

to associate myself with the comments of all three of these gentlemen.

It's rather ironic that 56 years after the Korean War ended we are on the verge of, perhaps, another Korean war, and I don't think that the times could be more tense in South Korea than they are now. I had the opportunity to visit about 6 months ago, and the mood and the heavy feeling of impending war will remain heavily etched on my heart. I am hopeful that this administration can lead us and can lead the world out of this conflict.

This is just one of many, but I will tell you my personal experience as a young boy. I didn't get challenged too much, but whenever anyone did step to me, I would have to take defensive action. If I had my hands tied behind me, that would not be a fair fight, and if I had not been working out a little bit and if my muscles had not been in shape, I would not have been able to handle the conflict or deter it.

Mr. Speaker, I will report to you that I only had about 10 fights and lost only one, and I'll tell you that those were the things that helped me to ward off any future belligerence.

Certainly, in this country and in this world, we would be remiss as a Congress, as a legislative branch, if we did not prepare for the worst. With respect to our defense, it means that we have got to have a strong military and one that is well equipped to meet whatever the challenge may be. We cannot assume that there will not be another Cold War, because you could not assume, at the end of World War II, that the Chinese and the Russians would get together and gang up. I did not know that for sure, and then, boom, it happened.

Things are unexpected. It seems like, every 50 years, there is something big that happens, and we're at 56 years now. We simply cannot afford, as a Nation, to be caught without our defenses as tight as they can be. That means our firepower, our sea power, our power in outer space, our cyberspace, and our infantry. All of these aspects of our defense have to be up to par, so I am happy to serve on the Armed Services Committee where I can be a spokesperson and a proponent of making sure that this country remains strong.

I want to thank all of the veterans. My dad served in World War II, and today, he is 86 years old and is not doing too well, but I am proud of him serving his country, and I am proud of every other serviceman and -woman who has served this country. I look forward to a peaceful world; but if not, we have to do what we have to do.

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 Georgia (Mr. JOHNSON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2632.

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. POE of Texas. 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 and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

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FRANK MELVILLE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING INVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1675) to amend section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act to improve the program under such section for supportive housing for persons with disabilities.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1675

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act of 2009”.

(b) REFERENCES.—Except as otherwise expressly provided, wherever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, section 811 or any other provision of section 811, the reference shall be considered to be made to section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013).

SEC. 2. TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH CERTIFICATE FUND.

(a) TERMINATION OF MAINSTREAM TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—Section 811 is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)—

(A) by striking the first subsection designation and all that follows through the end of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(b) AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary is authorized to provide assistance to private nonprofit organizations to expand the supply of supportive housing for persons with disabilities, which shall be provided as—

“(1) capital advances in accordance with subsection (d)(1); and

“(2) contracts for project rental assistance in accordance with subsection (d)(2).”; and

(B) by striking “assistance under this paragraph” and inserting “Assistance under this subsection”;

(2) in subsection (d), by striking paragraph (4); and

(3) in subsection (l), by striking paragraph (1).

(b) RENEWAL THROUGH SECTION 8.—Section 811 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(p) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR SECTION 8 ASSISTANCE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated for tenant-based rental assistance under section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)) for persons with disabilities in fiscal year 2010 the amount necessary to provide a number of incremental vouchers under such section that is equal to the number of vouchers provided in fiscal year 2009 under the tenant-based rental assistance program under subsection (d)(4) of this section (as in effect before the date of the enactment of the Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act of 2009).

“(2) REQUIREMENTS UPON TURNOVER.—The Secretary shall develop and issue, to public housing agencies that receive voucher assistance made available under this subsection and to public housing agencies that received voucher assistance under section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)) for non-elderly disabled families pursuant to appropriation Acts for fiscal years 1997 through 2002 or any other subsequent appropriations for incremental vouchers for non-elderly disabled families, guidance to ensure that, to the maximum extent possible, such vouchers continue to be provided upon turnover to qualified persons with disabilities or to qualified non-elderly disabled families, respectively.”.

SEC. 3. MODERNIZED CAPITAL ADVANCE PROGRAM.

(a) PROJECT RENTAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACTS.—Section 811 is amended—

(1) in subsection (d)(2)—

(A) by inserting “(A) INITIAL PROJECT RENTAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACT.—” after “PROJECT RENTAL ASSISTANCE.—”; and

(B) in the first sentence, by inserting after “shall” the following: “comply with subsection (e)(2) and shall”;

(C) by striking “annual contract amount” each place such term appears and inserting “amount provided under the contract for each year covered by the contract”; and

(D) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(B) RENEWAL OF AND INCREASES IN CONTRACT AMOUNTS.—

“(i) EXPIRATION OF CONTRACT TERM.—Upon the expiration of each contract term, subject to the availability of amounts made available in appropriation Acts, the Secretary shall adjust the annual contract amount to provide for reasonable project costs, and any increases, including adequate reserves and service coordinators, except that any contract amounts not used by a project during a contract term shall not be available for such adjustments upon renewal.

“(ii) EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.—In the event of emergency situations that are outside the control of the owner, the Secretary shall increase the annual contract amount, subject to reasonable review and limitations as the Secretary shall provide.”.

(2) in subsection (e)(2)—

(A) in the first sentence, by inserting before the period at the end the following: “, except that, in the case of the sponsor of a project assisted with any low-income housing tax credit pursuant to section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or with any tax-exempt housing bonds, the contract shall have an initial term of not less than 360 months and shall provide funding for a term of 60 months”; and

(B) by striking “extend any expiring contract” and insert “upon expiration of a contract (or any renewed contract), renew such contract”.

(b) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—Section 811 is amended—

(1) in subsection (e)—

(A) by striking the subsection heading and inserting the following: “PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS”;

(B) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following new paragraph:

“(1) USE RESTRICTIONS.—

“(A) TERM.—Any project for which a capital advance is provided under subsection (d)(1) shall be operated for not less than 40 years as supportive housing for persons with disabilities, in accordance with the application for the project approved by the Secretary and shall, during such period, be made available for occupancy only by very low-income persons with disabilities.

“(B) CONVERSION.—If the owner of a project requests the use of the project for the direct

benefit of very low-income persons with disabilities and, pursuant to such request the Secretary determines that a project is no longer needed for use as supportive housing for persons with disabilities, the Secretary may approve the request and authorize the owner to convert the project to such use.”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

“(3) **LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.**—No assistance received under this section (or any State or local government funds used to supplement such assistance) may be used to replace other State or local funds previously used, or designated for use, to assist persons with disabilities.

“(4) **MULTIFAMILY PROJECTS.**—

“(A) **LIMITATION.**—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), of the total number of dwelling units in any multifamily housing project (including any condominium or cooperative housing project) containing any unit for which assistance is provided from a capital grant under subsection (d)(1) made after the date of the enactment of the Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act of 2009, the aggregate number that are used for persons with disabilities, including supportive housing for persons with disabilities, or to which any occupancy preference for persons with disabilities applies, may not exceed 25 percent of such total.

“(B) **EXCEPTION.**—Subparagraph (A) shall not apply in the case of any project that is a group home or independent living facility.”; and

(2) in subsection (1), by striking paragraph (4).

(c) **DELEGATED PROCESSING.**—Subsection (g) of section 811 (42 U.S.C. 8013(g)) is amended—

(1) by striking “**SELECTION CRITERIA.**” and inserting “**SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESSING.**—(1) **SELECTION CRITERIA.**—”;

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), and (7) as subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (G), and (H), respectively;

(3) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(2) **DELEGATED PROCESSING.**—

“(A) In issuing a capital advance under subsection (d)(1) for any multifamily project (but not including any project that is a group home or independent living facility) for which financing for the purposes described in the last sentence of subsection (b) is provided by a combination of the capital advance and sources other than this section, within 30 days of award of the capital advance, the Secretary shall delegate review and processing of such projects to a State or local housing agency that—

“(i) is in geographic proximity to the property;

“(ii) has demonstrated experience in and capacity for underwriting multifamily housing loans that provide housing and supportive services;

“(iii) may or may not be providing low-income housing tax credits in combination with the capital advance under this section; and

“(iv) agrees to issue a firm commitment within 12 months of delegation.

“(B) The Secretary shall retain the authority to process capital advances in cases in which no State or local housing agency has applied to provide delegated processing pursuant to this paragraph or no such agency has entered into an agreement with the Secretary to serve as a delegated processing agency.

“(C) An agency to which review and processing is delegated pursuant to subparagraph (A) may assess a reasonable fee which shall be included in the capital advance amounts and may recommend project rental assistance amounts in excess of those initially

awarded by the Secretary. The Secretary shall develop a schedule for reasonable fees under this subparagraph to be paid to delegated processing agencies, which shall take into consideration any other fees to be paid to the agency for other funding provided to the project by the agency, including bonds, tax credits, and other gap funding.

“(D) Under such delegated system, the Secretary shall retain the authority to approve rents and development costs and to execute a capital advance within 60 days of receipt of the commitment from the State or local agency. The Secretary shall provide to such agency and the project sponsor, in writing, the reasons for any reduction in capital advance amounts or project rental assistance and such reductions shall be subject to appeal.”.

(d) **LEVERAGING OTHER RESOURCES.**—Paragraph (1) of section 811(g) (as so designated by subsection (c)(1) of this section) is amended by inserting after subparagraph (E) (as so redesignated by subsection (c)(2) of this section) the following new subparagraph:

“(F) the extent to which the per-unit cost of units to be assisted under this section will be supplemented with resources from other public and private sources.”.

(e) **TENANT PROTECTIONS AND ELIGIBILITY FOR OCCUPANCY.**—Section 811 is amended by striking subsection (i) and inserting the following new subsection:

“(i) **ADMISSION AND OCCUPANCY.**—

“(1) **TENANT SELECTION.**—

“(A) **PROCEDURES.**—An owner shall adopt written tenant selection procedures that are satisfactory to the Secretary as (i) consistent with the purpose of improving housing opportunities for very low-income persons with disabilities; and (ii) reasonably related to program eligibility and an applicant's ability to perform the obligations of the lease. Owners shall promptly notify in writing any rejected applicant of the grounds for any rejection.

“(B) **REQUIREMENT FOR OCCUPANCY.**—Occupancy in dwelling units provided assistance under this section shall be available only to persons with disabilities and households that include at least one person with a disability.

“(C) **AVAILABILITY.**—Except only as provided in subparagraph (D), occupancy in dwelling units in housing provided with assistance under this section shall be available to all persons with disabilities eligible for such occupancy without regard to the particular disability involved.

“(D) **LIMITATION ON OCCUPANCY.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the owner of housing developed under this section may, with the approval of the Secretary, limit occupancy within the housing to persons with disabilities who can benefit from the supportive services offered in connection with the housing.

“(2) **TENANT PROTECTIONS.**—

“(A) **LEASE.**—The lease between a tenant and an owner of housing assisted under this section shall be for not less than one year, and shall contain such terms and conditions as the Secretary shall determine to be appropriate.

“(B) **TERMINATION OF TENANCY.**—An owner may not terminate the tenancy or refuse to renew the lease of a tenant of a rental dwelling unit assisted under this section except—

“(i) for serious or repeated violation of the terms and conditions of the lease, for violation of applicable Federal, State, or local law, or for other good cause; and

“(ii) by providing the tenant, not less than 30 days before such termination or refusal to renew, with written notice specifying the grounds for such action.

“(C) **VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION IN SERVICES.**—A supportive service plan for housing assisted under this section shall permit each

resident to take responsibility for choosing and acquiring their own services, to receive any supportive services made available directly or indirectly by the owner of such housing, or to not receive any supportive services.”.

(f) **DEVELOPMENT COST LIMITATIONS.**—Subsection (h) of section 811 is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking the paragraph heading and inserting “**GROUP HOMES**”;

(B) in the first sentence, by striking “various types and sizes” and inserting “group homes”;

(C) by striking subparagraph (E); and

(D) by redesignating subparagraphs (F) and (G) as subparagraphs (E) and (F), respectively;

(2) in paragraph (3), by inserting “established pursuant to paragraph (1)” after “cost limitation”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(6) **APPLICABILITY OF HOME PROGRAM COST LIMITATIONS.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The provisions of section 212(e) of this Act and the cost limits established by the Secretary pursuant to such section with respect to the amount of funds under subtitle A of title II of this Act that may be invested on a per unit basis, shall apply to supportive housing assisted with a capital advance under subsection (d)(1) and the amount of funds under such subsection that may be invested on a per unit basis.

“(B) **WAIVERS.**—The Secretary shall provide for waiver of the cost limits applicable pursuant to subparagraph (A)—

“(i) in the cases in which the cost limits established pursuant to section 212(e) of this Act may be waived; and

“(ii) to provide for—

“(I) the cost of special design features to make the housing accessible to persons with disabilities;

“(II) the cost of special design features necessary to make individual dwelling units meet the special needs of persons with disabilities; and

“(III) the cost of providing the housing in a location that is accessible to public transportation and community organizations that provide supportive services to persons with disabilities.”.

(g) **REPEAL OF AUTHORITY TO WAIVE SIZE LIMITATIONS.**—Subsection (k) of section 811 is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking the second sentence; and

(2) in paragraph (4), by striking “(or such higher number of persons)” and all that follows through “subsection (h)(6))”.

(h) **MINIMUM ALLOCATION FOR MULTIFAMILY PROJECTS.**—Subsection (l) of section 811, as amended by the preceding provisions of this Act, is further amended by inserting before paragraph (2) the following new paragraph:

“(1) **MINIMUM ALLOCATION FOR MULTIFAMILY PROJECTS.**—The Secretary shall establish a minimum percentage of the amount made available for each fiscal year for capital advances under subsection (d)(1) that shall be used for multifamily projects subject to subsection (e)(4).”.

SEC. 4. PROJECT RENTAL ASSISTANCE COMPETITIVE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.

Section 811, as amended by the preceding provisions of this Act, is further amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (k) through (n) as subsections (l) through (o), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after subsection (j) the following new subsection:

“(k) **PROJECT RENTAL ASSISTANCE-ONLY COMPETITIVE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.**—

“(1) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary shall carry out a demonstration program under this subsection to expand the supply of supportive

housing for non-elderly adults with disabilities, under which the Secretary shall make funds available for project rental assistance pursuant to paragraph (2) for eligible projects under paragraph (3). The Secretary shall provide for State housing finance agencies and other appropriate entities to apply to the Secretary for such project rental assistance funds, which shall be made available by such agencies and entities for dwelling units in eligible projects based upon criteria established by the Secretary for the demonstration program under this subsection. The Secretary may not require any State housing finance agency or other entity applying for project rental assistance funds under the demonstration program to identify in such application the eligible projects for which such funds will be used, and shall allow such agencies and applicants to subsequently identify such eligible projects pursuant to the making of commitments described in paragraph (3)(B).

“(2) PROJECT RENTAL ASSISTANCE.—

“(A) CONTRACT TERMS.—Project rental assistance under the demonstration program under this subsection shall be provided—

“(i) in accordance with subsection (d)(2); and

“(ii) under a contract having an initial term of not less than 180 months that provides funding for a term 60 months, which funding shall be renewed upon expiration, subject to the availability of sufficient amounts in appropriation Acts.

“(B) LIMITATION ON UNITS ASSISTED.—Of the total number of dwelling units in any multifamily housing project containing any unit for which project rental assistance under the demonstration program under this subsection is provided, the aggregate number that are provided such project rental assistance, that are used for supportive housing for persons with disabilities, or to which any occupancy preference for persons with disabilities applies, may not exceed 25 percent of such total.

“(C) PROHIBITION OF CAPITAL ADVANCES.—The Secretary may not provide a capital advance under subsection (d)(1) for any project for which assistance is provided under the demonstration program.

“(D) ELIGIBLE POPULATION.—Project rental assistance under the demonstration program under this subsection may be provided only for dwelling units for extremely low-income persons with disabilities and extremely low-income households that include at least one person with a disability.

“(3) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—An eligible project under this paragraph is a new or existing multifamily housing project for which—

“(A) the development costs are paid with resources from other public or private sources; and

“(B) a commitment has been made—

“(i) by the applicable State agency responsible for allocation of low-income housing tax credits under section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, for an allocation of such credits;

“(ii) by the applicable participating jurisdiction that receives assistance under the HOME Investment Partnership Act, for assistance from such jurisdiction; or

“(iii) by any Federal agency or any State or local government, for funding for the project from funds from any other sources.

“(4) STATE AGENCY INVOLVEMENT.—Assistance under the demonstration may be provided only for projects for which the applicable State agency responsible for health and human services programs, and the applicable State agency designated to administer or supervise the administration of the State plan for medical assistance under title XIX of the Social Security Act, have entered into such

agreements as the Secretary considers appropriate—

“(A) to identify the target populations to be served by the project;

“(B) to set forth methods for outreach and referral; and

“(C) to make available appropriate services for tenants of the project.

“(5) USE REQUIREMENTS.—In the case of any project for which project rental assistance is provided under the demonstration program under this subsection, the dwelling units assisted pursuant to paragraph (2) shall be operated for not less than 30 years as supportive housing for persons with disabilities, in accordance with the application for the project approved by the Secretary, and such dwelling units shall, during such period, be made available for occupancy only by persons and households described in paragraph (2)(D).

“(6) REPORT.—Upon the expiration of the 5-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of the Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act of 2009, the Secretary shall submit to the Congress a report describing the demonstration program under this subsection, analyzing the effectiveness of the program, including the effectiveness of the program compared to the program for capital advances in accordance with subsection (d)(1) (as in effect pursuant to the amendments made by such Act), and making recommendations regarding future models for assistance under this section based upon the experiences under the program.”

SEC. 5. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

Section 811 is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at the end;

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by striking “provides” and inserting “makes available”; and

(ii) by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) promotes and facilitates community integration for people with significant and long-term disabilities.”;

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “special” and inserting “housing and community-based services”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting the following:

“(A) make available voluntary supportive services that address the individual needs of persons with disabilities occupying such housing.”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking the comma and inserting a semicolon;

(3) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “provided under” and all that follows through “shall bear” and inserting “provided pursuant to subsection (b)(1) shall bear”;

(4) in subsection (f)—

(A) in paragraph (3)—

(i) in subparagraph (B), by striking “receive” and inserting “be offered”; and

(ii) by striking subparagraph (C) and inserting the following:

“(C) evidence of the applicant’s experience in—

“(i) providing such supportive services; or

“(ii) creating and managing structured partnerships with service providers for the delivery of appropriate community-based services.”;

(iii) in subparagraph (D), by striking “such persons” and all that follows through “provision of such services” and inserting “tenants”; and

(iv) in subparagraph (E), by inserting “other Federal, and” before “State”; and

(B) in paragraph (4), by striking “special” and inserting “housing and community-based services”;

(5) in subsection (g), in paragraph (1) (as so redesignated by section 3(c)(1) of this Act)—

(A) in subparagraph (D) (as so redesignated by section 3(c)(2) of this Act), by striking “the necessary supportive services will be provided” and inserting “appropriate supportive services will be made available”; and

(B) by striking subparagraph (E) (as so redesignated by section 3(c)(2) of this Act) and inserting the following:

“(E) the extent to which the location and design of the proposed project will facilitate the provision of community-based supportive services and address other basic needs of persons with disabilities, including access to appropriate and accessible transportation, access to community services agencies, public facilities, and shopping.”;

(6) in subsection (j)—

(A) by striking paragraph (4); and

(B) by redesignating paragraphs (5), (6), and (7) as paragraphs (4), (5), and (6), respectively;

(7) in subsection (1) (as so redesignated by section 4(1) of this Act)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by inserting before the period at the end of the first sentence the following: “, which provides a separate bedroom for each tenant of the residence”;

(B) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(2)(A) The term ‘person with disabilities’ means a person who is 18 years of age or older and less than 62 years of age, who—

“(i) has a disability as defined in section 223 of the Social Security Act;

“(ii) is determined, pursuant to regulations issued by the Secretary, to have a physical, mental, or emotional impairment which—

“(I) is expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration;

“(II) substantially impedes his or her ability to live independently; and

“(III) is of such a nature that such ability could be improved by more suitable housing conditions; or

“(iii) has a developmental disability as defined in section 102 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000.

“(B) Such term shall not exclude persons who have the disease of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome or any conditions arising from the etiologic agent for acquired immunodeficiency syndrome. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no individual shall be considered a person with disabilities, for purposes of eligibility for low-income housing under this title, solely on the basis of any drug or alcohol dependence. The Secretary shall consult with other appropriate Federal agencies to implement the preceding sentence.

“(C) The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to prevent abuses in determining, under the definitions contained in this paragraph, the eligibility of families and persons for admission to and occupancy of housing assisted under this section. Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this paragraph, the term ‘person with disabilities’ includes two or more persons with disabilities living together, one or more such persons living with another person who is determined (under regulations prescribed by the Secretary) to be important to their care or well-being, and the surviving member or members of any household described in subparagraph (A) who were living, in a unit assisted under this section, with the deceased member of the household at the time of his or her death.”;

(C) by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the following new paragraph:

“(3) The term ‘supportive housing for persons with disabilities’ means dwelling units that—

“(A) are designed to meet the permanent housing needs of very low-income persons with disabilities; and

“(B) are located in housing that make available supportive services that address the individual health, mental health, or other needs of such persons.”;

(D) in paragraph (5), by striking “a project for”; and

(E) in paragraph (6)—

(i) by inserting after and below subparagraph (D) the matter to be inserted by the amendment made by section 841 of the American Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-569; 114 Stat. 3022); and

(ii) in the matter inserted by the amendment made by clause (i) of this subparagraph, by striking “wholly owned and”; and

(8) in subsection (m) (as so redesignated by section 4(1) of this Act)—

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking “subsection (c)(1)” and inserting “subsection (d)(1)”; and

(B) in paragraph (3), by striking “subsection (c)(2)” and inserting “subsection (d)(2)”.

SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Subsection (n) of section 811 (as so redesignated by section 4(1) of this Act) is amended to read as follows:

“(n) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014 the following amounts:

“(1) CAPITAL ADVANCE/PRAC PROGRAM.—For providing assistance pursuant to subsection (b), such sums as may be necessary.

“(2) DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.—For carrying out the demonstration program under subsection (k), such sums as may be necessary to provide 2,500 incremental dwelling units under such program in each of fiscal years 2010 and 2011 and 5,000 incremental dwelling units under such program in each of fiscal years 2012, 2013, and 2014.”.

SEC. 7. NEW REGULATIONS AND PROGRAM GUIDANCE.

Not later than the expiration of the 180-day period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall issue new regulations and guidance for the program under section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013) for supportive housing for persons with disabilities to carry out such program in accordance with the amendments made by this Act.

SEC. 8. GAO STUDY.

The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study of the supportive housing for persons with disabilities program under section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013) to determine the adequacy and effectiveness of such program in assisting households of persons with disabilities. Such study shall determine—

(1) the total number of households assisted under such program;

(2) the extent to which households assisted under other programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development that provide rental assistance or rental housing would be eligible to receive assistance under such section 811 program; and

(3) the extent to which households described in paragraph (2) who are eligible for, but not receiving, assistance under such section 811 program are receiving supportive services from, or assisted by, the Department of Housing and Urban Development other than through the section 811 program

(including under the Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency program) or from other sources.

Upon the completion of the study required under this section, the Comptroller General shall submit a report to the Congress setting forth the findings and conclusions of the study.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. GRAYSON) and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. POSEY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. GRAYSON).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on this legislation and to insert extraneous material thereon.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 1 minute.

I rise to bring H.R. 1675, the Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act of 2009, up for consideration.

I am happy to support H.R. 1675 which would reauthorize and reform section 811 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. In doing so, this bill will allow for Federal funds to be used to leverage additional funding to build more housing units for low-income, disabled individuals.

Mr. Speaker, I yield the balance of my time to the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) and I ask unanimous consent that he be permitted to control that time.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Representative GRAYSON for his graciousness in allowing me to control the time on this bill.

As he mentioned, this bill is the Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act of 2009. This bill is a reauthorization and improvement of our Nation's existing section 811 supportive housing program. This House passed a nearly identical bill last year. It unfortunately didn't get past the United States Senate. So we reintroduced it and hope to see it through the full extent of the process this year.

Before I talk a little bit about the underlying bill and the importance of the issue which it addresses, let me thank a few people. First, Chairman FRANK and Subcommittee Chairwoman WATERS have been instrumental over the last 7 years in helping us bring this very important bill to the floor, as well as Ranking Member CAPITO on the Republican side. But really the largest thanks is to my cosponsor in this legislation, Representative BIGGERT of Illinois. She has, for the full extent of her

career, been a supporter of supportive housing, which I will describe as our Nation's most important housing program for individuals with physical and mental disabilities. I'm really honored to have been able to cosponsor this legislation with Representative BIGGERT and am very pleased that it's back before the House today.

Mr. Speaker, what is the 811 program? The 811 program is this Nation's supportive housing program that allows for Federal funds to be used to build supportive housing for individuals with physical and mental disabilities. It is a program which has meant a great deal to an unfortunately limited number of individuals that have benefited from it.

What is supportive housing? Supportive housing, very simply, is housing for individuals that have certain disabilities that allows them to live independently on their own leading full, productive lives in the communities with a small amount of community support around them. A unit of supportive housing, either on site or in the community, will have connected to it the job skills, the social work, the medication-adherence individuals and support services that are necessary for people that have complex physical or complex mental illness to be able to live on their own. These people can live in the community; they just need a little bit of help to do it.

The measure of this government, the measure of this Nation is how we treat those amongst us who, through no fault of their own, have been born with a certain illness—whether it be mental or physical—that doesn't give them the access to the apparatus of opportunity the rest of us have. Supportive housing, which gives that fundamental life building block—a roof over your head, a bed to sleep in at night—to those individuals is one of the most important things that we can do as a compassionate Nation.

The problem is that over the course of the last 5 to 10 years, the 811 program just has not been working. HUD tells us that there are 1.3 million individuals with disabilities in this country who are living in substandard housing. The 811 program, over the last several years, has only built about a thousand new units despite all of the resources that it has. And it is taking right now upwards of 6 years for a supportive housing project funded with 811 dollars to move from the application stage to the completion stage. This is unacceptable. Representative BIGGERT has been a great spokesperson for this for years, and the advocacy community's work is this legislation.

This bill fixes the 811 program as well as reauthorizes it. It does this in a number of ways. First, it takes all of the vouchers that have traditionally been used to fund individuals who are looking for supportive housing, it takes those vouchers, which have been very inefficiently administered by the

811 program, and moves them to the broader section 8 program. The section 8 program is much better equipped to track these vouchers and make sure they are actually being used by people with disabilities. That has been a big problem through that program within the section 811 program.

That money that is now freed up by moving those vouchers over into the section 8 program is now going to be used to build new units. That's really what we need to do here. We need to build more capacity in the system—1.3 million living in inappropriate living; we need more of it for them.

It also will use that money in more creative ways. Instead of just building a full apartment complex with supportive housing in it, it's now going to work with developers who might have affordable housing projects currently underway to have them build in to that complex two or three or four or five units of supportive housing to allow for more scattered site housing throughout the community leveraging existing affordable housing projects to build in scattered site supportive housing projects.

And lastly, it cuts a lot of the red tape and bureaucracy that has restrained applications from moving forward, chiefly by allowing State affordable housing agencies to do a lot of the bureaucratic work that right now is being performed by Housing and Urban Development here in Washington, D.C. We think that through the passage of this Act, we can triple the number of supportive housing units that are built across the country with this 811 program. And I think by doing so, we will do justice by the individual whose name is on this Act.

Mr. Speaker, this Act is called the Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act. Frank Melville was a constituent of mine. He and his widow, Ellen, started the Melville Charitable Trust which funds much of the affordable housing and supportive housing advocacy work in the Northeast and throughout this country. Frank Melville is no longer with us, but this bill—which we hope to pass today and bring to the Senate for its consideration—does justice to his legacy.

I commend this bill to the House for passage. I think it is going to do so much to live up to the initial promise of this Nation's commitment to individuals with physical and mental disabilities.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, unfortunately Congresswoman BIGGERT is unable to be here today, but I would like to take this opportunity to recognize her work on this legislation.

As an original cosponsor, I know she has worked hard to ensure that the section 811 program continues to be an effective solution to the housing needs of very low-income persons with disabilities.

There are nearly 4 million non-elderly, disabled adults in the United States that are in need of housing assistance. The section 811 program is the only Federal program that allows persons with disabilities to live independently in the community by increasing the supply of affordable rental housing with the availability of supportive services.

H.R. 1675 restructures the section 811 program in a way that provides for a continued creation of permanent supportive housing and provides rental assistance that would make housing affordable for very low-income individuals with disabilities.

This bill will improve the section 811 disabled housing program by streamlining and simplifying the development of HUD section 811 properties and makes changes to the program to encourage integration and mixed-use developments, such as low-income housing tax credits and HOME program funds. This legislation is identical to H.R. 5772, which passed the House during the 110th Congress.

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

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, just briefly to close. In Connecticut during the course of my work in the State legislature, a lot of us would occasionally don a button that said "keep the promise." That was a reminder to us that when we deinstitutionalized those with mental illness, that we had a promise to them to make sure that they had humane and responsible housing in the community. This bill I think does just that. It helps us keep that promise to those people living with mental and physical disability that we are going to find them appropriate and supportive housing in the community.

I thank Representative POSEY for his support and Representative BIGGERT for her advocacy.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. GRAYSON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1675.

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. POSEY. 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 and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

NEW FRONTIER CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL ACT

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2245) to authorize the President, in conjunction with the 40th anniversary of the historic and first lunar landing by humans in 1969, to award

gold medals on behalf of the United States Congress to Neil A. Armstrong, the first human to walk on the moon; Edwin E. "Buzz" Aldrin, Jr., the pilot of the lunar module and second person to walk on the moon; Michael Collins, the pilot of their Apollo 11 mission's command module; and, the first American to orbit the Earth, John Herschel Glenn, Jr.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2245

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "New Frontier Congressional Gold Medal Act".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds that—

(1) as spacecraft commander for Apollo 11, the first manned lunar landing mission, Neil A. Armstrong gained the distinction of being the first man to land a craft on the moon and first to step on its surface on July 21, 1969;

(2) by conquering the moon at great personal risk to safety, Neil Armstrong advanced America scientifically and technologically, paving the way for future missions to other regions in space;

(3) Edwin E. "Buzz" Aldrin, Jr., joined Armstrong in piloting the lunar module, Eagle, to the surface of the moon, and became the second person to walk upon its surface;

(4) Michael Collins piloted the command module, Columbia, in lunar orbit and helped his fellow Apollo 11 astronauts complete their mission on the moon;

(5) John Herschel Glenn, Jr., helped pave the way for the first lunar landing when on February 20, 1962, he became the first American to orbit the Earth; and

(6) John Glenn's actions, like Armstrong's, Aldrin's and Collins's, continue to greatly inspire the people of the United States.

SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.

(a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, to Neil A. Armstrong, Edwin E. "Buzz" Aldrin, Jr., Michael Collins, and John Herschel Glenn, Jr., each a gold medal of appropriate design, in recognition of their significant contributions to society.

(b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary of the Treasury shall strike gold medals with suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the Secretary.

SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.

The Secretary of the Treasury may strike and sell duplicates in bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 3 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses, and the cost of the gold medals.

SEC. 5. NATIONAL MEDALS.

The medals struck pursuant to this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United States Code.

SEC. 6. AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS; PROCEEDS OF SALE.

(a) AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS.—There is authorized to be charged against the United States Mint Public Enterprise Fund, such amounts as may be necessary to pay for the costs of the medals struck pursuant to this Act.

(b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the sale of duplicate bronze medals authorized under section 4 shall be deposited