

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
Benish	Buerkle	Cravack
Berg	Burgess	Crawford
Biggert	Burton (IN)	Crenshaw
Bilbray	Calvert	Culberson

Denham	King (IA)	Price (GA)
Dent	King (NY)	Quayle
DesJarlais	Kingston	Reed
Diaz-Balart	Kinziger (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	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
Altmeir	Conyers	Hahn
Andrews	Cooper	Hanabusa
Baca	Costa	Hastings (FL)
Baldwin	Costello	Heinrich
Bass (CA)	Courtney	Higgins
Becerra	Critz	Himes
Berkley	Crowley	Hinchee
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

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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
Robby
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

□ 1703

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: