more. Why? Because bankruptcy judges are needed more than ever.

The bankruptcy filings have increased during the worst economic downturn the Nation has experienced since the Great Depression because long-term high unemployment rates and reduced incomes have sent more people into the bankruptcy court, because of the continuing mortgage foreclosure crisis which has affected so many people, and the increasingly onerous credit card obligations, and the sky-high student loans that are being collected on, and the uninsured medical debt.

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Last vear 1.6 million bankruptcy cases were filed, representing a more than 8 percent increase over the prior years. Two of the Nation's largest automobile manufacturers in Detroit, General Motors and Chrysler, filed for bankruptcy relief under chapter 11. These two cases alone involved billions of dollars, tens of thousands of workers, thousands of auto dealers, and thousands of creditors located in all parts of our Nation. Just last month, American Airlines filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy relief, and the national bookstore chain Borders filed last month.

A third factor must be kept in mind: that while we maintain the status quo, more needs to be done. Bankruptcy courts have been performing admirably but under critical strain. So while the bankruptcy courts' workload increases, judicial resources are, in fact, diminishing. And that's why we're authorizing new judicial membership in the bankruptcy courts in the coming year, if everything works out as we anticipate.

Right now, though, we merely ask the House of Representatives to support the bill that I and Chairman SMITH have cosponsored which would maintain the new judges that are on the bench but will not add any more.

I urge your support for the additional judgeships.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. CONYERS. I yield such time as he may consume to the distinguished gentleman from Georgia, Mr. Hank Johnson, a member of the committee.

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. I thank the ranking member.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1021, the Temporary Bankruptcy Judgeships Extension Act of 2011, sponsored by my good friend Representative SMITH of Texas, who is also the chair of the Judiciary Committee, which I am pleased to serve on.

I would point out how ironic it is because we are now in the 336th day of this reign of the Tea Party Republican Party, which is unalterably linked with the notorious Grover Norquist and his tax pledge, his pledge to not raise taxes. We're getting ready, Mr. Speaker, to get to the end of this year, and

we still have 160 million Americans at risk of suffering a tax increase, \$1,000 a person on average. I don't know how many millions of dollars that would take out of consumers' pockets. And I don't hear Grover Norquist or the Tea Party Republicans crying about that. If it's the middle class, the working people tax increase, it's okay. If it is the top 1 percent making over a million bucks a year, then "you can't touch this." Well, I think the American people know that it's "hammer time" out here. It's time for there to be justice and fairness for all under the law. And it's ironic we need these bankruptcy court judges' tenures to be extended, as this Act would allow, because there's going to be more bankruptcies filed.

Just \$1,000 can push a person over the edge in terms of their solvency. People are now just living paycheck to paycheck, hand-to-mouth, trying to determine whether or not we're going to pay the light bill or whether or not we're going to get the medication that we need in order to be healthy. People are deciding whether or not to pay the gas bill or whether or not they're going to be able to eat more than ramen noodles every night for the month. So \$1,000 means a lot. It may not mean a lot to a millionaire, one of those top 1 percent that my Tea Party Republican friends so heartily support, but it will hurt the little man and woman and their families, especially at Christmas

At a time when the corporate chieftains are getting their bonuses, multimillion-dollar bonuses based on increased profits, we're still left on December 6 with people being worried about whether or not they're going to suffer a tax increase on January 1. So let's not impose an average \$1,000-actually, \$1,500; let's not impose the threat of a \$1,500 tax increase on the middle class and working people by failing to do what we should have done much earlier. There's no reason why we have not done this, why we have not expanded the payroll tax cut that was enacted last year. Let's keep that \$1,500 in the pockets of the average middle class family. Let's try to keep down the need for people to go into bankruptcy court. Let's at some point let it expire, the number of bankruptcy court judges temporarily serving.

Mr. CONYERS. 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. SMITH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1021, as amended.

The question was taken; and (twothirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, 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: ordering the previous question on House Resolution 479; adopting House Resolution 479, if ordered; and suspending the rules and passing H.R. 2471.

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

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 10, REGULATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE IN NEED OF SCRUTINY ACT OF 2011, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on ordering the previous question on the resolution (H. Res. 479) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 10) to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 236, nays 184, not voting 13, as follows:

### [Roll No. 889] YEAS—236

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Kinzinger (IL)

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Pitts

Platts

Poe (TX)

Price (GA)

Pompeo

Quayle

Rehberg

Reichert

Ribble

Rigell

Rivera

Roby Roe (TN)

Rogers (AL)

Rogers (KY)

Rogers (MI)

Rohrabacher

Ros-Lehtinen

Rokita

Rooney

Roskam

Royce

Runyan

Scalise

Ross (FL)

Ryan (WI)

Schilling

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Eshoo

Fattah

Frank (MA)

Garamendi

Gonzalez

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Grijalva

Hahn

Gutierrez

Hanabusa

Heinrich

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Hirono

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Holden

Holt

Honda

Hover

Israel

Jackson (IL)

Jackson Lee

Johnson (GA)

Johnson, E. B.

(TX)

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Keating

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Kissell

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McIntyre

Larsen (WA)

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Hastings (FL)

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Scott (SC)

Posey

Paul

### CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—HOUSE

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Walz (MN) Welch Tonko Wilson (FL) Towns Wasserman Tsongas Schultz Woolsev Van Hollen Waters Yarmuth Velázquez Watt Visclosky Waxman NOT VOTING-13

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Mr. COURTNEY and Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California changed their vote from "yea" to "nay.

Ms. BUERKLE changed her vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the previous question was ordered. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the year and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered. The SPEAKER pro tempore. This

will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 235, nays 180, not voting 18, as follows:

### [Roll No. 890]

YEAS-235 Duffy Adams Johnson (IL) Aderholt Duncan (SC) Johnson (OH) Johnson, Sam Amash Duncan (TN) Amodei Ellmers Jones Jordan Austria Emerson Bachus Farenthold Kelly King (NY) Barletta Fincher Fitzpatrick Kingston Kinzinger (IL) Barton (TX) Flake Fleischmann Bass (NH) Kline Benishek Fleming Labrador Berg Flores Lamborn Biggert Forbes Lance Bilbray Fortenberry Landry Lankford **Bilirakis** Foxx Bishop (UT) Frelinghuysen Latham Black Gallegly LaTourette Blackburn Gardner Latta Bonner Garrett LoBiondo Bono Mack Gerlach Long Boren Gibbs Lucas Boustany Gibson Luetkemeyer Gingrey (GA) Brady (TX) Lummis Lungren, Daniel Brooks Gohmert Broun (GA) Goodlatte Buchanan Gosar Mack Manzullo Bucshon Gowdy Buerkle Granger Marchant Graves (GA) Graves (MO) Burgess Matheson Burton (IN) McCarthy (CA) Calvert Griffin (AR) McCaul McClintock Camp Griffith (VA) Campbell Grimm McCotter Canseco Guinta McHenry Cantor Guthrie McIntyre Capito Hall McKeon Hanna McKinley Carter Cassidy Harper McMorris Chabot Rodgers Harris Chaffetz Hartzler Meehan Hastings (WA) Coble Mica. Coffman (CO) Miller (FL) Hayworth Miller (MI) Miller, Gary Conaway Heck Hensarling Crawford Crenshaw Herger Mulvaney Herrera Beutler Murphy (PA) Culberson Davis (KY) Huelskamp Neugebauer Denham Huizenga (MI) Noem Dent DesJarlais Hultgren Nugent Hunter Nunes Nunnelee Diaz-Balart Hurt Dold Olson

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So the resolution was agreed to.
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

# ONLINE CONSENT FOR SHARING VIDEO SERVICE USE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2471) to amend section 2710 of title 18, United States Code, to clarify that a videotape service provider may obtain a consumer's informed, written consent on an ongoing basis and that consent may be obtained through the Internet, 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 Virginia (Mr. GOODLATTE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 303, nays 116, not voting 14, as follows:

## [Roll No. 891]

YEAS-303 Connolly (VA) Adams Green, Gene Aderholt Conyers Griffin (AR) Griffith (VA) Altmire Cooper Amash Costa Grimm Amodei Courtney Guinta Andrews Cravaack Guthrie Crawford Austria Bachus Crenshaw Hanna. Barletta Critz Harper Cuellar Davis (CA) Bartlett Hartzler Davis (KY) Hastings (WA) Bass (NH) Benishek Denham Hayworth Berg Dent. Heck Berkley DesJarlais Heinrich Deutch Hensarling Berman Diaz-Balart Biggert. Herger Bilbray Doggett Higgins Bilirakis Hochul Dold Bishop (UT) Donnelly (IN) Holden Black Doyle Honda Blackburn Dreier Hoyer Huelskamp Blumenauer Duffv Huizenga (MI) Bonner Duncan (SC) Bono Mack Duncan (TN) Hultgren Ellmers Boren Hunter Boswell Emerson Hurt Boustany Eshoo Israel Brady (PA) Farr Issa Jenkins Brady (TX) Filner Johnson (OH) Braley (IA) Fincher Fitzpatrick Johnson, Sam Brooks Broun (GA) Jordan Fleischmann Buchanan Kelly Bucshon Fleming King (IA) Buerkle King (NY) Burgess Forbes Kingston Burton (IN) Fortenberry Kinzinger (IL) Calvert Foxx Kline Franks (AZ) Labrador Camp Campbell Frelinghuysen Lamborn Canseco Gallegly Cantor Gardner Landry Capito Garrett Langevin Lankford Larsen (WA) Capps Gerlach Carnev Gibbs Carter Gibson Latham Cassidy Gingrey (GA) LaTourette Chabot Gonzalez Latta Chaffetz Goodlatte Lewis (CA) Gosar Lipinski Chu Coble Gowdy LoBiondo Coffman (CO) Lofgren, Zoe Granger

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### NAYS-116

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### NOT VOTING-14

Dicks Marino
Giffords Myrick
Gohmert Nadler
Hinchey Young (FL)
Inslee

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Mr. RUSH changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. AKIN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 889, 890 and 891, I was delayed and unable to vote. Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on all three.

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GIVING CONGRESSIONAL CONSENT TO MISSOURI AND ILLINOIS BI-STATE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 22) to grant the consent of Congress to an amendment to the compact between the States of Missouri and Illinois providing that bonds issued by the Bi-State Development Agency may mature in not to exceed 40 years, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The text of the joint resolution is as follows:

### S.J. RES. 22

Whereas to grant the consent of Congress to an amendment to the compact between the States of Missouri and Illinois providing that bonds issued by the Bi-State Development Agency may mature in not to exceed 40 years;

Whereas the Congress in consenting to the compact between Missouri and Illinois creating the Bi-State Development Agency and the Bi-State Metropolitan District provided that no power shall be exercised by the Bi-State Agency until such power has been conferred upon the Bi-State Agency by the legislatures of the States to the compact and approved by an Act of Congress;

Whereas such States previously enacted legislation providing that the Bi-State Agency had the power to issue notes, bonds, or other instruments in writing provided they shall mature in not to exceed 30 years, and Congress consented to such power; and

Whereas such States have now enacted legislation amending this power: Now therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

### SECTION 1. CONSENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The consent of Congress is given to the amendment of the powers conferred on the Bi-State Development Agency by Senate Bill 758, Laws of Missouri 2010 and Public Act 96–1520 (Senate Bill 3342), Laws of Illinois 2010.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment to the powers conferred by the Acts consented to in subsection (a) shall take effect on December 17 2010

### SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF ACT OF AUGUST 31, 1950.

The provisions of the Act of August 31, 1950 (64 Stat. 568) shall apply to the amendment approved under this joint resolution to the same extent as if such amendment was conferred under the provisions of the compact consented to in such Act.

### SEC. 3. RIGHT TO ALTER, AMEND, OR REPEAL.

The right to alter, amend, or repeal this joint resolution is expressly reserved.