

currency against counterfeiting, to investigating a wide variety of crimes related to this country's financial institutions and credit systems.

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I, too, join in commending the gentleman from South Carolina, a member of our committee, TREY GOWDY, for his special work on this bill; and I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 6620.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. GOWDY), who is the sponsor of this legislation.

Mr. GOWDY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to first thank Chairman LAMAR SMITH. This may be my last opportunity to thank him for his service as chairman of the Judiciary Committee, not just for this bill but for the work he's done in the full 2 years. He has done a fantastic job, and I would like to thank the chairman for that.

Mr. Speaker, two things are clear: protection, security, and public safety—those are the fundamental obligations of government; and, secondly, we live in an increasingly dangerous world with increasing threats against our citizens and targets that are viewed as high profile. For those reasons, Mr. Speaker, and others, I earnestly believe those who serve this country as President should never have to worry about their personal safety.

Under current law, protection for President Obama and President George W. Bush will cease after 10 years. Both men are young, enjoy good health, and have long lives ahead of them post-Presidency. This bill proposes to extend that security for the remainder of their lives. There's an unintended anomaly, Mr. Speaker, that if current law were not changed, Hillary Clinton, Barbara Bush and Laura Bush would receive more protections by virtue of being First Lady than they would if they had served as President themselves. So I hope my colleagues will make sure that the person and the symbol of our Presidency is safe and secure for the duration of their natural lives.

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, before I yield to the distinguished gentlelady from Texas, I would like to observe the great relationship that has been formed on Judiciary between myself and the distinguished gentleman from San Antonio, Texas. For 4 years he was the ranking member on his side, while I was chair. We worked together. And for the 2 years he served as chair, I worked as his ranking member. We had a cordial and, I think, important relationship in framing and putting forward the issues for the Committee on the Judiciary, and I thank him.

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. CONYERS. I will yield to the gentleman, with pleasure.

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to thank the former chairman

of the Judiciary Committee himself for those generous comments and say I've certainly enjoyed our working relationship over the last 6 years, and I know that that will continue as well.

Mr. CONYERS. I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlelady from Texas, a senior member of Judiciary, Ms. SHEILA JACKSON LEE.

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. This is an enormously positive exhibition of the working relationship of the members of the House Judiciary Committee. And I thank both the chairman and the ranking member for the evidence of collegiality in these waning moments of the 112th Congress.

I'm going to follow my ranking member and acknowledge appreciation for the service of Judiciary Committee Chairperson LAMAR SMITH, who happens to be a tall Texan. And so we are delighted to thank him very much for the work that he has done, and to join with an established icon of Judiciary prominence in JOHN CONYERS. The two match well in their excellence, and I thank the ranking member and the former chairperson for his work and service. There is great work being done by the Judiciary Committee, and I think it is enormously important that we are the holders and protectors of the Constitution on behalf of not only our Members but on behalf of the United States of America.

Now is not the time, but I do want to acknowledge and hope that the House will consent at the appropriate time to acknowledge one of our fallen of great prominence of this committee, someone who I sat in his office as a baby Member of Congress, the Honorable Jack Brooks, who has passed. I hope there will be an appropriate moment for us to honor him before we leave today.

I rise to be able to thank the sponsor of this legislation—he attracted my interest in it—to correct something that probably was thought to be of good direction, but was not, in the limitation of the coverage of the President and the President's children, the First Family's children.

As a member of the Homeland Security Committee, let me say that we are celebratory of the fact that we have not had another attack on our soil since 9/11. If we look at it in a global perspective, we've not fought a war on our soil since—I believe at least an intense one—since the Civil War. But certainly we know that terrorism and danger have taken a new direction in this country and the world. And for those of us who spend time on these issues on a regular basis, this is a forward-thinking and smart initiative to ensure that the security of the men and/or women who have served as President of the United States and their children can be fully protected.

Let me acknowledge, as well, the service of the men and women of the United States Secret Service. And to be very frank, having jurisdiction over the Secret Service and Homeland Secu-

rity and having interacted with them on a number of occasions, certainly we note that there was a moment in this last year that did not reflect well upon the decades of service of the United States Secret Service. But they have done their job well. They have been dutiful servants and protectors of the men that have held the highest office, along with the First Ladies and their children. This legislation speaks to a modern-day world where you never know where danger may approach someone and can be utilized in an untoward manner, such as being held hostage and used to threaten the sanctity and democracy and freedom of this Nation.

So this legislation reflects our smartness and astuteness in correcting what was probably thought to be good but upon reflection does not reflect on the goodness of this Congress, the goodness of the American people, who respect the service of their public servants to the highest office in this land.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I want to ask my colleagues to support the underlying legislation. And as this exhibits our opportunity that we can work together, I know that we'll find the right solution for solving our issues of middle class tax cuts and the fiscal deadline and make sure we move in a very positive direction.

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, we have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, we have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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. 6620.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS IN TITLE 36, UNITED STATES CODE

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6602) to make revisions in title 36, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current and make technical corrections and improvements.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

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

SECTION 1. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Purpose.
- Sec. 3. Technical amendments.

SEC. 2. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Act is to make revisions in title 36, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current and make technical corrections and improvements.

SEC. 3. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.

(a) TABLES OF CONTENTS.— (1) TABLE OF CONTENTS OF THE TITLE.—Title 36, United States Code, is amended in the matter before subtitle I by striking

“Subtitle I. PATRIOTIC AND NATIONAL OBSERVANCES AND CEREMONIES” Sec. 101 “II. PATRIOTIC AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS” 10101 “III. TREATY OBLIGATION ORGANIZATIONS” 300101”

and inserting “Subtitle I—Patriotic and National Observances and Ceremonies

“Part A—Observances and Ceremonies

“Chap. 101 “1. Patriotic and National Observances 301 “3. National Anthem, Motto, Floral Emblem, March, and Tree 501 “5. Presidential Inaugural Ceremonies 701 “7. Federal Participation in Carl Garner Federal Lands Cleanup Day 901 “9. Miscellaneous

“Part B—United States Government Organizations Involved With Observances and Ceremonies

“21. American Battle Monuments Commission 2101 “23. United States Holocaust Memorial Council 2301 “25. President’s Committee on Employment of People With Disabilities .. 2501

“Subtitle II—Patriotic and National Organizations

“Part A—General 10101 “101. General

“Part B—Organizations 20101

“201. Agricultural Hall of Fame 20201 “202. Air Force Sergeants Association 20301 “203. American Academy of Arts and Letters 20501 “205. American Chemical Society 20701 “207. American Council of Learned Societies 20901 “209. American Ex-Prisoners of War 21001 “210. American GI Forum of the United States 21101 “211. American Gold Star Mothers, Incorporated 21301 “215. American Historical Association 21501 “217. The American Legion 21901 “219. The American National Theater and Academy 22101 “221. The American Society of International Law 22301 “223. American Symphony Orchestra League 22501 “225. American War Mothers 22701 “227. AMVETS (American Veterans) 22901 “229. Army and Navy Union of the United States of America 23101 “231. Aviation Hall of Fame 23301 “233 through 299 Reserved “301. Big Brothers—Big Sisters of America 30301 “303. Blinded Veterans Association 30501 “305. Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. 30701 “307. Board For Fundamental Education 30901 “309. Boy Scouts of America 31101 “311. Boys & Girls Clubs of America 31301 “313 through 399 Reserved “401. Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America, Incorporated ... 40101 “403. Civil Air Patrol 40301 “405. Congressional Medal of Honor Society of the United States of America 40501 “407. Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearms Safety 40701 “409 through 499 Reserved “501. Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861–1865 50101 “503. Disabled American Veterans 50301 “505 through 599 Reserved “601. 82nd Airborne Division Association, Incorporated 60101 “603 through 699 Reserved “701. Fleet Reserve Association 70101 “703. Former Members of Congress 70301 “705. The Foundation of the Federal Bar Association 70501

“707. Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association 70701 “709. Future Farmers of America 70901 “711 through 799 Reserved “801. General Federation of Women’s Clubs 80101 “803. Girl Scouts of the United States of America 80301 “805. Gold Star Wives of America 80501 “807 through 899 Reserved “901. Help America Vote Foundation 90101 “903 through 999 Reserved “1001. Italian American War Veterans of the United States 100101 “1003 through 1099 Reserved “1101. Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, Incorporated ... 110101 “1103. Jewish War Veterans, U.S.A., National Memorial, Incorporated 110301 “1105 through 1199 Reserved “1201. Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated 120101 “1203 through 1299 Reserved “1301. Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic 130101 “1303. Legion of Valor of the United States of America, Incorporated 130301 “1305. Little League Baseball, Incorporated 130501 “1307 through 1399 Reserved “1401. Marine Corps League 140101 “1403. The Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America ... 140301 “1404. Military Officers Association of America 140401 “1405. Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America, Incorporated 140501 “1407. Military Order of the World Wars ... 140701 “1409 through 1499 Reserved “1501. National Academy of Public Administration 150101 “1503. National Academy of Sciences 150301 “1505. National Conference of State Societies, Washington, District of Columbia 150501 “1507. National Conference on Citizenship 150701 “1509. National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements 150901 “1511. National Education Association of the United States 151101 “1513. National Fallen Firefighters Foundation 151301 “1515. National Federation of Music Clubs 151501 “1517. National Film Preservation Foundation 151701 “1519. National Fund for Medical Education 151901 “1521. National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum 152101 “1523. National Music Council 152301 “1524. National Recording Preservation Foundation 152401 “1525. National Safety Council 152501 “1527. National Ski Patrol System, Incorporated 152701 “1529. National Society, Daughters of the American Colonists 152901 “1531. The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution ... 153101 “1533. National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution 153301 “1535. National Tropical Botanical Garden 153501 “1537. National Woman’s Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic 153701 “1539. The National Yeomen (F) 153901 “1541. Naval Sea Cadet Corps 154101 “1543. Navy Club of the United States of America 154301 “1545. Navy Wives Clubs of America 154501 “1547. Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America, Incorporated 154701 “1549 through 1599 Reserved “1601 through 1699 Reserved “1701. Paralyzed Veterans of America 170101 “1703. Pearl Harbor Survivors Association 170301 “1705. Polish Legion of American Veterans, U.S.A. 170501 “1707 through 1799 Reserved “1801 through 1899 Reserved “1901. Reserve Officers Association of the United States 190101 “1903. Retired Enlisted Association, Incorporated 190301 “1905 through 1999 Reserved “2001. Society of American Florists and Ornamental Horticulturists 200101 “2003. Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 200301

“2005 through 2099 Reserved “2101. Theodore Roosevelt Association 210101 “2103. 369th Veterans’ Association 210301 “2105 through 2199 Reserved “2201. United Service Organizations, Incorporated 220101 “2203. United States Capitol Historical Society 220301 “2205. United States Olympic Committee 220501 “2207. United States Submarine Veterans of World War II 220701 “2209 through 2299 Reserved “2301. Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States 230101 “2303. Veterans of World War I of the United States of America, Incorporated 230301 “2305. Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. 230501 “2307 through 2399 Reserved “2401. Women’s Army Corps Veterans’ Association 240101 “2403 through 2499 Reserved “2501 through 2599 Reserved “2601 through 2699 Reserved “2701 through 2799 Reserved

“Subtitle III—Treaty Obligation Organizations

“3001. The American National Red Cross ... 300101”.

(2) TABLES OF CONTENTS OF SUBTITLES.— Title 36, United States Code, is further amended as follows:

(A) In the matter before chapter 1, after the heading

“Subtitle I—Patriotic and National Observances and Ceremonies”,

strike “PART A—OBSERVANCES AND CEREMONIES”

and all that follows through “25. President’s Committee on Employment of People With Disabilities .. 2501”.

(B) In the matter before chapter 101, after the heading

“Subtitle II—Patriotic and National Organizations”,

strike “PART A—GENERAL”

and all that follows through “2701. [Reserved] 270101”.

(C) In the matter before chapter 3001, after the heading

“Subtitle III—Treaty Obligation Organizations”,

strike “Chapter 3001. The American National Red Cross ... 300101”.

(b) RESERVED CHAPTERS.— Title 36, United States Code, is further amended as follows:

(1) In the matter before “CHAPTER 301—BIG BROTHERS—BIG SISTERS OF AMERICA”,

insert “CHAPTERS 233 THROUGH 299—RESERVED”.

(2) In the matter before “CHAPTER 401—CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED”,

insert “CHAPTERS 313 THROUGH 399—RESERVED”.

(3) In the matter before “CHAPTER 501—DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR 1861–1865”,

insert “CHAPTERS 409 THROUGH 499—RESERVED”.

(4) In the matter before “CHAPTER 601—82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED”,

insert “CHAPTERS 505 THROUGH 599—RESERVED”.

(5) In the matter before “CHAPTER 701—FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION”,

insert

“CHAPTERS 603 THROUGH 699—RESERVED”.

(6) In the matter before

“CHAPTER 801—GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS”.

insert

“CHAPTERS 711 THROUGH 799—RESERVED”.

(7) In the matter before

“CHAPTER 1001—ITALIAN AMERICAN WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES”.

strike

“CHAPTER 901—[RESERVED]”

and insert (before chapter 901 as renumbered and transferred by subsection (c)(6)(A)),

“CHAPTERS 807 THROUGH 899—RESERVED”.

(8) In the matter before

“CHAPTER 1001—ITALIAN AMERICAN WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES”

insert (after chapter 901 as renumbered and transferred by subsection (c)(6)(A))

“CHAPTERS 903 THROUGH 999—RESERVED”.

(9) In the matter before

“CHAPTER 1101—JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED”.

insert

“CHAPTERS 1003 THROUGH 1099—RESERVED”.

(10) In the matter before

“CHAPTER 1201—KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED”.

insert

“CHAPTERS 1105 THROUGH 1199—RESERVED”.

(11) In the matter before

“CHAPTER 1301—LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC”.

insert

“CHAPTERS 1203 THROUGH 1299—RESERVED”.

(12) In the matter before

“CHAPTER 1401—MARINE CORPS LEAGUE”.

insert

“CHAPTERS 1307 THROUGH 1399—RESERVED”.

(13) In the matter before

“CHAPTER 1501—NATIONAL ACADEMY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION”.

insert

“CHAPTERS 1409 THROUGH 1499—RESERVED”.

(14) In the matter before

“CHAPTER 1701—PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA”.

strike

“CHAPTER 1601—[RESERVED]”

and insert

“CHAPTERS 1549 THROUGH 1599—RESERVED”

“CHAPTERS 1601 THROUGH 1699—RESERVED”.

(15) In the matter before

“CHAPTER 1901—RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES”.

strike

“CHAPTER 1801—[RESERVED]”

and insert

“CHAPTERS 1707 THROUGH 1799—RESERVED”

“CHAPTERS 1801 THROUGH 1899—RESERVED”.

(16) In the matter before

“CHAPTER 2001—SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FLORISTS AND ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURISTS”.

insert

“CHAPTERS 1905 THROUGH 1999—RESERVED”.

(17) In the matter before

“CHAPTER 2101—THEODORE ROOSEVELT ASSOCIATION”.

insert

“CHAPTERS 2005 THROUGH 2099—RESERVED”.

(18) In the matter before

“CHAPTER 2201—UNITED SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, INCORPORATED”.

insert

“CHAPTERS 2105 THROUGH 2199—RESERVED”.

(19) In the matter before

“CHAPTER 2301—VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES”.

insert

“CHAPTERS 2209 THROUGH 2299—RESERVED”.

(20) In the matter before

“CHAPTER 2401—WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS VETERANS' ASSOCIATION”.

insert

“CHAPTERS 2307 THROUGH 2399—RESERVED”.

(21) In the matter before

“Subtitle III—Treaty Obligation Organizations”.

strike

“CHAPTER 2501—[RESERVED]”

“CHAPTER 2601—[RESERVED]”

“CHAPTER 2701—[RESERVED]”

and insert

“CHAPTERS 2403 THROUGH 2499—RESERVED”

“CHAPTERS 2501 THROUGH 2599—RESERVED”

“CHAPTERS 2601 THROUGH 2699—RESERVED”

“CHAPTERS 2701 THROUGH 2799—RESERVED”.

(c) OTHER TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 36.—Title 36, United States Code, is further amended as follows:

(1) NATIONAL ANTHEM, MOTTO, FLORAL EMBLEM, MARCH, AND TREE.—In the heading for chapter 3, strike **“FLORAL EMBLEM MARCH”** and insert **“FLORAL EMBLEM, MARCH”**.

(2) UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM.—In section 2301(2), strike “section 2306” and insert “section 2304”.

(3) CORPORATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF RIFLE PRACTICE AND FIREARMS SAFETY.—In section 40706(a)—

(A) in the matter before paragraph (1), strike the dash appearing after “the Secretary of the Army” and insert a colon;

(B) in paragraph (1), strike “firearms” and insert “Firearms”; and

(C) in paragraph (3), strike “trophies” and insert “Trophies”.

(4) MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA.—In section 140402, in the matter before paragraph (1), strike “(a) GENERAL.—The purposes” and insert “The purposes”.

(5) NATIONAL FILM PRESERVATION FOUNDATION.—In section 151705(b), in the matter before paragraph (1), strike “the jurisdiction” and insert “the jurisdiction”.

(6) HELP AMERICA VOTE FOUNDATION.—(A) RENUMBERING AND TRANSFER OF CHAPTER.—Chapter 1526 is renumbered as chapter 901 and transferred so as to appear after

“CHAPTERS 807 THROUGH 899—RESERVED”

(as inserted by subsection (b)(7)).

(B) RENUMBERING OF SECTIONS.—In chapter 901, as renumbered by subparagraph (A), and in the chapter analysis, sections 152601 through 152612 are renumbered as sections 90101 through 90112, respectively.

(C) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—In section 90109, as renumbered by subparagraph (B), strike “section 152602” and insert “section 90102”.

(7) NATIONAL TROPICAL BOTANICAL GARDEN.—At the end of the chapter table of contents for chapter 1535, insert—

“153514. Authorization of appropriations.”.

(8) NATIONAL YEOMEN (F).—

(A) In the heading for chapter 1539, strike **“YOEMEN F”** and insert **“YEOMEN (F)”**.

(B) In section 153901, strike **“Yoemen F”** and insert **“Yeomen (F)”**.

(C) In paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 153902, strike **“Yoemen (f)”** and insert **“Yeomen (F)”**.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SMITH) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on H.R. 6602, currently under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the rules of the House entrust to the Judiciary Committee the responsibilities of revision and codification of the statutes of the United States.

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This power does not give our committee substantive legislative jurisdiction over all areas of law; it merely confers the authority to organize duly enacted laws into an efficient codification system.

The nonpartisan Office of the Law Revision Counsel is responsible for properly codifying public laws into titles and sections of the United States Code. From time to time, that office provides the Judiciary Committee advice as to how to enact a more user-friendly and cohesive statutory system.

This spring, Republican and Democratic committee staff worked cooperatively with the Office of Law Revision Counsel to develop H.R. 6602. The bill makes technical changes to title 36 of the United States Code, the laws that govern patriotic and national observances.

Codification laws do not make any substantive changes to existing law. Industries, government agencies, and

interested parties commented on the draft of H.R. 6602 before its consideration today. I am confident this bill will improve our legislative codification system, and I encourage my colleagues to support the bill.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

H.R. 6602 makes revisions in title 36 to the United States Code that are necessary to keep the title current, as well as to make technical corrections and improvements. H.R. 6602 was prepared by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel as part of its ongoing responsibility under 2 U.S.C., section 285b, to prepare and submit to the Committee on the Judiciary one title at a time a complete compilation, restatement, and revision of the general and permanent laws of the United States.

This legislation gathers provisions relating to patriotic and national observances and ceremonies, patriotic and national organizations, and treaty obligation organizations under the current title 36. The amendments strike the existing abbreviated table of contents of the title and insert a more comprehensive title-wide table of contents, update the format of the chapter headings of reserved chapters, and make other necessary technical corrections.

H.R. 6602 is not intended to make any substantive changes to the law. As is typical with the codification process, a number of nonsubstantive revisions are made, including the reorganization of sections into a more coherent overall structure, but these changes are not intended to have any substantive effect.

I am pleased again to have worked with Chairman LAMAR SMITH to draft this legislation, and I thank him for moving it to the House floor and urge my colleagues to support this measure.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers on this side. I yield back the balance of my time.

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. 6602.

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.

ELIMINATION OF A REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR UNFUNDED DNA IDENTIFICATION GRANT PROGRAM

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6605) to eliminate an unne-

sary reporting requirement for an unfunded DNA Identification grant program.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6605

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

SECTION 1. ELIMINATION OF REPORT REQUIREMENT.

Section 2406 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796kk-5) is repealed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SMITH) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on H.R. 6605, currently under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I join the ranking member, Mr. CONYERS, in cosponsoring this commonsense, bipartisan bill which eliminates an unnecessary reporting requirement on the States from an unfunded Federal grant program.

Earlier this year, I cosponsored, with Mr. CONYERS, H.R. 6189, the Reporting Efficiency Improvement Act. In response to a specific request from the administration, H.R. 6189 eliminated two reports that the Department of Justice was required to prepare for grant programs that have not been funded by Congress for many years. One of these grant programs is the DNA Identification Act of 1994. On October 5, the President signed into law H.R. 6189.

H.R. 6605, the bill before the House today, does for the States what H.R. 6189 did for the Federal Government: It eliminates the statutory requirement for States to report to the Attorney General about grants from the DNA Identification Act of 1994. Because Congress has not funded this grant program in nearly a decade, this statutory reporting requirement is unnecessary.

I again thank Mr. CONYERS, the ranking member of the Judiciary Committee, for his initiative on this issue, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

To our colleagues, this measure before us now, H.R. 6605, is a non-controversial bill that makes a single technical correction to the U.S. Code. Under the Government Performance

and Results Modernization Act of 2010, the Department of Justice conducts an annual review of statutory reporting requirements that are outdated, duplicative, or otherwise no longer useful to Congress. After conducting that review, the Department recommended we eliminate two reports, both related to programs that have not received funding from Congress for the better part of a decade. Last September, with the support of Chairman LAMAR SMITH, Congress passed H.R. 6189, the Reporting Efficiency Improvement Act, to remove these two reporting requirements from the Federal code. President Obama signed H.R. 6189 into law on October 5 of this year.

The bill before us today makes a single technical correction to the Federal code in order to reflect the changes we made earlier this year. Specifically, the legislation eliminates a cross-reference to a report that, after the enactment of H.R. 6189, no longer exists. This bill is a housekeeping measure and nothing more.

I urge my colleagues to support the legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers on this side, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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. 6605.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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CLARIFICATION WITH RESPECT TO ABSENCE FROM THE UNITED STATES DUE TO CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT BY CHIEF OF MISSION OR ARMED FORCES

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6223) to amend section 1059(e) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 to clarify that a period of employment abroad by the Chief of Mission or United States Armed Forces as a translator, interpreter, or in an executive level security position is to be counted as a period of residence and physical presence in the United States for purposes of qualifying for naturalization if at least a portion of such period was spent in Iraq or Afghanistan, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6223

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