators, Supplemental Security Income checks. GAO long recognized those SSI disability payments were at a high risk for fraud and abuse and encouraged Congress to act. Subsequent legislation expanded that 1996 ban to include certain Social Security checks. These provisions have been successful in saving millions of taxpayer dollars and have assisted law enforcement in making over 86,000 arrests and getting felons off the street, including a man wanted in Texas for 20 counts of child molestation.

Due to a recent court action, however, the Social Security Administration now is required to ban payments only to fugitive felons issued a warrant for trying to escape arrest rather than the broader group of fugitives with an outstanding felony arrest warrant. That action also compels SSA to restore benefits denied earlier, which will result in large retroactive payments of as much as \$30,000 per individual. Not only will this cost taxpayers millions of dollars, but I'm deeply concerned that the effectiveness of the program

we set up in 1996 could be greatly reduced.

The bill before us would immediately prevent checks for past-due Social Security and SSI benefits from being sent to currently incarcerated individuals, including checks that, without this action, could pay inmates tens of thousands of dollars while they are behind bars. Thus, the bill before us is a step in the right direction of addressing issues created by the court decision.

But there are more steps to take.

Following release of an October 2009 report from the SSA Inspector General that brought to light concerns with SSA's fugitive felon policy, I joined other Ways and Means members in requesting additional information on how SSA has used the good cause exemptions it is already allowed to make in certain cases. I believe the Social Security Administration should continue to suspend payments for those fugitives wanted based on the most heinous crimes while using the authority it already has to make good cause exemptions as appropriate.

As the legislation before us suggests, many of those made eligible for disability payments under the recent court action continue to break the law and can and do wind up in jail, costing taxpayers thousands of dollars.

I look forward to the Inspector General's response to our inquiry so that Congress can determine the best way forward to improve this important program and prevent the misuse of taxpayer dollars while protecting those who truly merit relief.

Let's stop these payments from going to prisoners today, and then keep working to ensure the right people are getting the right benefits and that taxpayer dollars are spent wisely to help only those truly in need.

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Mr. JOHNSON for working with us on this.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. TANNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4218.

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.

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. Res. 845, by the yeas and nays;
- H.R. 2278, by the yeas and nays;
- H. Res. 915, by the yeas and nays;

H. Res. 907, by the yeas and nays.

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

RECOGNIZING THE AIR FORCE AND DYESS AIR FORCE BASE ON ACHIEVING ENERGY SAVINGS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 845, 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 Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 845, as amended.

This will be a 15-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 409, nays 0, not voting 25, as follows:

[Roll No. 935]

YEAS—409

Ackerman	Carter	Fattah
Aderholt	Cassidy	Flinter
Adler (NJ)	Castle	Flake
Akin	Castor (FL)	Fleming
Alexander	Chaffetz	Forbes
Altmire	Chandler	Fortenberry
Andrews	Childers	Foster
Austria	Chu	Fox
Baca	Clarke	Frank (MA)
Bachmann	Clay	Franks (AZ)
Bachus	Cleaver	Frelinghuysen
Baird	Clyburn	Fudge
Baldwin	Coble	Gallegly
Barrow	Coffman (CO)	Garamendi
Bartlett	Cohen	Garrett (NJ)
Barton (TX)	Cole	Gerlach
Bean	Conaway	Giffords
Becerra	Connolly (VA)	Gingrey (GA)
Berkley	Conyers	Gohmert
Berry	Cooper	Gonzalez
Biggart	Costa	Goodlatte
Bilbray	Costello	Gordon (TN)
Bilirakis	Courtney	Granger
Bishop (GA)	Crenshaw	Graves
Bishop (NY)	Crowley	Grayson
Bishop (UT)	Cuellar	Green, Al
Blackburn	Culberson	Green, Gene
Blumenauer	Cummings	Griffith
Blunt	Dahlkemper	Guthrie
Boccheri	Davis (CA)	Gutierrez
Boehner	Davis (IL)	Hall (NY)
Bonner	Davis (KY)	Hall (TX)
Boozman	Davis (TN)	Halvorson
Boren	Deal (GA)	Hare
Boswell	DeFazio	Harman
Boustany	DeGette	Harper
Boyd	Delahunt	Hastings (FL)
Brady (PA)	DeLauro	Hastings (WA)
Brady (TX)	Dent	Heinrich
Braleley (IA)	Diaz-Balart, L.	Heller
Bright	Diaz-Balart, M.	Hensarling
Brown (SC)	Dicks	Herger
Brown, Corrine	Dingell	Herseth Sandlin
Brown-Waite,	Doggett	Higgins
Ginny	Donnelly (IN)	Hill
Buchanan	Doyle	Himes
Burgess	Dreier	Hincheley
Burton (IN)	Driehaus	Hinojosa
Butterfield	Duncan	Hirono
Buyer	Edwards (MD)	Hodes
Calvert	Edwards (TX)	Holden
Camp	Ehlers	Holt
Campbell	Ellison	Honda
Cantor	Ellsworth	Hoyer
Cao	Emerson	Hunter
Capito	Engel	Inglis
Capps	Eshoo	Inslie
Cardoza	Etheridge	Israel
Carnahan	Fallin	Issa
Carson (IN)	Farr	Jackson (IL)

Jackson-Lee (TX)
 Jenkins
 Johnson (GA)
 Johnson (IL)
 Johnson, E. B.
 Johnson, Sam
 Jones
 Jordan (OH)
 Kanjorski
 Kaptur
 Kennedy
 Kildee
 Kilpatrick (MI)
 Kilroy
 King (IA)
 King (NY)
 Kingston
 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
 Lipinski
 LoBiondo
 Loeb sack
 Lofgren, Zoe
 Lowey
 Lucas
 Luetkemeyer
 Luján
 Lummis
 Lungren, Daniel E.
 Lynch
 Mack
 Maffei
 Maloney
 Manzullo
 Marchant
 Markey (CO)
 Markey (MA)
 Marshall
 Massa
 Matheson
 Matsui
 McCarthy (CA)
 McCarthy (NY)
 McCaul
 McClintock
 McCollum
 McCotter
 McDermott
 McGovern
 McHenry
 McIntyre
 McKeon
 McMahan
 McMorris
 Rodgers
 McNerney
 Meek (FL)

Meeks (NY)
 Mica
 Michaud
 Miller (FL)
 Miller (MI)
 Miller (NC)
 Miller, Gary
 Miller, George
 Minnick
 Mitchell
 Mollohan
 Moore (KS)
 Moore (WI)
 Moran (KS)
 Murphy (CT)
 Murphy (NY)
 Murphy, Patrick
 Murphy, Tim
 Myrick
 Nadler (NY)
 Napolitano
 Neal (MA)
 Neugebauer
 Nunes
 Nye
 Oberstar
 Obey
 Olson
 Olver
 Ortiz
 Owens
 Pallone
 Pascrell
 Pastor (AZ)
 Paul
 Paulsen
 Perlmutter
 Perriello
 Peters
 Peterson
 Petri
 Pingree (ME)
 Pitts
 Platts
 Polis (CO)
 Pomeroy
 Posey
 Price (GA)
 Price (NC)
 Putnam
 Quigley
 Rahall
 Rangel
 Rehberg
 Reyes
 Richardson
 Rodriguez
 Roe (TN)
 Rogers (AL)
 Rogers (KY)
 Rogers (MI)
 Rohrabacher
 Rooney
 Ros-Lehtinen
 Roskam
 Ross
 Rothman (NJ)
 Roybal-Allard
 Royce
 Ruppertsberger
 Rush
 Ryan (OH)
 Ryan (WI)
 Salazar
 Sánchez, Linda T.
 Sanchez, Loretta
 Sarbanes
 Scalise

Schakowsky
 Schauer
 Schiff
 Schmidt
 Schock
 Schrader
 Schwartz
 Scott (GA)
 Scott (VA)
 Sensenbrenner
 Serrano
 Sessions
 Sestak
 Shadegg
 Shea-Porter
 Sherman
 Shimkus
 Shuler
 Shuster
 Sires
 Skelton
 Slaughter
 Smith (NE)
 Smith (NJ)
 Smith (TX)
 Snyder
 Souder
 Space
 Speier
 Spratt
 Stark
 Stearns
 Stupak
 Sullivan
 Sutton
 Tanner
 Taylor
 Teague
 Terry
 Thompson (CA)
 Thompson (MS)
 Thompson (PA)
 Thornberry
 Tiahrt
 Tiberi
 Tierney
 Titus
 Tonko
 Towns
 Turner
 Upton
 Van Hollen
 Velázquez
 Berry
 Visclosky
 Walden
 Walz
 Wamp
 Wasserman
 Schultz
 Waters
 Watson
 Rooney
 Watt
 Waxman
 Weiner
 Welch
 Westmoreland
 Whitfield
 Wilson (OH)
 Wilson (SC)
 Wittman
 Wolf
 Braley (IA)
 Woolsey
 Wu
 Yarmuth
 Young (AK)
 Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—25

Abercrombie
 Arcuri
 Barrett (SC)
 Berman
 Bono Mack
 Boucher
 Broun (GA)
 Capuano
 Carney

Davis (AL)
 Grijalva
 Hoekstra
 Kagen
 Kind
 Melancon
 Moran (VA)
 Murtha
 Payne

Pence
 Poe (TX)
 Radanovich
 Reichert
 Simpson
 Smith (WA)
 Tsongas

□ 1611

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

REQUESTING REPORT ON ANTI-AMERICAN INCITEMENT TO VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2278, 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. COSTA) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2278, as amended.

This will be a 5-minute vote. The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 395, nays 3, answered “present” 9, not voting 27, as follows:

[Roll No. 936]
 YEAS—395

Ackerman
 Aderholt
 Adler (NJ)
 Akin
 Alexander
 Altmire
 Andrews
 Austria
 Baca
 Bachmann
 Bachus
 Pomeroy
 Cole
 Conaway
 Connolly (VA)
 Barrow
 Conyers
 Cooper
 Costa
 Costello
 Courtney
 Crenshaw
 Crowley
 Cuellar
 Culberson
 Cummings
 Dahlkemper
 Bishop (CA)
 Bishop (NY)
 Bishop (UT)
 Blackburn
 Blumenauer
 Blunt
 Boccieri
 Boehner
 Bonner
 Boozman
 Boren
 Boswell
 Boustany
 Boyd
 Brady (PA)
 Brady (TX)
 Braley (IA)
 Bright
 Brown (SC)
 Brown, Corrine
 Brown, Waite
 Ginny
 Buchanan
 Burgess
 Burton (IN)
 Butterfield
 Buyer
 Calvert
 Camp
 Campbell
 Cantor
 Cao
 Capito
 Capps
 Cardoza
 Carnahan
 Carson (IN)
 Carter
 Cassidy
 Castle
 Castor (FL)
 Chaffetz

Kirkpatrick (AZ)
 Kissell
 Klein (FL)
 Kline (MN)
 Kratovil
 Lamborn
 Lance
 Langevin
 Larsen (WA)
 Larson (CT)
 Latham
 LaTourette
 Latta
 Lee (NY)
 Levin
 Lewis (CA)
 Lewis (GA)
 Linder
 Lipinski
 LoBiondo
 Loeb sack
 Lofgren, Zoe
 Lowey
 Lucas
 Luetkemeyer
 Luján
 Lummis
 Lungren, Daniel E.
 Lynch
 Mack
 Maffei
 Maloney
 Manzullo
 Marchant
 Markey (CO)
 Markey (MA)
 Marshall
 Massa
 Matheson
 Matsui
 McCarthy (CA)
 McCarthy (NY)
 McCaul
 Cohen
 McClintock
 McCollum
 McCotter
 McGovern
 McHenry
 Green, Al
 Green, Gene
 Griffith
 Guthrie
 Hall (NY)
 Hall (TX)
 Halvorson
 Hare
 Harman
 Harper
 Hastings (FL)
 Hastings (WA)
 Heinrich
 Heller
 Hensarling
 Henger
 Herseth Sandlin
 Higgins
 Hill
 Himes
 Hinchey
 Hinojosa
 Hirono
 Hodes
 Holden
 Holt
 Hoyer
 Hunter
 Inglis
 Inslee
 Israel
 Issa
 Jackson (IL)
 Jackson-Lee
 (TX)
 Jenkins
 Johnson (GA)
 Johnson (IL)
 Johnson, Sam
 Jones
 Jordan (OH)
 Kanjorski
 Kaptur
 Kennedy
 Kildee
 Kilpatrick (MI)
 Kilroy
 King (IA)
 King (NY)
 Kingston
 Kirk

Murphy (CT)
 Murphy (NY)
 Murphy, Patrick
 Murphy, Tim
 Myrick
 Nadler (NY)
 Napolitano
 Neal (MA)
 Neugebauer
 Nunes
 Nye
 Oberstar
 Obey
 Olson
 Olver
 Ortiz
 Pallone
 Pascrell
 Pastor (AZ)
 Paulsen
 Perlmutter
 Perriello
 Peters
 Peterson
 Petri
 Pingree (ME)
 Platts
 Poe (TX)
 Polis (CO)
 Pomeroy
 Posey
 Price (GA)
 Price (NC)
 Putnam
 Quigley
 Rahall
 Rangel
 Rehberg
 Reyes
 Richardson
 Rodriguez
 Roe (TN)
 Rogers (AL)
 Rogers (KY)
 Rogers (MI)
 Rohrabacher
 Rooney
 Ros-Lehtinen
 Roskam
 Ross
 Rothman (NJ)
 Roybal-Allard
 Royce
 Ruppertsberger
 Rush
 Ryan (OH)
 Ryan (WI)
 Salazar
 Sánchez, Linda T.
 Sanchez, Loretta
 Sarbanes
 Scalise
 Schakowsky
 Schauer
 Schiff
 Schmidt
 Schock

Schwartz
 Scott (GA)
 Scott (VA)
 Sensenbrenner
 Serrano
 Sessions
 Sestak
 Shadegg
 Shea-Porter
 Sherman
 Shimkus
 Shuler
 Shuster
 Simpson
 Sires
 Skelton
 Slaughter
 Smith (NE)
 Smith (NJ)
 Smith (TX)
 Snyder
 Souder
 Space
 Speier
 Spratt
 Stearns
 Stupak
 Sullivan
 Sutton
 Tanner
 Taylor
 Teague
 Terry
 Thompson (CA)
 Thompson (MS)
 Thompson (PA)
 Thornberry
 Tiahrt
 Tiberi
 Tierney
 Titus
 Tonko
 Towns
 Turner
 Upton
 Van Hollen
 Velázquez
 Visclosky
 Walden
 Walz
 Wamp
 Wasserman
 Schultz
 Watson
 Waxman
 Weiner
 Welch
 Westmoreland
 Wexler
 Whitfield
 Wilson (OH)
 Wilson (SC)
 Wittman
 Wolf
 Wu
 Yarmuth
 Young (AK)
 Young (FL)

NAYS—3

Honda
 Edwards (MD)
 Kucinich
 Lee (CA)

Johnson, E. B.
 McDermott
 Moore (WI)
 Stark

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—9

Edwards (MD)
 Kucinich
 Lee (CA)

Waters
 Watt
 Woolsey

NOT VOTING—27

Abercrombie
 Arcuri
 Barrett (SC)
 Berman
 Bono Mack
 Boucher
 Broun (GA)
 Capuano
 Carney

Davis (AL)
 Grijalva
 Gutierrez
 Hoekstra
 Kagen
 Kind
 Kosmas
 Melancon
 Moran (VA)

Murtha
 Owens
 Payne
 Pence
 Radanovich
 Reichert
 Schrader
 Smith (WA)
 Tsongas

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 1619

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