

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	Braley (IA)	Gutierrez
Aderholt	Bishop (UT)	Campbell	Brown (FL)	Hahn
Alexander	Black	Canseco	Butterfield	Hanabusa
Amash	Blackburn	Cantor	Capps	Hastings (FL)
Amodei	Bonner	Capito	Capuano	Heinrich
Austria	Bono Mack	Carter	Carnahan	Higgins
Bachmann	Boren	Cassidy	Carney	Himes
Bachus	Boswell	Chabot	Carson (IN)	Hinchey
Barber	Boustany	Chaffetz	Castor (FL)	Hinojosa
Barletta	Brady (TX)	Chandler	Chu	Hirono
Barrow	Brooks	Coble	Cicilline	Holden
Bartlett	Broun (GA)	Coffman (CO)	Clarke (MI)	Holt
Barton (TX)	Buchanan	Cole	Clarke (NY)	Hoyer
Bass (NH)	Bucshon	Conaway	Clay	Deutch
Benishek	Buerkle	Cravaack	Cleaver	Israel
Berg	Burgess	Crawford	Clyburn	Jackson Lee (TX)
Biggert	Burton (IN)	Crenshaw	Cohen	Kaptur
Bilbray	Calvert	Culberson		Keating

King (IA)	Price (GA)
King (NY)	Quayle
Kingston	Reed
Diaz-Balart	Rehberg
Dold	Reichert
Donnelly (IN)	Renacci
Dreier	Ribble
Duffy	Rigell
Duncan (SC)	Rivera
Duncan (TN)	Roe (TN)
Ellmers	Rogers (AL)
Emerson	Rogers (KY)
Farenthold	Rogers (MI)
Fincher	Rohrabacher
Fitzpatrick	Rokita
Flake	Rooney
Fleischmann	Ros-Lehtinen
Fleming	Roskam
Flores	Ross (FL)
Forbes	Royce
Fortenberry	Runyan
Fox	Ryan (WI)
Franks (AZ)	Scalise
Frelinghuysen	Schilling
Garamendi	Schock
Gardner	Schweikert
Garrett	Scott (SC)
Gerlach	Scott, Austin
Gibbs	Sensenbrenner
Gibson	Sessions
Gingrey (GA)	Shimkus
Gohmert	Shuler
Goodlatte	Shuster
Gosar	Simpson
Gowdy	Smith (NE)
Graves (GA)	Smith (NJ)
Graves (MO)	Smith (TX)
Griffin (AR)	Southerland
Griffith (VA)	Stearns
Grimm	Stivers
Guinta	Stutzman
Guthrie	Terry
Hall	Thompson (PA)
Hanna	Thornberry
Harper	Tiberi
Harris	Tipton
Hartzler	Turner (NY)
Hastings (WA)	Turner (OH)
Hayworth	Upton
Heck	Walberg
Hensarling	Walden
Herger	Walsh (IL)
Herrera Beutler	Webster
Hochul	West
Huelskamp	Westmoreland
Huizenga (MI)	Whitfield
Hultgren	Wilson (SC)
Hunter	Wittman
Hurt	Wolf
Issa	Womack
Johnson (IL)	Woodall
Johnson (OH)	Yoder
Johnson, Sam	Young (AK)
Jones	Young (FL)
Jordan	Young (IN)
Kelly	

NAYS—164

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

Lowey	Pingree (ME)
Luján	Polis
Maloney	Price (NC)
Markey	Quigley
Matsui	Rahall
McCarthy (NY)	Rangel
McCollum	Reyes
McDermott	Richardson
McGovern	Rothman (NJ)
Meeks	Royer-Allard
Miller (NC)	Ruppersberger
Miller, George	Rush
Moore	Ryan (OH)
Moran	Sánchez, Linda
Murphy (CT)	T.
Nadler	Sanchez, Loretta
Napolitano	Sarbanes
Neal	Schakowsky
Olver	Schiff
Pallone	Schrader
Pascrall	Schwartz
Pastor (AZ)	Scott (VA)
Pelosi	Scott, David
Perlmutter	Serrano
Peters	Sewell

Sherman		[F]
Sires		
Slaughter		
Smith (WA)	Adams	Gi
Stark	Aderholt	Gi
Sutton	Alexander	Gi
Thompson (CA)	Altmine	Go
Thompson (MS)	Amash	Go
Tierney	Amodei	Go
Tonko	Austria	Go
Tsungas	Bachmann	Gr
Van Hollen	Bachus	Gr
Velázquez	Barber	Gr
Visclosky	Barletta	Gr
Walz (MN)	Barrow	Gr
Wasserman	Bartlett	Gu
Schultz	Barton (TX)	Gu
Waters	Bass (NH)	Ha
Watt	Benishek	Ha
Waxman	Berg	Ha
Welch	Berman	Ha
Wilson (FL)	Biggert	Ha
Woolsey	Bilbray	Ha
Yarmuth	Bilirakis	He
	Bishop (UT)	He
5	Black	He
	Blackburn	He
Ross (AR)	Bonner	Hi
Schneider	Brennan	Hi

[Roll No. 590]

Cicilline	Holt	Polis
Clarke (MI)	Honda	Price (NC)
Clarke (NY)	Hoyer	Quigley
Clay	Israel	Rangel
Cleaver	Jackson Lee	Reyes
Clyburn	(TX)	Richardson
Connolly (VA)	Johnson (GA)	Richmond
Conyers	Johnson, E. B.	Rogers (KY)
Costa	Jones	Rothman (NJ)
Costello	Kaptur	Royal-Allard
Courtney	Keating	Rush
Critz	Kildee	Ryan (OH)
Crowley	Kucinich	Sánchez, Linda T.
Cummings	Langevin	Sanchez, Loretta
Davis (CA)	Larsen (WA)	Sarbanes
DeGette	Larson (CT)	Schakowsky
DeLauro	Lee (CA)	Schiff
Denham	Levin	Schrader
Deutch	Lewis (GA)	Schwartz
Dicks	Loebssack	Scott (VA)
Dingell	Lofgren, Zoe	Scott, David
Doggett	Lowey	Serrano
Dold	Luján	Sewell
Doyle	Lynch	Sherman
Edwards	Maloney	Sires
Ellison	Markey	Slaughter
Engel	Matsui	Smith (WA)
Eshoo	McCarthy (NY)	Stark
Farr	McCollum	Sutton
Fattah	McDermott	Thompson (CA)
Frank (MA)	McGovern	Thompson (MS)
Fudge	Meeks	
Gonzalez	Miller (NC)	
Green, Al	Miller, George	Tierney
Green, Gene	Moore	Tsangas
Grijalva	Nadler	Van Hollen
Gutierrez	Napolitano	Velázquez
Hahn	Neal	Visclosky
Hanabusa	Olver	Walz (MN)
Hastings (FL)	Owens	Wasserman
Hastings (WA)	Pallone	Schultz
Heinrich	Pascarella	Watt
Higgins	Pastor (AZ)	Waxman
Hinchey	Pelosi	Welch
Hinojosa	Perlmutter	Wilson (FL)
Hirono	Peters	Woolsey
Holden	Pingree (ME)	Yarmuth

NOT VOTING—14

Akin	Hultgren	Simpson
Davis (IL)	Jackson (IL)	Speier
Filner	Jenkins	Towns
Gallegly	Ross (AR)	Waters
Granger	Shuster	

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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."

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	Gibbs	Noem
Aderholt	Gibson	Nugent
Alexander	Gingrey (GA)	Nunes
Altmore	Gohmert	Nunnelee
Amash	Goodlatte	Olson
Amodei	Gosar	Palazzo
Austria	Gowdy	Paul
Bachmann	Graves (GA)	Paulsen
Bachus	Graves (MO)	Pearce
Barber	Griffin (AR)	Pence
Barletta	Griffith (VA)	Peterson
Barrow	Grimm	Petri
Bartlett	Guinta	Pitts
Barton (TX)	Guthrie	Platts
Bass (NH)	Hall	Poe (TX)
Benishek	Hanna	Pompeo
Berg	Harper	Posey
Berman	Harris	Price (GA)
Biggert	Hartzler	Quayle
Bilbray	Hayworth	Rahall
Bilirakis	Heck	Reed
Bishop (UT)	Hensarling	Rehberg
Black	Herger	Reichert
Blackburn	Herrera Beutler	Renacci
Bonner	Himes	Ribble
Bono Mack	Hochul	Rigell
Boren	Huelskamp	Rivera
Boswell	Huizenga (MI)	Roby
Boustany	Hunter	Roe (TN)
Brady (TX)	Hurt	Rooney
Brooks	Issa	Rogers (AL)
Broun (GA)	Johnson (IL)	Rogers (MI)
Buchanan	Johnson (OH)	Rohrabacher
Bushon	Johnson, Sam	Rokita
Buerkle	Jordan	Roohey
Burgess	Kelly	Ros-Lehtinen
Burton (IN)	Kind	Roskam
Calvert	King (IA)	Ross (FL)
Camp	King (NY)	Royce
Campbell	Kingston	Runyan
Canseco	Kinzinger (IL)	Ruppertsberger
Cantor	Kissell	Ryan (WI)
Capito	Kline	Scalise
Carney	Labrador	Schilling
Carter	Lamborn	Schmidt
Cassidy	Lance	Schock
Chabot	Landry	Schweikert
Chaffetz	Lankford	Scott (SC)
Chandler	Latham	Scott, Austin
Coble	LaTourette	Sensenbrenner
Coffman (CO)	Latta	Sessions
Cohen	Lewis (CA)	Shimkus
Cole	Lipinski	Shuler
Conaway	LoBiondo	Smith (NE)
Cooper	Long	Smith (NJ)
Cravaack	Lucas	Smith (TX)
Crawford	Luetkemeyer	Southerland
Crenshaw	Lummis	Sterns
Cuellar	Lungren, Daniel	Stivers
Culberson	E.	Stutzman
DeFazio	Mack	Sullivan
Dent	Manzullo	Terry
DesJarlais	Marchant	Thompson (PA)
Diaz-Balart	Marino	Thornberry
Donnelly (IN)	Matheson	Tiberi
Dreier	McCarthy (CA)	Tipton
Duffy	McCaul	Tonko
Duncan (SC)	McClintock	Turner (NY)
Duncan (TN)	McHenry	Turner (OH)
Ellmers	McIntyre	Upton
Emerson	McKeon	Walberg
Farenthold	McKinley	Walden
Fincher	McMorris	Walsh (IL)
Fitzpatrick	Rodgers	Webster
Flake	McNerney	West
Fleischmann	Meehan	Westmoreland
Fleming	Mica	Whitfield
Flores	Michaud	Wilson (SC)
Forbes	Miller (FL)	Wittman
Fortenberry	Miller (MI)	
Foxx	Miller, Gary	
Franks (AZ)	Moran	
Frelinghuysen	Mulvaney	
Garamendi	Murphy (CT)	
Gardner	Murphy (PA)	Young (AK)
Garrett	Myrick	Young (FL)
Gerlach	Neugebauer	Young (IN)

NAYS—158

Ackerman	Bishop (GA)	Butterfield
Andrews	Bishop (NY)	Capps
Baca	Blumenauer	Capuano
Baldwin	Bonamici	Carnahan
Bass (CA)	Brady (PA)	Carson (IN)
Becerra	Braley (IA)	Castor (FL)
Berkley	Brown (FL)	Chu

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: