

Unfortunately, H.R. 6429 lets unused visas go to waste, and forces legal immigrants to continue to suffer in long backlogs.

In addition, I have serious concerns that this legislation automatically allows for-profit and on-line schools to participate in the new STEM green card program.

It's not too late for my Republican colleagues to change course, and sit down with Democrats to work on a bipartisan bill that strengthens the STEM visa program without limiting legal immigration.

I urge my colleagues to stand in solidarity and vote "no" on this attempt to reduce legal immigration.

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 6429, the misnamed STEM Jobs Act of 2012.

The ability our nation to attract the world's best and brightest has contributed greatly to the creation of American jobs and the success of American businesses large and small. However, many foreign students who graduate from our best universities in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields become victims of a broken visa system. The absence of specific visas for graduates in these critical fields has resulted in long wait times and forces many to move back home, taking their valuable skills out of the American economy. Clearly, the time has come for change.

Unfortunately, H.R. 6429 isn't the change we need. It follows the pattern of the Republicans' approach of giving with one hand while taking with the other. This bill would create STEM visas at the expense of eliminating the Diversity Visa Program. Diversity visas provide a legal path for people from countries with low rates of immigration to the United States. Half the recipients are from Africa and almost a third are from Asia.

Democrats and Republicans agree that we should establish a STEM visa program, but unfortunately Republicans inserted a poison pill in this bill that guarantees it will not pass. It is also clear that the Senate will not take up the bill with this provision included.

We in Hawaii know that diversity is a strength. Hawaii has been enriched by the diverse immigrants who call it home, hailing from places like the Philippines, Japan, Samoa, Portugal, and around the Pacific Rim. While I believe we should be looking for ways to encourage the best and brightest to come to our shores and create American jobs, we don't need to do it at the expense of the Diversity Visa Program.

As an immigrant, I know the promise America offers and the hopes of those who come to our shores seeking a better life. That's why I support efforts to improve our immigration system and encourage those with needed skills to come and work for our businesses. Furthermore, a strong economic foundation depends on a world class American education system that prepares the young people of our country to compete in the STEM fields. I am convinced we can find a way to come together to create a fair STEM Visa Program and to strengthen our STEM education so more Americans can get these jobs.

H.R. 6429 is a flawed bill, and I urge my colleagues to oppose it.

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. 6429.

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. CONYERS. 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, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order: passage of House Joint Resolution 118; the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 6429; and the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 5987.

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

#### DISAPPROVING RULE RELATING TO WAIVER AND EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on passage of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 118) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of Family Assistance of the Administration for Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human Services relating to waiver and expenditure authority under section 1115 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1315) with respect to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the joint resolution.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 250, nays 164, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 589]

YEAS—250

Adams	Bilirakis	Camp
Aderholt	Bishop (UT)	Campbell
Alexander	Black	Canseco
Amash	Blackburn	Cantor
Amodei	Bonner	Capito
Austria	Bono Mack	Carter
Bachmann	Boren	Cassidy
Bachus	Boswell	Chabot
Barber	Boustany	Chaffetz
Barletta	Brady (TX)	Chandler
Barrow	Brooks	Coble
Bartlett	Brown (GA)	Coffman (CO)
Barton (TX)	Buchanan	Cole
Bass (NH)	Bucshon	Conaway
Benishek	Buerkle	Cravaack
Berg	Burgess	Crawford
Biggert	Burton (IN)	Crenshaw
Bilbray	Calvert	Culberson

Denham	King (IA)	Price (GA)
Dent	King (NY)	Quayle
DesJarlais	Kingston	Reed
Diaz-Balart	Kinzinger (IL)	Rehberg
Dold	Kissell	Reichert
Donnelly (IN)	Kline	Renacci
Dreier	Labrador	Ribble
Duffy	Lamborn	Rigell
Duncan (SC)	Lance	Rivera
Duncan (TN)	Landry	Roby
Ellmers	Lankford	Roe (TN)
Emerson	Latham	Rogers (AL)
Farenthold	LaTourette	Rogers (KY)
Fincher	Latta	Rogers (MI)
Fitzpatrick	Lewis (CA)	Rohrabacher
Flake	Lipinski	Rokita
Fleischmann	LoBiondo	Rooney
Fleming	Loeb sack	Ros-Lehtinen
Flores	Long	Roskam
Forbes	Lucas	Ross (FL)
Fortenberry	Luetkemeyer	Royce
Fox	Lummis	Runyan
Franks (AZ)	Lungren, Daniel	Ryan (WI)
Frelinghuysen	E.	Scalise
Garamendi	Lynch	Schilling
Gardner	Manzullo	Schock
Garrett	Marchant	Schweikert
Gerlach	Marino	Scott (SC)
Gibbs	Matheson	Scott, Austin
Gibson	McCarthy (CA)	Sensenbrenner
Gingrey (GA)	McCauley	Sessions
Gohmert	McClintock	Shimkus
Goodlatte	McHenry	Shuler
Gosar	McIntyre	Shuster
Gowdy	McKeon	Simpson
Graves (GA)	McKinley	Smith (NE)
Graves (MO)	McMorris	Smith (NJ)
Griffin (AR)	Rodgers	Smith (TX)
Griffith (VA)	McNerney	Southerland
Grimm	Meehan	Stearns
Guinta	Mica	Stivers
Guthrie	Michaud	Stutzman
Hall	Miller (FL)	Terry
Hanna	Miller (MI)	Thompson (PA)
Harper	Miller, Gary	Thornberry
Harris	Mulvaney	Tiberi
Hartzler	Murphy (PA)	Tipton
Hastings (WA)	Myrick	Turner (NY)
Hayworth	Neugebauer	Turner (OH)
Heck	Noem	Upton
Hensarling	Nugent	Walberg
Herger	Nunes	Walden
Herrera Beutler	Nunnelee	Walsh (IL)
Hochul	Olson	Webster
Huelskamp	Owens	West
Huizenga (MI)	Palazzo	Westmoreland
Hultgren	Paul	Whitfield
Hunter	Paulsen	Wilson (SC)
Hurt	Pearce	Wittman
Issa	Pence	Wolf
Johnson (IL)	Peterson	Womack
Johnson (OH)	Petri	Woodall
Johnson, Sam	Pitts	Yoder
Jones	Poe (TX)	Young (AK)
Jordan	Pompeo	Young (FL)
Kelly	Posey	Young (IN)

NAYS—164

Ackerman	Connolly (VA)	Gutierrez
Altire	Conyers	Hahn
Andrews	Cooper	Hanabusa
Baca	Costa	Hastings (FL)
Baldwin	Costello	Heinrich
Bass (CA)	Courtney	Higgins
Becerra	Critz	Himes
Berkley	Crowley	Hinche
Berman	Cuellar	Hinojosa
Bishop (GA)	Cummings	Hirono
Bishop (NY)	Davis (CA)	Holden
Blumenauer	DeFazio	Holt
Bonamici	DeGette	Honda
Brady (PA)	DeLauro	Hoyer
Braley (IA)	Deutch	Israel
Brown (FL)	Dicks	Jackson Lee
Butterfield	Dingell	(TX)
Capps	Doggett	Johnson (GA)
Capuano	Doyle	Johnson, E. B.
Carnahan	Edwards	Kaptur
Carney	Ellison	Keating
Carson (IN)	Engel	Kildee
Castor (FL)	Eshoo	Kind
Chu	Farr	Kucinich
Cicilline	Fattah	Langevin
Clarke (MI)	Frank (MA)	Larsen (WA)
Clarke (NY)	Fudge	Larson (CT)
Clay	Gonzalez	Lee (CA)
Cleaver	Green, Al	Levin
Clyburn	Green, Gene	Lewis (GA)
Cohen	Grijalva	Lofgren, Zoe

Lowey  
Luján  
Maloney  
Markey  
Matsui  
McCarthy (NY)  
McCollum  
McDermott  
McGovern  
Meeks  
Miller (NC)  
Miller, George  
Moore  
Moran  
Murphy (CT)  
Nadler  
Napolitano  
Neal  
Oliver  
Pallone  
Pascrell  
Pastor (AZ)  
Pelosi  
Perlmutter  
Peters

Pingree (ME)  
Polis  
Price (NC)  
Quigley  
Rahall  
Rangel  
Reyes  
Richardson  
Rothman (NJ)  
Roybal-Allard  
Ruppersberger  
Rush  
Ryan (OH)  
Sánchez, Linda  
T.  
Sanchez, Loretta  
Sarbanes  
Schakowsky  
Schiff  
Schrader  
Schwartz  
Scott (VA)  
Scott, David  
Serrano  
Sewell

Sherman  
Sires  
Slaughter  
Smith (WA)  
Stark  
Sutton  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Tierney  
Tonko  
Tsongas  
Van Hollen  
Velázquez  
Visclosky  
Walz (MN)  
Wasserman  
Schultz  
Waters  
Watt  
Waxman  
Welch  
Wilson (FL)  
Woolsey  
Yarmuth

## NOT VOTING—15

Akin  
Davis (IL)  
Filner  
Gallegly  
Granger

Jackson (IL)  
Jenkins  
Mack  
Platts  
Richmond

Ross (AR)  
Schmidt  
Speier  
Sullivan  
Towns

□ 1656

Messrs. COURTNEY and CRITZ changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. LYNCH changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the joint resolution was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. MACK. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 589 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 589 I was inadvertently delayed in an official meeting and arrived on the House floor after the vote had been closed. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

Stated against:

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I was away from the Capitol due to prior commitments to my constituents. Had I been present, I would have voted “nay.”

## STEM JOBS ACT OF 2012

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6429) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to promote innovation, investment, and research in the United States, to eliminate the diversity immigrant program, and for other purposes, 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 Texas (Mr. SMITH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 257, nays 158, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 590]

## YEAS—257

Adams  
Aderholt  
Alexander  
Altmire  
Amash  
Amodei  
Austria  
Bachmann  
Bachus  
Barber  
Barletta  
Barrow  
Bartlett  
Barton (TX)  
Bass (NH)  
Benishak  
Berg  
Berman  
Biggert  
Bilbray  
Bilirakis  
Bishop (UT)  
Black  
Blackburn  
Bonner  
Bono Mack  
Boren  
Boswell  
Boustany  
Brady (TX)  
Brooks  
Broun (GA)  
Buchanan  
Bucshon  
Buerkle  
Burgess  
Burton (IN)  
Calvert  
Camp  
Campbell  
Canseco  
Cantor  
Capito  
Carney  
Carter  
Cassidy  
Chabot  
Chaffetz  
Chandler  
Coble  
Coffman (CO)  
Cohen  
Cole  
Conaway  
Cooper  
Cravaack  
Crawford  
Crenshaw  
Cuellar  
Culberson  
DeFazio  
Dent  
DesJarlais  
Diaz-Balart  
Donnelly (IN)  
Dreier  
Duffy  
Duncan (SC)  
Duncan (TN)  
Ellmers  
Emerson  
Farenthold  
Fincher  
Fitzpatrick  
Flake  
Fleischmann  
Fleming  
Flores  
Forbes  
Fortenberry  
Foxy  
Franks (AZ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Garamendi  
Gardner  
Garrett  
Gerlach

Gibbs  
Gibson  
Gingrey (GA)  
Gohmert  
Goodlatte  
Gosar  
Gowdy  
Graves (GA)  
Graves (MO)  
Griffin (AR)  
Griffith (VA)  
Grimm  
Guinta  
Guthrie  
Hall  
Hanna  
Harper  
Harris  
Hartzler  
Hayworth  
Heck  
Hensarling  
Herger  
Herrera Beutler  
Himes  
Hochul  
Huelskamp  
Hulzenga (MI)  
Hunter  
Hurt  
Issa  
Johnson (IL)  
Johnson (OH)  
Johnson, Sam  
Jordan  
Kelly  
Kind  
King (IA)  
King (NY)  
Kingston  
Kinzinger (IL)  
Kissell  
Kline  
Labrador  
Lamborn  
Lance  
Landry  
Lankford  
Latham  
LaTourette  
Latta  
Lewis (CA)  
Lipinski  
LoBiondo  
Long  
Lucas  
Luetkemeyer  
Lummis  
Lungren, Daniel  
E.  
Mack  
Manzullo  
Marchant  
Marino  
Matheson  
McCarthy (CA)  
McCaul  
McClintock  
McHenry  
McIntyre  
McKeon  
McKinley  
McMorris  
Rodgers  
McNerney  
Meehan  
Mica  
Michaud  
Miller (FL)  
Miller (MI)  
Miller, Gary  
Moran  
Mulvaney  
Murphy (CT)  
Murphy (PA)  
Myrick  
Neugebauer

Noem  
Nugent  
Nunes  
Nunnelee  
Olson  
Palazzo  
Paul  
Paulsen  
Pearce  
Pence  
Peterson  
Petri  
Pitts  
Platts  
Poe (TX)  
Pompeo  
Posey  
Price (GA)  
Quayle  
Rahall  
Reed  
Rehberg  
Reichert  
Renacci  
Ribble  
Rigell  
Rivera  
Roby  
Roe (TN)  
Rogers (AL)  
Rogers (MI)  
Rohrabacher  
Rokita  
Rooney  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Roskam  
Ross (FL)  
Royce  
Runyan  
Ruppersberger  
Ryan (WI)  
Scalise  
Schilling  
Schmidt  
Schock  
Schweikert  
Scott (SC)  
Scott, Austin  
Sensenbrenner  
Sessions  
Shimkus  
Shuler  
Smith (NE)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX)  
Southernland  
Stearns  
Stivers  
Stutzman  
Sullivan  
Terry  
Thompson (PA)  
Thornberry  
Tiberi  
Tipton  
Tonko  
Turner (NY)  
Turner (OH)  
Upton  
Walberg  
Walden  
Walsh (IL)  
Webster  
West  
Westmoreland  
Whitfield  
Wilson (SC)  
Wittman  
Wolf  
Womack  
Woodall  
Yoder  
Young (AK)  
Young (FL)  
Young (IN)

## NAYS—158

Ackerman  
Andrews  
Baca  
Baldwin  
Bass (CA)  
Becerra  
Berkley

Bishop (GA)  
Bishop (NY)  
Blumenauer  
Bonamici  
Brady (PA)  
Braley (IA)  
Brown (FL)

Butterfield  
Capps  
Capuano  
Carnahan  
Carson (IN)  
Castor (FL)  
Chu

Cicilline  
Clarke (MI)  
Clarke (NY)  
Clay  
Cleaver  
Clyburn  
Connolly (VA)  
Conyers  
Costa  
Costello  
Courtney  
Critz  
Crowley  
Cummings  
Davis (CA)  
DeGette  
DeLauro  
Denham  
Deutch  
Dicks  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Dold  
Doyle  
Edwards  
Ellison  
Engel  
Eshoo  
Farr  
Fattah  
Frank (MA)  
Fudge  
Gonzalez  
Green, Al  
Green, Gene  
Grijalva  
Gutierrez  
Hahn  
Hanabusa  
Hastings (FL)  
Hastings (WA)  
Heinrich  
Higgins  
Hinchey  
Hinojosa  
Hirono  
Holden

Holt  
Honda  
Hoyer  
Israel  
Jackson Lee  
(TX)  
Johnson (GA)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Jones  
Kaptur  
Keating  
Kildee  
Kucinich  
Langevin  
Larsen (WA)  
Larson (CT)  
Lee (CA)  
Levin  
Lewis (GA)  
Loeb sack  
Lofgren, Zoe  
Lowey  
Lujan  
Lynch  
Maloney  
Markey  
Matsui  
McCarthy (NY)  
McCollum  
McDermott  
McGovern  
Meeks  
Miller (NC)  
Miller, George  
Moore  
Nadler  
Napolitano  
Neal  
Oliver  
Owens  
Pallone  
Pascrell  
Pastor (AZ)  
Pelosi  
Perlmutter  
Peters  
Pingree (ME)

Polis  
Price (NC)  
Quigley  
Rangel  
Reyes  
Richardson  
Richmond  
Rogers (KY)  
Rothman (NJ)  
Roybal-Allard  
Rush  
Ryan (OH)  
Sánchez, Linda  
T.  
Sanchez, Loretta  
Sarbanes  
Schakowsky  
Schiff  
Schrader  
Schwartz  
Scott (VA)  
Scott, David  
Serrano  
Sewell  
Sherman  
Sires  
Slaughter  
Smith (WA)  
Stark  
Sutton  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Tierney  
Tsongas  
Van Hollen  
Velázquez  
Visclosky  
Walz (MN)  
Wasserman  
Schultz  
Watt  
Waxman  
Welch  
Wilson (FL)  
Woolsey  
Yarmuth

## NOT VOTING—14

Akin  
Davis (IL)  
Filner  
Gallegly  
Granger

Hultgren  
Jackson (IL)  
Jenkins  
Ross (AR)  
Shuster

Simpson  
Speier  
Towns  
Waters

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So (two-thirds not being in the affirmative) the motion was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated against:

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall 590, I was away from the Capitol due to prior commitments to my constituents. Had I been present, I would have voted “nay.”

## MANHATTAN PROJECT NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5987) to establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Hanford, Washington, and for other purposes, 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 Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 237, nays 180, not voting 12, as follows: