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During this journey I have made my share of mistakes. I am aware of the ongoing federal investigation into my activities and I am doing my best to address the situation responsibly, cooperate with the investigators, and accept responsibility for my mistakes, for they are my mistakes and mine alone. None of us is immune from our share of shortcomings or human frailties and I pray that I will be remembered for what I did right. It has been a profound honor to serve the constituents of Illinois's Second Congressional District and I thank them for their patience, words of support and prayers during what has been, and what will continue to be a very trying time for me and my family.

I also thank my colleagues and staff for supporting me and the citizens of my district over the past several months. I am proud to have worked alongside each of them over these many years. I know that our work and accomplishments will have a lasting positive impact on our community and our nation.

With optimism and hope I look forward to the day when my treatment is complete and my health improves. I will truly miss serving as a Member of Congress and I will never be able to fully express my gratitude to the people of Chicago, and her Southland for granting me the opportunity to serve them for 17 wonderful years.

Sincerely,

JESSE JACKSON, Jr.,  
Member of Congress.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, November 21, 2012.

Governor PAT QUINN,  
James A. Thompson Building,  
Chicago, IL.

MR. GOVERNOR: In 1995 when I was first elected to the House of Representatives I came to Washington with a singular purpose—to serve the constituents of the Second District of Illinois. During that time for seventeen years I have traveled on a journey with the citizens of the Second District of Illinois, and with their unwavering support we have worked together to transform what was once an underdeveloped and nearly forgotten South Side of Chicago.

Along this journey we have accomplished much. We have built new train stations, water towers, and emergency rooms. We have brought affordable housing, community centers and healthcare clinics to those who needed it most. In all, nearly a billion dollars worth of infrastructure and community improvement has been made on the South Side of Chicago and thousands of new jobs have been created. We began this journey by promising fresh water for the people of Ford Heights and a new airport that would employ upon completion 300,000 people. Today the people of Ford Heights have fresh water and sitting on the Governor's desk is a \$400,000,000 proposal for an airport that will cost the taxpayers nothing and only awaits the Governor's commitment to build it. And while our journey to strengthen our communities and provide a better future for our children will continue, I know that together we have made the Second District of Illinois a better place.

For seventeen years I have given 100 percent of my time, energy, and life to public service. However, over the past several

months, as my health has deteriorated, my ability to serve the constituents of my district has continued to diminish. Against the recommendations of my doctors, I had hoped and tried to return to Washington and continue working on the issues that matter most to the people of the Second District. I know now that will not be possible.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. JACKSON), the whole number of the House is 433.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 27 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1830

#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. POE of Texas) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

#### 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:

H.R. 5997, by the yeas and nays; and concurring in the Senate amendment to H.R. 915, by the yeas and nays.

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

#### MEDICAL PREPAREDNESS ALLOWABLE USE ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5997) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to codify authority under existing grant guidance authorizing use of Urban Area Security Initiative and State Homeland Security Grant Program funding for enhancing medical preparedness, medical surge capacity, and mass prophylaxis capabilities, 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 Florida (Mr. BILL-RAKIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 397, nays 1, not voting 34, as follows:

[Roll No. 609]

YEAS—397

Ackerman	Canseco	Dent
Adams	Cantor	DesJarlais
Aderholt	Capito	Deutch
Akin	Capps	Diaz-Balart
Alexander	Capuano	Doggett
Altmire	Carnahan	Dold
Amodel	Carney	Donnelly (IN)
Andrews	Carson (IN)	Doyle
Baca	Carter	Dreier
Bachmann	Cassidy	Duffy
Bachus	Castor (FL)	Duncan (SC)
Baldwin	Chabot	Duncan (TN)
Barletta	Chaffetz	Edwards
Barrow	Chandler	Ellison
Barton (TX)	Chu	Ellmers
Bass (CA)	Cicilline	Emerson
Bass (NH)	Clarke (MI)	Engel
Becerra	Clarke (NY)	Eshoo
Benishchek	Clay	Farenthold
Berg	Cleaver	Farr
Berkley	Clyburn	Fincher
Berman	Coble	Fitzpatrick
Biggert	Coffman (CO)	Flake
Billbray	Cohen	Fleischmann
Billirakis	Cole	Fleming
Bishop (GA)	Conaway	Flores
Bishop (UT)	Connolly (VA)	Forbes
Black	Conyers	Fortenberry
Blackburn	Cooper	Fox
Blumenauer	Costa	Frank (MA)
Bonamici	Costello	Franks (AZ)
Bonner	Courtney	Fudge
Boren	Cravaack	Garamendi
Boswell	Crawford	Gardner
Boustany	Crenshaw	Garrett
Brady (PA)	Critz	Gerlach
Brady (TX)	Crowley	Gibbs
Braley (IA)	Cuellar	Gibson
Brooks	Culberson	Gingrey (GA)
Brown (GA)	Cummings	Gohmert
Buchanan	Curson (MI)	Gonzalez
Bucshon	Davis (CA)	Goodlatte
Buerkle	Davis (IL)	Gowdy
Burgess	DeFazio	Granger
Burton (IN)	DeGette	Graves (GA)
Butterfield	DeLauro	Graves (MO)
Calvert	DelBene	Green, Al
Camp	Denham	Green, Gene

Griffin (AR) Markey  
 Griffith (VA) Massie  
 Grijalva Matheson  
 Grimm Matsui  
 Guinta McCarthy (CA)  
 Guthrie McCarthy (NY)  
 Hahn McClintock  
 Hall McCollum  
 Hanabusa McDermott  
 Hanna McGovern  
 Harper McHenry  
 Harris McIntyre  
 Hartzler McKeon  
 Hastings (FL) McKinley  
 Hastings (WA) McMorris  
 Hayworth Rodgers  
 Heck McNeerney  
 Heinrich Meehan  
 Hensarling Meeks  
 Herger Mica  
 Herrera Beutler Michaud  
 Higgins Miller (FL)  
 Himes Miller (MI)  
 Hinchey Miller (NC)  
 Hinojosa Miller, Gary  
 Hirono Miller, George  
 Hochul Moore  
 Holt Moran  
 Honda Mulvaney  
 Hoyer Murphy (PA)  
 Huelskamp Myrick  
 Huizenga (MI) Nadler  
 Hultgren Napolitano  
 Hunter Neal  
 Hurt Neugebauer  
 Israel Noem  
 Issa Nugent  
 Jackson Lee Nunes  
 (TX) Nunnelee  
 Jenkins Olson  
 Johnson (GA) Oliver  
 Johnson (OH) Owens  
 Johnson, E. B. Palazzo  
 Johnson, Sam Pallone  
 Jones Pascrell  
 Jordan Pastor (AZ)  
 Kaptur Paul  
 Keating Paulsen  
 Kelly Payne  
 Kildee Pearce  
 Kind Pelosi  
 King (IA) Perlmutter  
 King (NY) Peters  
 Kingston Peterson  
 Kinzinger (IL) Petri  
 Kissell Pingree (ME)  
 Kline Pitts  
 Kucinich Platts  
 Labrador Poe (TX)  
 Lamborn Polis  
 Lance Pompeo  
 Landry Posey  
 Lankford Price (GA)  
 Larsen (WA) Price (NC)  
 Larson (CT) Quayle  
 Latham Quigley  
 LaTourette Rahall  
 Latta Rangel  
 Lee (CA) Reed  
 Levin Reichert  
 Lewis (CA) Renacci  
 Lewis (GA) Reyes  
 LoBiondo Ribble  
 Loeb sack Richardson  
 Lofgren, Zoe Richmond  
 Long Rigell  
 Lowey Roby  
 Lucas Roe (TN)  
 Luetkemeyer Rogers (AL)  
 Luján Rogers (KY)  
 Lummis Rogers (MI)  
 Lungren, Daniel Rohrabacher  
 E. Rokita  
 Lynch Rooney  
 Maloney Ros-Lehtinen  
 Marchant Roskam

## NAYS—1

Amash

## NOT VOTING—34

Austria Dingell  
 Barber Fattah  
 Bartlett Filner  
 Bishop (NY) Frelinghuysen  
 Bono Mack Gallegly  
 Brown (FL) Gosar  
 Campbell Gutierrez  
 Dicks Holden  
 Johnson (IL)  
 Langevin  
 Lipinski  
 Mack  
 Manzullo  
 Marino  
 McCaul  
 Murphy (CT)

Ross (FL)  
 Rothman (NJ)  
 Royce  
 Runyan  
 Ruppersberger  
 Rush  
 Ryan (OH)  
 Ryan (WI)  
 Sánchez, Linda  
 T.  
 Sarbanes  
 Scalise  
 Schakowsky  
 Schiff  
 Schilling  
 Schmidt  
 Schock  
 Schrader  
 Schwartz  
 Schweikert  
 Scott (SC)  
 Scott (VA)  
 Scott, Austin  
 Scott, David  
 Sensenbrenner  
 Serrano  
 Sessions  
 Sewell  
 Sherman  
 Shimkus  
 Shuler  
 Shuster  
 Simpson  
 Sires  
 Slaughter  
 Smith (NE)  
 Smith (NJ)  
 Smith (TX)  
 Smith (WA)  
 Southerland  
 Speier  
 Stearns  
 Stivers  
 Stutzman  
 Sullivan  
 Sutton  
 Terry  
 Thompson (CA)  
 Thompson (MS)  
 Thompson (PA)  
 Thornberry  
 Tiberi  
 Tierney  
 Tipton  
 Tonko  
 Tsongas  
 Turner (NY)  
 Turner (OH)  
 Upton  
 Van Hollen  
 Velázquez  
 Visclosky  
 Walberg  
 Walden  
 Walsh (IL)  
 Walz (MN)  
 Wasserman  
 Schultz  
 Waters  
 Waxman  
 Webster  
 Welch  
 West  
 Westmoreland  
 Whitfield  
 Wilson (FL)  
 Wilson (SC)  
 Wittman  
 Wolf  
 Womack  
 Woodall  
 Woolsey  
 Yarmuth  
 Yoder  
 Young (AK)  
 Young (IN)

Pence  
 Rehberg  
 Rivera  
 Ross (AR)  
 Roybal-Allard  
 Sanchez, Loretta  
 Towns  
 Watt  
 Young (FL)

□ 1853

Ms. CLARKE of New York, and Messrs. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania and TIBERI changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

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.

Stated for:

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall 609, I was away from the Capitol due to prior commitments to my constituents. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall 609, H.R. 5997, as amended, I was unavoidably detained and missed the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

# JAIME ZAPATA BORDER ENFORCEMENT SECURITY TASK FORCE ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 915) to establish a Border Enforcement Security Task Force program to enhance border security by fostering coordinated efforts among Federal, State, and local border and law enforcement officials to protect United States border cities and communities from transnational crime, including violence associated with drug trafficking, arms smuggling, illegal alien trafficking and smuggling, violence, and kidnapping along and across the international borders of the United States, 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. MCCAUL) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 397, nays 4, not voting 31, as follows:

[Roll No. 610]

YEAS—397

Ackerman  
 Adams  
 Aderholt  
 Akin  
 Alexander  
 Altmire  
 Amodei  
 Andrews  
 Baca  
 Bachmann  
 Bachus  
 Baldwin  
 Barletta  
 Barrow  
 Barton (TX)  
 Bass (CA)  
 Bass (NH)  
 Becerra  
 Benishek  
 Berg  
 Berkley  
 Berman  
 Biggett  
 Bilbray  
 Bilirakis  
 Bishop (GA)  
 Bishop (NY)  
 Bishop (UT)  
 Black  
 Blackburn  
 Blumenauer  
 Bonamici  
 Bonner  
 Boren  
 Boswell  
 Boustany  
 Brady (PA)  
 Brady (TX)  
 Braley (IA)  
 Brooks  
 Broun (GA)  
 Buchanan  
 Bucshon  
 Buerkle  
 Burgess  
 Burton (IN)  
 Butterfield  
 Calvert  
 Camp  
 Canseco  
 Cantor  
 Capito  
 Capps  
 Capuano  
 Carnahan  
 Carney  
 Carson (IN)

Carter  
 Cassidy  
 Castor (FL)  
 Chabot  
 Chaffetz  
 Chandler  
 Chu  
 Cicilline  
 Clarke (MI)  
 Clarke (NY)  
 Clay  
 Cleaver  
 Clyburn  
 Coble  
 Coffman (CO)  
 Cohen  
 Cole  
 Conaway  
 Connolly (VA)  
 Conyers  
 Cooper  
 Costa  
 Costello  
 Courtney  
 Cravaack  
 Crawford  
 Crenshaw  
 Critz  
 Crowley  
 Cuellar  
 Culberson  
 Cummings  
 Curson (MI)  
 Davis (CA)  
 Davis (IL)  
 DeFazio  
 DeGette  
 DeLauro  
 DelBene  
 Denham  
 Dent  
 DesJarlais  
 Deutch  
 Diaz-Balart  
 Doggett  
 Dold  
 Donnelly (IN)  
 Doyle  
 Dreier  
 Duffy  
 Duncan (SC)  
 Duncan (TN)  
 Edwards  
 Ellison  
 Ellmers  
 Emerson  
 Engel  
 Eshoo  
 Farenthold  
 Farr  
 Fattah  
 Fincher  
 Fitzpatrick  
 Flake  
 Fleischmann  
 Fleming  
 Flores  
 Forbes  
 Fortenberry  
 Foxx  
 Frank (MA)  
 Franks (AZ)  
 Fudge  
 Garamendi  
 Gardner  
 Garrett  
 Gerlach  
 Gibbs  
 Gibson  
 Gingrey (GA)  
 Gonzalez  
 Goodlatte  
 Gowdy  
 Granger  
 Graves (GA)  
 Graves (MO)  
 Green, Al  
 Green, Gene  
 Griffin (AR)  
 Griffith (VA)  
 Grijalva  
 Grimm  
 Guinta  
 Guthrie  
 Hahn  
 Hall  
 Hanabusa  
 Hanna  
 Harper  
 Harris  
 Hartzler  
 Hastings (FL)  
 Hastings (WA)  
 Hayworth  
 Heck  
 Heinrich  
 Hensarling  
 Herger  
 Herrera Beutler  
 Higgins  
 Himes  
 Hinchey  
 Hinojosa  
 Hirono  
 Issa  
 Jackson Lee  
 (TX)  
 Jenkins  
 Johnson (GA)  
 Johnson (OH)  
 Johnson, E. B.  
 Johnson, Sam  
 Jones  
 Jordan  
 Kaptur  
 Keating  
 Kelly  
 Kildee  
 Kind  
 King (IA)  
 King (NY)  
 Kingston  
 Kinzinger (IL)  
 Kissell  
 Kline  
 Kucinich  
 Labrador  
 Lamborn  
 Lance  
 Landry  
 Lankford  
 Larsen (WA)  
 Larson (CT)  
 Latham  
 LaTourette  
 Latta  
 Lee (CA)  
 Levin  
 Lewis (CA)  
 Lewis (GA)  
 LoBiondo  
 Loeb sack  
 Lofgren, Zoe  
 Long  
 Lowey  
 Lucas  
 Luetkemeyer  
 Luján  
 Lummis  
 Lungren, Daniel  
 E.  
 Lynch  
 Maloney  
 Marchant  
 Miller, Gary  
 Miller, George  
 Moore  
 Moran  
 Mulvaney  
 Murphy (PA)  
 Myrick  
 Nadler  
 Napolitano  
 Neal  
 Neugebauer  
 Noem  
 Nugent  
 Nunes  
 Nunnelee  
 Olson  
 Oliver  
 Owens  
 Palazzo  
 Pallone  
 Pascrell  
 Pastor (AZ)  
 Paul  
 Paulsen  
 Payne  
 Pearce  
 Pelosi  
 Perlmutter  
 Peters  
 Peterson  
 Petri  
 Pingree (ME)  
 Pitts  
 Platts  
 Poe (TX)  
 Polis  
 Pompeo  
 Posey  
 Price (GA)  
 Price (NC)  
 Quayle  
 Quigley  
 Rahall  
 Rangel  
 Reed  
 Reichert  
 Renacci  
 Reyes  
 Ribble  
 Richardson  
 Richmond  
 Rigell  
 Roby  
 Roe (TN)  
 Rogers (AL)  
 Rogers (KY)  
 Rogers (MI)  
 Rohrabacher  
 Rokita  
 Rooney  
 Ros-Lehtinen  
 Roskam  
 Ross (FL)  
 Rothman (NJ)  
 Royce  
 Runyan  
 Ruppersberger  
 Rush  
 Ryan (OH)  
 Ryan (WI)  
 Sánchez, Linda  
 T.  
 Sarbanes  
 Scalise  
 Schakowsky  
 Schiff  
 Schilling  
 Schmidt  
 Schock  
 Schrader  
 Schwartz  
 Schweikert  
 Scott (SC)  
 Scott (VA)  
 Scott, Austin  
 Scott, David  
 Sensenbrenner  
 Serrano  
 Sessions  
 Sewell  
 Sherman  
 Shimkus  
 Shuler  
 Shuster  
 Simpson  
 Sires  
 Slaughter  
 Smith (NE)  
 Smith (NJ)  
 Smith (TX)