

And if we are going to move forward, if we are going to have the Internal Revenue Service have the respect that we need it to have, which it doesn't have right now, there is an overwhelming level of concern and consternation about how the IRS handled these things in the past and how they conducted themselves.

The fact that the Internal Revenue Service has not been forthcoming pursuant to Chairman CAMP's request for information is not in dispute. There is nobody here that is arguing the IRS has been completely forthcoming and given the chairman all the information he needs or that he has requested. No. They haven't been forthcoming, and that continues to be a real problem.

I think it is important for us to recognize that the TIGTA report was an audit. It was not an investigation. An investigation is ongoing. So this notion that there is no knowledge or there is no indication of any sort of political influence, I think that there is a great deal of knowledge of political influence that was peddled and used here, and I think the facts bear it out.

□ 1730

The scope of the audit that the gentleman was referring to was to focus on conservative targeting. The IG struck within the parameters of the audit. Far more conservative groups faced IRS scrutiny, they faced more questions, and were approved at a lower rate than progressive groups were.

Numbers are very straightforward: 104 conservative groups experienced an average of 15 additional questions, only 46 percent of conservative applicants were approved, and 56 percent of groups are either waiting for a determination or have withdrawn in frustration.

Now, that is messed up. If you are withdrawing because you can't get a straight answer, you are just feeling overwhelmed, who wins then?

The Internal Revenue Service wins, and the taxpayer that wants to participate in the public debate loses.

Compare that to seven progressive groups that were asked an average of just five additional questions.

You know what, Mr. Speaker?

Every one of those progressive groups was approved—100 percent of them were approved.

We know now that the IRS targeted not only right-leaning applicants, but also right-leaning groups that are already operating as 501(c)(4)s, and at Washington, D.C.'s direction, not Cincinnati's initiative, at Washington, D.C.'s direction, dozens of groups operating as 501(c)(4)s were flagged for IRS surveillance, monitoring of the groups' activities, Web sites, and any other publicly available information.

Of these groups, 83 percent were right-leaning, and of the groups that the IRS selected for audit, 100 percent of those were conservative-leaning. So, this idea that this was, well, everybody is treated the same way, the facts don't bear that out, Mr. Speaker.

I just want to draw attention to one particular group, a constituency that I represent, the West Suburban Patriots of DuPage County. They submitted their application for 501(c)(4) status in May of 2011. They received a letter from the IRS acknowledging their application. Nearly 4 months later they were told their application was "in the pile."

Over a year later, June of 2012, the West Suburban Patriots received a letter indicating that they had to answer a series of questions in an incredibly short timeframe. The questions were political, and demonstrated that the IRS scoured their Web site by demanding information that would be on their Members Only web page.

Isn't that interesting?

In July of 2012 they received a letter granting their 501(c)(4) status.

Now, the West Suburban Patriots name and tax ID number were found on a list of "political advocacy cases" that the Exempt Organizations Office in D.C. made to track Tea Party cases, and USA Today received the confidential political advocacy list and made it public.

Here is the point: this is not what the Internal Revenue Service should be doing. The Internal Revenue Service should be making proper inquiries, not asking about prayer meetings, not being passive aggressive, choosing winners and losers in the public square.

This is an important piece of legislation. It reclaims authority that was once delegated and has been abused, and now needs to be reclaimed.

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

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

You know, I think with the IRS, we are, like, approaching a fork in the middle of the road and we have choices that we can make.

We now have new leadership. The agency has been sanitized. The individuals with culpability are no longer there. They no longer play in any leadership roles at all.

The new Commissioner has given us every assurance, and he comes to the IRS with an impeccable record from both public and private activity, and has given every assurance that can be given that he is going to take that road that leads to the highest level of integrity, that we can bank on the Internal Revenue Service being as fair as fair can be.

I like to believe that he means what he says, and that he says what he means. So I am confident that we have a new IRS, and we will see it function with a new light, a new spirit, and a new direction.

So I thank my colleague. I have no further requests for time.

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

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

I want to thank Mr. DAVIS for engaging in this debate and this discussion,

and I think he is right. We are at a fork in the road. I would describe the fork in the road as the responsibility that we have in the House.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge us to take this challenge, and that is to do everything that we can, in light of this information that has come to our attention, to make sure that the Internal Revenue Service is being limited, is not allowed to ask questions regarding religion or social questions or political questions, and that we can enjoy a day in the future when they enjoy our respect. With that, I urge passage the bill.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. ROSKAM) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2531.

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.

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 36 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. TERRY) 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. 1211, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 1123, by the yeas and nays.

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

FOIA OVERSIGHT AND IMPLEMENTATION ACT OF 2014

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1211) to amend section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Freedom of Information Act), to provide for greater public access to information, 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 California (Mr. Issa) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 410, nays 0, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 63]

YEAS—410

Aderholt	Davis, Rodney	Hultgren
Amash	DeFazio	Hunter
Amodei	DeGette	Hurt
Bachmann	Delaney	Israel
Bachus	DeLauro	Issa
Barber	DelBene	Jackson Lee
Barletta	Denham	Jeffries
Barr	Dent	Jenkins
Barrow (GA)	DeSantis	Johnson (GA)
Barton	DesJarlais	Johnson (OH)
Bass	Deutch	Johnson, E. B.
Beatty	Diaz-Balart	Johnson, Sam
Becerra	Dingell	Jones
Benishek	Doggett	Jordan
Bentivolio	Doyle	Joyce
Bera (CA)	Duckworth	Kaptur
Bilirakis	Duffy	Keating
Bishop (GA)	Duncan (SC)	Kelly (IL)
Bishop (NY)	Duncan (TN)	Kelly (PA)
Bishop (UT)	Edwards	Kennedy
Black	Ellison	Kildee
Blackburn	Ellmers	Kilmer
Blumenauer	Engel	Kind
Bonamici	Enyart	King (IA)
Boustany	Eshoo	King (NY)
Brady (PA)	Esty	Kingston
Brady (TX)	Farenthold	Kinzinger (IL)
Braley (IA)	Farr	Kirkpatrick
Bridenstine	Fattah	Kline
Brooks (AL)	Fitzpatrick	Kuster
Brooks (IN)	Fleischmann	Labrador
Broun (GA)	Fleming	LaMalfa
Brown (FL)	Flores	Lamborn
Brownley (CA)	Forbes	Lance
Buchanan	Fortenberry	Langevin
Bucshon	Foster	Lankford
Burgess	Fox	Larsen (WA)
Bustos	Frankel (FL)	Larson (CT)
Butterfield	Franks (AZ)	Latham
Byrne	Frelinghuysen	Latta
Calvert	Fudge	Lee (CA)
Camp	Gabbard	Levin
Cantor	Galleo	Lewis
Capito	Garamendi	Lipinski
Capuano	Garcia	LoBiondo
Cardenas	Gardner	Loeb
Carney	Garrett	Lofgren
Carson (IN)	Gibbs	Long
Carter	Gibson	Lowenthal
Cartwright	Gohmert	Lowey
Cassidy	Goodlatte	Lucas
Castor (FL)	Gowdy	Luetkemeyer
Castro (TX)	Granger	Lujan Grisham
Chabot	Graves (GA)	(NM)
Chaffetz	Grayson	Lujan, Ben Ray
Chu	Green, Al	(NM)
Cicilline	Green, Gene	Lummis
Clark (MA)	Griffin (AR)	Lynch
Clarke (NY)	Griffith (VA)	Maffei
Clay	Grijalva	Maloney,
Cleaver	Grimm	Carolyn
Clyburn	Guthrie	Maloney, Sean
Coble	Hahn	Marchant
Coffman	Hall	Marino
Cohen	Hanabusa	Massie
Cole	Harper	Matheson
Collins (GA)	Harris	Matsui
Collins (NY)	Hartzler	McAllister
Conaway	Hastings (FL)	McCarthy (CA)
Connolly	Hastings (WA)	McCaul
Conyers	Heck (NV)	McClintock
Cook	Heck (WA)	McCollum
Cooper	Hensarling	McDermott
Costa	Herrera Beutler	McGovern
Cotton	Higgins	McHenry
Courtney	Himes	McIntyre
Cramer	Hinojosa	McKeon
Crawford	Holding	McKinley
Crenshaw	Holt	McMorris
Crowley	Honda	Rodgers
Cuellar	Horsford	McNerney
Culberson	Hoyer	Meadows
Cummings	Hudson	Meehan
Daines	Huelskamp	Meeks
Davis (CA)	Huffman	Meng
Davis, Danny	Huizenga (MI)	Messer

Mica	Rice (SC)	Southerland
Michaud	Rigell	Speier
Miller (FL)	Roby	Stewart
Miller (MI)	Roe (TN)	Stivers
Miller, George	Rogers (AL)	Stockman
Moore	Rogers (KY)	Stutzman
Moran	Rogers (MI)	Swalwell (CA)
Mullin	Rohrabacher	Takano
Mulvaney	Rokita	Terry
Murphy (FL)	Rooney	Thompson (CA)
Murphy (PA)	Ros-Lehtinen	Thompson (MS)
Nadler	Roskam	Thompson (PA)
Napolitano	Ross	Thornberry
Neal	Rothfus	Tierney
Negrete McLeod	Roybal-Allard	Tipton
Neugebauer	Royce	Titus
Noem	Ruiz	Tonko
Nolan	Runyan	Tsongas
Nunes	Ryan (OH)	Turner
Nunnelee	Ryan (WI)	Upton
O'Rourke	Salmon	Valadao
Olson	Sánchez, Linda	Van Hollen
Owens	T.	Vargas
Palazzo	Sanchez, Loretta	Veasey
Pallone	Sanford	Vela
Pascrell	Sarbanes	Velázquez
Paulsen	Scalise	Visclosky
Payne	Schakowsky	Wagner
Pearce	Schneider	Walberg
Pelosi	Schock	Walden
Perlmutter	Schrader	Walorski
Perry	Schweikert	Walz
Peters (CA)	Scott (VA)	Wasserman
Peters (MI)	Scott, Austin	Schultz
Peterson	Scott, David	Waters
Petri	Sensenbrenner	Waxman
Pingree (ME)	Serrano	Weber (TX)
Pittenger	Sessions	Webster (FL)
Pitts	Sewell (AL)	Welch
Pocan	Shea-Porter	Wenstrup
Poe (TX)	Sherman	Westmoreland
Polis	Shimkus	Westfield
Pompeo	Shuster	Williams
Posey	Simpson	Wilson (SC)
Price (GA)	Sinema	Wittman
Price (NC)	Sires	Wolf
Quigley	Slaughter	Womack
Rahall	Smith (MO)	Woodall
Rangel	Smith (NE)	Yarmuth
Reed	Smith (NJ)	Yoder
Reichert	Smith (TX)	Yoho
Renacci	Smith (WA)	Young (AK)
Ribble		

NOT VOTING—20

Campbell	Gutiérrez	Ruppersberger
Capps	Hanna	Rush
Fincher	McCarthy (NY)	Schwartz
Gerlach	Miller, Gary	Tiberi
Gingrey (GA)	Nugent	Wilson (FL)
Gosar	Pastor (AZ)	Young (IN)
Graves (MO)	Richmond	

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Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER and Mr. ELLISON 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.

UNLOCKING CONSUMER CHOICE AND WIRELESS COMPETITION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1123) to promote consumer choice and wireless competition by permitting consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices, 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 Virginia (Mr.

GOODLATTE) 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 295, nays 114, not voting 21, as follows:

[Roll No. 64]

YEAS—295

Aderholt	Fox	McHenry
Amodei	Frankel (FL)	McIntyre
Bachus	Franks (AZ)	McKeon
Barber	Frelinghuysen	McKinley
Barletta	Fudge	McMorris
Barr	Gallego	Rodgers
Barrow (GA)	Garcia	Meadows
Barton	Gardner	Meehan
Beatty	Garrett	Meeks
Becerra	Gibbs	Messer
Benishek	Gohmert	Mica
Bera (CA)	Goodlatte	Michaud
Bilirakis	Gowdy	Miller (FL)
Bishop (NY)	Granger	Miller (MI)
Bishop (UT)	Graves (GA)	Mullin
Black	Griffin (AR)	Murphy (FL)
Blackburn	Griffith (VA)	Murphy (PA)
Blumenauer	Grimm	Nadler
Bonamici	Brady (TX)	Neugebauer
Boustany	Braley (IA)	Noem
Brady (PA)	Brooks (AL)	Nolan
Brady (TX)	Brooks (IN)	Nunes
Braley (IA)	Brown (FL)	Nunnelee
Bridenstine	Brownley (CA)	Olson
Brooks (AL)	Buchanan	Owens
Brooks (IN)	Bucshon	Palazzo
Broun (GA)	Hastings (WA)	Pallone
Brown (FL)	Heck (NV)	Pascrell
Brownley (CA)	Heck (WA)	Paulsen
Buchanan	Hensarling	Pearce
Bucshon	Herrera Beutler	Perlmutter
Burgess	Higgins	Peters (CA)
Bustos	Hinojosa	Peters (MI)
Butterfield	Holding	Peterson
Byrne	Horsford	Petri
Calvert	Hoyer	Pittenger
Camp	Hudson	Pitts
Cantor	Huffman	Poe (TX)
Capito	Cartwright	Pompeo
Capuano	Cassidy	Posey
Cardenas	Castor (FL)	Price (GA)
Carney	Castro (TX)	Hurt
Carson (IN)	Chabot	Israel
Carter	Chaffetz	Issa
Cartwright	Chu	Jackson Lee
Cassidy	Clarke (NY)	Jeffries
Castor (FL)	Clay	Jenkins
Castro (TX)	Cleaver	Johnson (GA)
Chabot	Coble	Johnson (OH)
Chaffetz	Coffman	Johnson, Sam
Chu	Cohen	Jordan
Cicilline	Collins (GA)	Joyce
Clark (MA)	Collins (NY)	Kaptur
Clarke (NY)	Conaway	Kelly (PA)
Clay	Connolly	Kilmer
Cleaver	Conyers	Kind
Clyburn	Cook	King (IA)
Coble	Cooper	King (NY)
Coffman	Costa	Kingston
Cohen	Cotton	Kinzinger (IL)
Cole	Cramer	Ruiz
Collins (GA)	Crawford	Runyan
Collins (NY)	Crenshaw	Ryan (OH)
Conaway	Crowley	Ryan (WI)
Connolly	Cuellar	Salmon
Conyers	Culberson	Sarbanes
Cook	Daines	Scalise
Cooper	Davis (CA)	Schakowsky
Costa	Davis, Rodney	Schiff
Cotton	DeLauro	Latham
Courtney	DelBene	Latta
Cramer	Denham	Levin
Crawford	Dent	Lewis
Crenshaw	DeSantis	LoBiondo
Crowley	DesJarlais	Long
Cuellar	Deutch	Lucas
Culberson	Diaz-Balart	Luetkemeyer
Cummings	Dingell	Lujan Grisham
Daines	Duckworth	(NM)
Davis (CA)	Duffy	Lummis
Davis, Danny	Duncan (TN)	Maffei
	Ellmers	Maloney, Sean
	Engel	Marchant
	Fitzpatrick	Marino
	Fleischmann	Matheson
	Fleming	McAllister
	Flores	McCarthy (CA)
	Forbes	McCaul
	Fortenberry	McClintock