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□ 1143

Messrs. ROGERS of Michigan, LANCE, and SMITH of Texas changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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 11 o'clock and 44 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

□ 1347

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. MCCOLLUM) at 1 o'clock and 47 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

ROY WILSON POST OFFICE

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4214) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 45300 Portola Avenue in Palm Desert, California, as the "Roy Wilson Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4214

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

SECTION 1. ROY WILSON POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 45300 Portola Avenue in Palm Desert, California, shall be known and designated as the "Roy Wilson Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Roy Wilson Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) and the gentleman from California (Mr. BILBRAY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Missouri.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. CLAY. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4214, a bill to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 45300 Portola Avenue in Palm Desert, California, as the "Roy Wilson Post Office." The late Roy Wilson devoted his career to public service, serving as county supervisor for Riverside County, California, for 15 years. This followed 17 years of service on the Palm Desert City Council.

His passing last August brought a great deal of sadness to his colleagues, his staff, and his community. He is remembered for working with his colleagues to find common ground and to seek compromise. His hard work earned the respect and trust of his colleagues and constituents, and today, with this measure, we honor his life and service.

This bill was introduced by the gentlewoman from California, Representative MARY BONO MACK, on December 7, 2009. It was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which ordered it reported by unanimous consent on March 4, 2010.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this measure.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4214, designating the facility of the United States Post Office located at 45300 Portola Avenue in Palm Desert, California, as the "Roy Wilson Post Office."

I think my illustrious colleague from Missouri said it very well. I think there is no reason to repeat more. Mr. Wilson served his community in many ways. As a former county supervisor myself, I think it is very appropriate to recognize how important that level of government, the county government, especially in California, is, and the many years of service that Mr. Wilson gave his community, not just as a county supervisor but in many other forms that are quite appropriate.

I am proud to join the gentleman from Missouri and the gentlelady, MARY BONO MACK, from California, in supporting this resolution.

I reserve my time.

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I have no speakers, so I will continue to reserve.

Mrs. BONO MACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and legacy of a dear friend and selfless public leader. Serving one of our State's fastest growing regions, Riverside County Supervisor Roy Wilson passed away in August after many years of service to our community. I consider it a great privilege to honor this remarkable and humble man by naming a post office located in Supervisor Wilson's home town of Palm Desert, CA, as the Roy Wilson Post Office.

Some of my colleagues representing nearby Districts in southern California may remember Roy Wilson and his many years of outstanding work on behalf of residents of our region. His integrity and steady leadership was invaluable and he has been missed by all who knew and loved him. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with his loving wife, Aurora, and the rest of his family.

Roy Wilson represented the 4th District of Riverside County for 15 years, following 17 years of service on the Palm Desert City Council. Roy worked on many issues important to members of our community such as improving air quality, providing valuable education, and reducing spending to help strengthen the county's budget.

For many years, Roy Wilson taught at our local community college, College of the Desert, in Palm Desert, California. This campus has for decades been an important educational resource to local residents wishing to pursue higher education. Roy was instrumental in helping the campus grow and excel.

In addition, Roy Wilson worked to help protect the environment in our region through his

service of 22 years on the governing board of the South Coast Air Quality Management District. Our desert community attracts residents and visitors through its natural beauty, hiking trails and mountainous views. Through Roy Wilson's leadership, he truly helped preserve the health and well-being of our unique environment.

In recent years, as our County faced significant financial challenges, Roy moved to rein in spending in order to help improve the budget—difficult, but necessary in these financially troubling times.

The many capacities in which Roy worked to the betterment of our community are clear, but his humble leadership is what truly made him so unique and effective. Roy was able to engage in both sides of any discussion and truly earned the trust and respect of many local residents and leaders.

As a cherished member of our community, where many residents called him a friend and neighbor, this postal naming would be a special tribute to the late Supervisor Roy Wilson.

I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring this exceptional man and helping me and residents living in our community honor his life and legacy.

I'd like to thank Subcommittee Chairman LYNCH and Ranking Member CHAFFETZ for their help in moving this bill forward.

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, in the spirit of cooperation with the leadership, I will at this time yield back my time, and I ask for support of the bill.

Mr. CLAY. I thank my friend from California (Mr. BILBRAY) for joining me in urging our colleagues to recognize the life and work of Roy Wilson by supporting this measure, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4214.

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. CLAY. Madam 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.

PLAIN WRITING ACT OF 2010

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 946) to enhance citizen access to Government information and services by establishing that Government documents issued to the public must be written clearly, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 946

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 "Plain Writing Act of 2010".

SEC. 2. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Act is to improve the effectiveness and accountability of Federal agencies to the public by promoting clear Government communication that the public can understand and use.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) AGENCY.—The term "agency" means an Executive agency, as defined under section 105 of title 5, United States Code.

(2) COVERED DOCUMENT.—The term "covered document"—

(A) means any document that—

(i) is relevant to obtaining any Federal Government benefit or service or filing taxes;

(ii) provides information about any Federal Government benefit or service; or

(iii) explains to the public how to comply with a requirement the Federal Government administers or enforces;

(B) includes (whether in paper or electronic form) a letter, publication, form, notice, or instruction; and

(C) does not include a regulation.

(3) PLAIN WRITING.—The term "plain writing" means writing that the intended audience can readily understand and use because that writing is clear, concise, well-organized, and follows other best practices of plain writing.

SEC. 4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF FEDERAL AGENCIES.

(a) PREPARATION FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAIN WRITING REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 9 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the head of each agency shall—

(A) designate 1 or more senior officials within the agency to oversee the agency implementation of this Act;

(B) communicate the requirements of this Act to the employees of the agency;

(C) train employees of the agency in plain writing;

(D) establish a process for overseeing the ongoing compliance of the agency with the requirements of this Act;

(E) create and maintain a plain writing section of the agency's website that is accessible from the homepage of the agency's website; and

(F) designate 1 or more agency points-of-contact to receive and respond to public input on—

(i) agency implementation of this Act; and

(ii) the agency reports required under section 5.

(2) WEBSITE.—The plain writing section described under paragraph (1)(E) shall—

(A) inform the public of agency compliance with the requirements of this Act; and

(B) provide a mechanism for the agency to receive and respond to public input on—

(i) agency implementation of this Act; and

(ii) the agency reports required under section 5.

(b) REQUIREMENT TO USE PLAIN WRITING IN NEW DOCUMENTS.—Beginning not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, each agency shall use plain writing in every covered document of the agency that the agency issues or substantially revises.

(c) GUIDANCE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall develop and issue guidance on implementing the requirements of this section. The Director may designate a lead agency, and may use interagency working groups to assist in developing and issuing the guidance.

(2) INTERIM GUIDANCE.—Before the issuance of guidance under paragraph (1), agencies may follow the guidance of—

(A) the writing guidelines developed by the Plain Language Action and Information Network; or

(B) guidance provided by the head of the agency that is consistent with the guidelines referred to in subparagraph (A).

SEC. 5. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.

(a) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 9 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the head of each agency shall publish on the plain writing section of the agency's website a report that describes the agency plan for compliance with the requirements of this Act.

(b) ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the head of each agency shall publish on the plain writing section of the agency's website a report on agency compliance with the requirements of this Act.

SEC. 6. JUDICIAL REVIEW AND ENFORCEABILITY.

(a) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—There shall be no judicial review of compliance or noncompliance with any provision of this Act.

(b) ENFORCEABILITY.—No provision of this Act shall be construed to create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable by any administrative or judicial action.

SEC. 7. BUDGETARY EFFECTS OF PAYGO LEGISLATION FOR THIS ACT.

The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go-Act of 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest statement titled "Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation" for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, provided that such statement has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) and the gentleman from California (Mr. BILBRAY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Missouri.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. CLAY. In recognition of Sunshine Week, today we are considering H.R. 946, legislation aimed at making the government more open and accessible. H.R. 946, the Plain Language Act, was introduced by Representative BRUCE BRALEY of Iowa. This bill requires agencies to use plain writing in government documents.

The administration recently issued a directive on open government. One of the simple principles of the directive is that information should be accessible. This is the aim of this bill. This bill will make information more accessible by requiring agencies to write documents in a way that is clear and easily understood. We often focus on the need to make information available, but even if the information is available, it isn't useful unless it can be understood.

AARP wrote a letter supporting this bill. And it says, "the use of plain language in documents issued to the public will save the Federal Government