

member on the subcommittee, Representative BRETT GUTHRIE of Kentucky, for expediting this legislation and helping us make these needed corrections in a bipartisan manner.

I urge all my colleagues to vote “yes” on H.R. 1777.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. I rise in support of this legislation, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

The House easily passed this bill under suspension at the end of March and, as often happens with the legislative process, when it went to the Senate, a few changes were made. Therefore, we are here again today simply to give final approval to a bill we have already supported, and rightfully so.

The primary purpose of this legislation is to make technical changes to ensure smooth implementation of the bipartisan higher education reforms enacted last year. Second, it addresses a pressing issue facing the Federal student loan programs. And third, the legislation includes a provision to assist students who have lost a parent to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The technical corrections are just that, clarifications needed to ensure that the first comprehensive renewal of higher education programs in a decade can be put into place as Congress intended. The legislation will also help student loan borrowers who have fallen behind to rebuild their damaged credit by making these loans eligible for emergency liquidity measures enacted last fall. It's a simple change that will make a real difference for borrowers who are just trying to do the right thing by restarting regular payments on their Federal student loans.

The other change we are making in this bill is also important for a different set of students, students who have suffered a terrible loss but who have continued to move forward to achieve a postsecondary education. And I'm talking about the students who have lost a parent due to the military action taking place in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Higher Education Act reauthorization bill that was passed by this body last Congress included a provision that would allow Pell-eligible students to automatically receive the maximum Pell Grant if one of their parents died as a result of their military service in Iraq or Afghanistan. The legislation before us today extends a similar benefit to students who may fall outside of the income limits placed on the Pell Grant program but who have also suffered the same type of loss.

Under this legislation, all students who have lost a soldier-parent as a direct result of fighting in the war in Iraq and Afghanistan will be eligible for a grant. The parents of these students have given their lives in service to our country.

A college student who loses a parent in the war loses so much more than we can fathom. These students will not

have their parent around to move into their first dorm room or hear complaints about cafeteria food. They will not have their parent's consolation and encouragement to continue even after a poor test grade or a difficult professor. Of course, these students who lose a parent in Iraq or Afghanistan will not have the financial support of their parent in this time of rising college costs and economic uncertainty.

While this legislation does not provide students with the same type of support a parent could provide, I hope it will ease the financial burden of paying for college just a little bit.

The legislation before us easily passed the House once. I hope for a similar result again, and I urge my colleagues to join me in voting “yes” on this legislation.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I have no other speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HINOJOSA) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 1777.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

#### PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES TO FILE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON H.R. 2647, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to file a supplemental report on the bill, H.R. 2647.

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

There was no objection.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 13 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

□ 1833

#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro

tempore (Mr. JACKSON of Illinois) at 6 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.

#### 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: S. 407, by the yeas and nays; H.R. 1016, de novo; H.R. 1211, by the yeas and nays; H.R. 1172, by the yeas and nays; concurring in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1777, de novo.

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

#### VETERANS' COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 2009

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 407, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ROSS). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 407.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 403, nays 0, not voting 30, as follows:

[Roll No. 419]

YEAS—403

Abercrombie	Brown, Corrine	Davis (CA)
Ackerman	Brown-Waite,	Davis (IL)
Aderholt	Ginny	Davis (KY)
Adler (NJ)	Buchanan	Davis (TN)
Akin	Burgess	Deal (GA)
Alexander	Burton (IN)	DeFazio
Altmire	Butterfield	Delahunt
Andrews	Buyer	DeLauro
Arcuri	Calvert	Dent
Austria	Camp	Diaz-Balart, L.
Baca	Cantor	Diaz-Balart, M.
Bachmann	Cao	Dicks
Bachus	Capito	Dingell
Baird	Capps	Doggett
Baldwin	Capuano	Donnelly (IN)
Barrett (SC)	Cardoza	Doyle
Barrow	Carnahan	Dreier
Bartlett	Carney	Driehaus
Barton (TX)	Carson (IN)	Duncan
Bean	Carter	Edwards (MD)
Becerra	Cassidy	Edwards (TX)
Berkley	Castle	Ehlers
Berman	Castor (FL)	Ellison
Berry	Chaffetz	Ellsworth
Biggert	Chandler	Emerson
Bilbray	Childers	Engel
Bilirakis	Clarke	Eshoo
Bishop (GA)	Clay	Etheridge
Bishop (NY)	Cleaver	Fallin
Bishop (UT)	Clyburn	Farr
Blackburn	Coble	Fattah
Blumenauer	Coffman (CO)	Filner
Boccheri	Cohen	Flake
Boehmer	Cole	Fleming
Bonner	Conaway	Forbes
Bono Mack	Connolly (VA)	Fortenberry
Boozman	Cooper	Foster
Boren	Costello	Fox
Boswell	Courtney	Frank (MA)
Boucher	Crenshaw	Franks (AZ)
Boustany	Crowley	Frelinghuysen
Brady (PA)	Cuellar	Fudge
Bright	Culberson	Gallegly
Broun (GA)	Cummings	Garrett (NJ)
Brown (SC)	Dahlkemper	Gerlach

Giffords Mack Ros-Lehtinen Lewis (GA) Paulsen Shea-Porter Flake LoBiondo Rogers (AL)  
 Gingrey (GA) Maffei Roskam Lummis Payne Shuler Fleming Loeb sack Rogers (KY)  
 Gohmert Maloney Ross Lummis Radanovich Sullivan Forbes Lofgren, Zoe Rogers (MI)  
 Gonzalez Manzullo Ros Rothman (NJ) Radanovich Sullivan Foster Lowey Roybal-Allard Rohrabacher  
 Goodlatte Marchant Roybal-Allard Schock Wooley Rooney Lucas Royce  
 Gordon (TN) Markey (CO) Royce ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE  
 Granger Markey (MA) Ruppertsberger The SPEAKER pro tempore (during  
 Graves Marshall Rush the vote). There are 2 minutes remain-  
 Grayson Massa Ryan (OH) ing in this vote.  
 Green, Al Matheson Ryan (WI) Fudge Mack  
 Green, Gene Matsui Salazar Gallegly  
 Griffith McCarthy (CA) Sanchez, Linda Garrett (NJ)  
 Guthrie McCaul T. Maffei  
 Hall (NY) McClintock Sanchez, Loretta Gerlach  
 Hall (TX) McCollum Sarbanes Maloney  
 Halvorson McCotter Scalise Man-  
 Hare McDermott Schakowsky zullo  
 Harman McGovern Schauer Marchant  
 Harper McHugh Schiff Markey (CO)  
 Hastings (FL) McIntyre Schiff Markey (MA)  
 Heinrich McKeon Schmidt Marshall  
 Heller McMahan Schrader Massa  
 Hensarling McMorriss Schrader Matheson  
 Herger Rodgers Schwartz Matsui  
 Herseth Sandlin McNeerney Scott (GA) McCarthy (CA)  
 Hill Meek (FL) Scott (VA) McCarthy (NY)  
 Himes Meeks (NY) Sensenbrenner Schiff  
 Hinchey Melancon Serrano Schmidt  
 Hinojosa Mica Sessions Schrader  
 Hirono Michaud Sherman Schwartz  
 Hodes Miller (FL) Shimkus Skelton Scott (GA)  
 Hoekstra Miller (MI) Shuster Simpson Scott (VA)  
 Holden Miller (NC) Sires Sensenbrenner Serrano  
 Holt Miller, Gary Skelton Sessions Sestak  
 Honda Miller, George Skelton Smith (NE) Sherman Shimkus  
 Hoyer Minnick Slaughter Smith (NJ) Shuster  
 Hunter Mitchell Smith (TX) Smith (WA) Simpson  
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 Insole Moore (WI) Smith (WA) Souder Skelton  
 Israel Moran (KS) Snyder Space Slaughter  
 Issa Moran (VA) Souder Space Skelton  
 Jackson (IL) Murphy (CT) Space Smith (NE)  
 Jackson-Lee Murphy (NY) Space Smith (TX)  
 (TX) Murphy, Patrick Spratt  
 Jenkins Murphy, Tim Stark  
 Johnson (GA) Murtha Starbuck Stearns  
 Johnson (IL) Myrick Stupak Stupak  
 Johnson, E. B. Nadler (NY) Stupak Stupak  
 Johnson, Sam Napolitano Sutton Tauscher  
 Jones Neal (MA) Tanager Taylor  
 Jordan (OH) Neugebauer Tauscher Teague  
 Kagen Nunes Taylor Terry  
 Kanjorski Nye Teague Thompson (CA)  
 Kaptur Oberstar Terry Thompson (MS)  
 Kildee Obey Thompson (PA)  
 Kilpatrick (MI) Olson Thornberry  
 Kilroy Olver  
 Kind Ortiz  
 King (IA) Pallone  
 King (NY) Pascarell  
 Kingston Pastor (AZ)  
 Kirk Paul  
 Kirkpatrick (AZ) Pence  
 Kissell Perlmutter  
 Klein (FL) Perriello  
 Kline (MN) Peters  
 Kosmas Peterson  
 Kratovil Petri  
 Kucinich Pingree (ME)  
 Lamborn Pitts  
 Lance Platts  
 Langevin Poe (TX)  
 Larson (CT) Polis (CO)  
 Latham Pomeroy  
 LaTourette Posey  
 Latta Price (GA)  
 Lee (CA) Price (NC)  
 Lee (NY) Putnam  
 Levin Quigley  
 Lewis (CA) Rahall  
 Linder Rangel  
 Lipinski Rehberg  
 LoBiondo Reichert  
 Loeb sack Reyes  
 Lofgren, Zoe Richardson  
 Lowey Rodriguez  
 Lucas Roe (TN)  
 Luetkemeyer Rogers (AL)  
 Lujan Rogers (KY)  
 Lungren, Daniel Rogers (MI)  
 E. Rohrabacher  
 Lynch Rooney  
 Young (FL)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE  
 The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1857

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

VETERANS HEALTH CARE BUDGET REFORM AND TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2009

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 1016, as amended.

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. FILNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1016, as amended.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 409, noes 1, not voting 23, as follows:

[Roll No. 420]

AYES—409

Abercrombie Boyd Costello  
 Ackerman Brady (PA) Courtney  
 Aderholt Bright Crenshaw  
 Adler (NJ) Broun (GA) Crowley  
 Akin Brown (SC) Cuellar  
 Alexander Brown, Corrine Culberson  
 Altmire Brown-Waite, Dahlkemper  
 Andrews Ginny Davis (AL)  
 Arcuri Buchanan Davis (CA)  
 Austria Burgess Davis (IL)  
 Baca Burton (IN) Davis (KY)  
 Bachmann Butterfield Davis (TN)  
 Bachus Calvert Deal (GA)  
 Baird Camp DeFazio  
 Baldwin Cantor DeGette  
 Barrett (SC) Cao Delahunt  
 Barrow Capito DeLauro  
 Bartlett Capps Dent  
 Barton (TX) Capuano Diaz-Balart, L.  
 Bean Cardoza Diaz-Balart, M.  
 Becerra Carnahan Dicks  
 Berkley Carney Dingell  
 Berman Carson (IN) Doggett  
 Berry Carter Donnelly (IN)  
 Biggert Cassidy Doyle  
 Bilbray Castle Dreier  
 Bilirakis Castor (FL) Driehaus  
 Bishop (GA) Chaffetz Duncan  
 Bishop (NY) Chandler Edwards (MD)  
 Bishop (UT) Childers Edwards (TX)  
 Blackburn Clarke Ehlers  
 Clay Clay Ellison  
 Boccieri Cleaver Ellsworth  
 Boehner Clyburn Emerson  
 Bonner Coble Engel  
 Bono Mack Coffman (CO) Eshoo  
 Boozman Cohen Etheridge  
 Boren Cole Fallin  
 Boswell Conaway Farr  
 Boucher Connolly (VA) Fattah  
 Boustany Cooper Filner

LoBiondo  
 Loeb sack  
 Lofgren, Zoe  
 Lowey  
 Lucas  
 Luetkemeyer  
 Lujan  
 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  
 McHugh  
 McIntyre  
 McKeon  
 McMahan  
 McMorriss  
 Rodgers  
 McNeerney  
 Meek (FL)  
 Meeks (NY)  
 Melancon  
 Michaud  
 Miller (FL)  
 Miller (MI)  
 Miller (NC)  
 Miller, Gary  
 Miller, George  
 Minnick  
 Mitchell  
 Moore (KS)  
 Moore (WI)  
 Moran (KS)  
 Moran (VA)  
 Murphy (CT)  
 Murphy (NY)  
 Murphy, Patrick  
 Murphy, Tim  
 Murtha  
 Myrick  
 Nadler (NY)  
 Napolitano  
 Neal (MA)  
 Neugebauer  
 Nunes  
 Nye  
 Oberstar  
 Obey  
 Olson  
 Olver  
 Ortiz  
 Pallone  
 Pascarell  
 Pastor (AZ)  
 Paul  
 Pence  
 Perlmutter  
 Perriello  
 Peters  
 Peterson  
 Petri  
 Pingree (ME)  
 Pitts  
 Platts  
 Poe (TX)  
 Polis (CO)  
 Pomeroy  
 Posey  
 Price (GA)  
 Price (NC)  
 Putnam  
 Quigley  
 Rahall  
 Rangel  
 Rehberg  
 Reichert  
 Reyes  
 Richardson  
 Rodriguez  
 Roe (TN)  
 Rogers (AL)  
 Rogers (KY)  
 Rogers (MI)  
 Rohrabacher  
 Rooney  
 Sanchez, Loretta  
 Sarbanes  
 Scalise  
 Schakowsky  
 Schauer  
 Schiff  
 Schmidt  
 Schrader  
 Schwartz  
 Scott (GA)  
 Scott (VA)  
 Sensenbrenner  
 Serrano  
 Sessions  
 Sestak  
 Sherman  
 Shimkus  
 Shuster  
 Simpson  
 Sires  
 Skelton  
 Slaughter  
 Smith (NE)  
 Smith (TX)  
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 Snyder  
 Souder  
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 Speier  
 Spratt  
 Stark  
 Stearns  
 Stupak  
 Sutton  
 Tanager  
 Tauscher  
 Taylor  
 Teague  
 Terry  
 Thompson (CA)  
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 Towns  
 Tsongas  
 Turner  
 Upton  
 Van Hollen  
 Velázquez  
 Visclosky  
 Walden  
 Walz  
 Waters  
 Watt  
 Waxman  
 Weiner  
 Welch  
 Westmoreland  
 Wexler  
 Whitfield  
 Wilson (OH)  
 Wilson (SC)  
 Wittman  
 Wolf  
 Yarmuth  
 Young (AK)  
 Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—30

Blunt Conyers Gutierrez  
 Boyd Costa Hastings (WA)  
 Brady (TX) Higgins  
 Braley (IA) DeGette Kennedy  
 Campbell Grijalva Larsen (WA)