

on election day to our constituents who want us to work together to protect the middle class and the economy and get something done for America. Sign the discharge petition.

#### MIDDLE INCOME TAX CUT

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, as we all know, in the course of the election the President made it very clear that he was supporting the extension of the middle income tax cut and everyone, 100 percent of the American people, would benefit from it—100 percent of taxpayers, small businesses, wage earners, and the rest.

Republicans are saying that rather than passing that, they want to hold it hostage to giving an additional tax cut to people making over \$250,000 a year. That's not negotiating; that's hostage-taking.

So today on the floor of the House, the Democrats have proposed a discharge petition which, if it receives 218 signatures, that's only a couple dozen Republicans joining the Democrats, it would automatically come to the floor and I predict would receive overwhelming support of the House of Representatives.

The American people want us to work together. We are in agreement on this subject. Why—why, my Republican colleagues—can we not vote on something where we have agreement, where we have fairness that will work to create jobs, to reduce the deficit and will again have fairness.

This is the heart of the matter that is holding us here. As the public watches—what is this about—this is about the \$250,000 line that the President said in the campaign that he would honor and that this legislation today brings to bear.

I urge my colleagues, out of 435 Members of the House, we only need a couple dozen Republicans to sign the discharge petition. Each one of them holds the key to a \$2,000 tax cut for the middle class.

Either sign the petition, urge the Speaker to bring the bill to the floor, or explain to your constituents why you do not want them to have this \$2,000 tax break for 100 percent of the American people. Please sign the discharge petition. Let's get this done this week. We could bring this bill up under unanimous consent. The message would be clear to the American people: we heard you in the campaign. Be fair, do something that works, work together. This gives us that opportunity.

#### HOMESAFE GEORGIA

(Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to discuss the HomeSafe Georgia

Program. HomeSafe provides temporary assistance to homeowners who are unemployed or underemployed due to no fault of their own. I'm hosting my second HomeSafe Georgia Foreclosure Prevention Event of 2012, Saturday, December 8, at the Salem Bible Church Fellowship Hall in Lithonia, Georgia, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. My friend, Jasper Williams, is the pastor.

My last HomeSafe event helped hundreds of homeowners temporarily lower their mortgage payments, and I expect to help hundreds more after this weekend's Georgia HomeSafe event. The event is free, and I hope Georgians who need help will attend. For more information contact me at hankjohnson.house.gov.

#### EXTEND MIDDLE CLASS TAX CUTS

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, the message from the American people is loud and clear: extend the middle class tax cuts now. Republicans are holding hostage tax cuts for 98 percent of Americans and 97 percent of small businesses to give more tax breaks to the wealthiest Americans. Once again Republicans are playing politics with something that will help Americans get back as we work to repair the damage that 8 years of Republican leadership created.

Democrats have a commonsense solution, and we can't wait around any longer to let real proposals languish until the House GOP gets its act together. Spearheaded by Congressman TIM WALZ, Democrats filed the Walz discharge petition to automatically bring to the House floor the Senate-passed middle class tax cuts which the President has said he will sign immediately. We have no time to waste, Mr. Speaker. Pass the extension of the middle class tax cuts now as we find a bold, balanced, and fair agreement to avoid the fiscal cliff.

#### PRIVATE CALENDAR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is the day for the call of the Private Calendar.

#### BARTOSZ KUMOR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will call the first bill on the calendar.

The Clerk called the bill (H.R. 1857) for the relief of Bartosz Kumor.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill as follows:

H.R. 1857

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS FOR BARTOSZ KUMOR.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) of section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Bartosz

Kumor shall be eligible for issuance of an immigrant visa or for adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence upon filing an application for issuance of an immigrant visa under section 204 of such Act or for adjustment of status to lawful permanent resident.

(b) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—If Bartosz Kumor enters the United States before the filing deadline specified in subsection (c), he shall be considered to have entered and remained lawfully and shall, if otherwise eligible, be eligible for adjustment of status under section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF FEES.—Subsections (a) and (b) shall apply only if the application for issuance of an immigrant visa or the application for adjustment of status is filed with appropriate fees within 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(d) REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBER.—Upon the granting of an immigrant visa or permanent residence to Bartosz Kumor, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper officer to reduce by 1, during the current or next following fiscal year, the total number of immigrant visas that are made available to natives of the country of the alien's birth under section 203(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act or, if applicable, the total number of immigrant visas that are made available to natives of the country of the alien's birth under section 202(e) of such Act.

(e) DENIAL OF PREFERENTIAL IMMIGRATION TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN RELATIVES.—The natural parents, brothers, and sisters of Bartosz Kumor shall not, by virtue of such relationship, be accorded any right, privilege, or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### DANIEL WACHIRA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will call the second bill on the calendar.

The Clerk called the bill (H.R. 824) for the relief of Daniel Wachira.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill as follows:

H.R. 824

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS FOR DANIEL WACHIRA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) of section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Daniel Wachira shall be eligible for issuance of an immigrant visa or for adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence upon filing an application for issuance of an immigrant visa under section 204 of such Act or for adjustment of status to lawful permanent resident.

(b) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—If Daniel Wachira enters the United States before the filing deadline specified in subsection (c), he shall be considered to have entered and remained lawfully and shall, if otherwise eligible, be eligible for adjustment of status under section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF FEES.—Subsections (a) and (b) shall

apply only if the application for issuance of an immigrant visa or the application for adjustment of status is filed with appropriate fees within 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(d) **REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBER.**—Upon the granting of an immigrant visa or permanent residence to Daniel Wachira, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper officer to reduce by 1, during the current or next following fiscal year, the total number of immigrant visas that are made available to natives of the country of the alien's birth under section 203(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act or, if applicable, the total number of immigrant visas that are made available to natives of the country of the alien's birth under section 202(e) of such Act.

(e) **DENIAL OF PREFERENTIAL IMMIGRATION TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN RELATIVES.**—The natural parents, brothers, and sisters of Daniel Wachira shall not, by virtue of such relationship, be accorded any right, privilege, or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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MARIA CARMEN CASTRO RAMIREZ  
AND J. REFUGIO CARRENO ROJAS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will call the third bill on the calendar.

The Clerk called the bill (H.R. 823) for the relief of Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio Carreno Rojas.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill as follows:

H.R. 823

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS FOR MARIA CARMEN CASTRO RAMIREZ AND J. REFUGIO CARRENO ROJAS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) of section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio Carreno Rojas shall each be eligible for issuance of an immigrant visa or for adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence upon filing an application for issuance of an immigrant visa under section 204 of such Act or for adjustment of status to lawful permanent resident.

(b) **ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.**—If Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez or J. Refugio Carreno Rojas enters the United States before the filing deadline specified in subsection (d), he or she shall be considered to have entered and remained lawfully and shall, if otherwise eligible, be eligible for adjustment of status under section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) **WAIVER OF GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL OR DENIAL OF ADMISSION.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding sections 212(a) and 237(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio Carreno Rojas may not be removed from the United States, denied admission to the United States, or considered ineligible for lawful permanent residence in the United States by reason of any ground for removal or denial of admission that is reflected in the records of the Department of Homeland Security or the Visa Office of the

Department of State on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) **RESCISSION OF OUTSTANDING ORDER OF REMOVAL.**—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall rescind any outstanding order of removal or deportation, or any finding of inadmissibility or deportability, that has been entered against Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez or J. Refugio Carreno Rojas by reason of any ground described in paragraph (1).

(d) **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF FEES.**—Subsections (a) and (b) shall apply only if the application for issuance of an immigrant visa or the application for adjustment of status is filed with appropriate fees within 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(e) **REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBER.**—Upon the granting of an immigrant visa or permanent residence to Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio Carreno Rojas, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper officer to reduce by 2, during the current or next following fiscal year, the total number of immigrant visas that are made available to natives of the country of the aliens' birth under section 203(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act or, if applicable, the total number of immigrant visas that are made available to natives of the country of the aliens' birth under section 202(e) of such Act.

(f) **DENIAL OF PREFERENTIAL IMMIGRATION TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN RELATIVES.**—The natural parents, brothers, and sisters of Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio Carreno Rojas shall not, by virtue of such relationship, be accorded any right, privilege, or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ALLAN BOLOR KELLEY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will call the fourth bill on the calendar.

The Clerk called the bill (H.R. 794) for the relief of Allan Bolor Kelley.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill as follows:

H.R. 794

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS FOR ALLAN BOLOR KELLEY.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) of section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Allan Bolor Kelley shall be eligible for issuance of an immigrant visa or for adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence upon filing an application for issuance of an immigrant visa under section 204 of such Act or for adjustment of status to lawful permanent resident.

(b) **ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.**—If Allan Bolor Kelley enters the United States before the filing deadline specified in subsection (c), he shall be considered to have entered and remained lawfully and shall, if otherwise eligible, be eligible for adjustment of status under section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF FEES.**—Subsections (a) and (b) shall apply only if the application for issuance of an immigrant visa or the application for adjustment of status is filed with appropriate fees within 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(d) **REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBER.**—Upon the granting of an immigrant visa or permanent residence to Allan Bolor Kelley, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper officer to reduce by 1, during the current or next following fiscal year, the total number of immigrant visas that are made available to natives of the country of the alien's birth under section 203(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act or, if applicable, the total number of immigrant visas that are made available to natives of the country of the alien's birth under section 202(e) of such Act.

(e) **DENIAL OF PREFERENTIAL IMMIGRATION TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN RELATIVES.**—The natural parents, brothers, and sisters of Allan Bolor Kelley shall not, by virtue of such relationship, be accorded any right, privilege, or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CORINA DE CHALUP TURCINOVIC

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will call the fifth bill on the calendar.

The Clerk called the bill (H.R. 357) for the relief of Corina de Chalup Turcinovic.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill as follows:

H.R. 357

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS FOR CORINA DE CHALUP TURCINOVIC.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) of section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Corina de Chalup Turcinovic shall be eligible for issuance of an immigrant visa or for adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence upon filing an application for issuance of an immigrant visa under section 204 of such Act or for adjustment of status to lawful permanent resident.

(b) **ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.**—If Corina de Chalup Turcinovic enters the United States before the filing deadline specified in subsection (c), she shall be considered to have entered and remained lawfully and shall, if otherwise eligible, be eligible for adjustment of status under section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF FEES.**—Subsections (a) and (b) shall apply only if the application for issuance of an immigrant visa or the application for adjustment of status is filed with appropriate fees within 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(d) **REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBER.**—Upon the granting of an immigrant visa or permanent residence to Corina de Chalup Turcinovic, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper officer to reduce by 1, during the current or next following fiscal year, the total number of immigrant visas that are made available to natives of the country of the alien's birth under section 203(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act or, if applicable, the total number of immigrant visas that are made available to natives of the country of the alien's birth under section 202(e) of such Act.

(e) **DENIAL OF PREFERENTIAL IMMIGRATION TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN RELATIVES.**—The