

I would like to congratulate Subcommittee Ranking Member PAYNE, Jr. and Chairwoman BROOKS for their commitment to addressing this critical issue. I wish them success in their efforts and urge my colleagues to support H.R. 4289.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as a senior member of the Homeland Security Committee, I rise in support of H.R. 4289, the "Department of Homeland Security Interoperable Communications Act," which will help ensure the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) achieves cross-component interoperability.

This bill implements several recommendations contained in a 2012 report of the DHS Inspector General on the status and quality of interoperable radio communications.

A major finding of the report is that DHS has spent over \$430 million in the past 9 years for communication purposes but it still does not "have interoperable communications for daily operations, planned events, and emergencies."

The IG report also found that 99% (478 out of 479) of radio users surveyed could not find the DHS common channel because the components did not "effectively inform them" of the correct channel.

That is why it is important that we vote today to implement the following specific recommendations from the report:

1. Create a structure with the necessary authority to ensure that the components achieve interoperability.

2. Create a structure with the necessary authority to ensure that the components achieve interoperability.

Because the mission of DHS is to ensure that our homeland is safe, secure, and resilient against terrorism and other hazards, effective communication within the organization is crucial.

According to the IG, the reason for this lack of communication is that DHS's efforts to achieve department-wide interoperable communications capability have been undermined by excessive reliance upon on Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs) and voluntary participation by communications task forces and working groups.

This means that various agencies within DHS do not have a standardized set of policies regarding radios and the department's leadership has not been successful in enforcing adherence to those policies by all department components.

Although the IG urged DHS to implement a stronger enforcement structure, DHS has not adopted this recommendation, insisting instead that its existing structure is effective.

Plainly, it is not.

H.R. 4289 follows the recommendation from the report and ensures that DHS can achieve cross-component interoperability by:

Directing the Undersecretary to submit to Congress a strategy for achieving Department-wide interoperability within 120 days of enactment.

Report to Congress within 220 days, and biannually thereafter, on the progress of efforts to implement the Department-wide interoperability strategy.

Since its founding, the Department of Homeland Security has overcome many challenges as an organization but much more progress must be made regarding effective inter-operable communication between the federal, state, and local agencies.

Although not a panacea, H.R. 4289 is a step in the right direction because it will help improve DHS' overall functions so that it can more effectively protect our people.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Indiana (Mrs. BROOKS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4289.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. 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 motion will be postponed.

TAKING ADDITIONAL STEPS TO ADDRESS THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE CONFLICT IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 113-128)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) (IEEPA), I hereby report that I have issued an Executive Order (the "order") taking additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006 (E.O. 13413).

In E.O. 13413, it was determined that the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which has been marked by widespread violence and atrocities that continue to threaten regional stability and was addressed by the United Nations Security Council in Resolution 1596 of April 18, 2005, Resolution 1649 of December 21, 2005, and Resolution 1698 of July 31, 2006, constitutes an unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States. To address that threat, E.O. 13413 blocks the property and interests in property of persons listed in the Annex to E.O. 13413 or determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to meet criteria specified in E.O. 13413.

In view of multiple additional United Nations Security Council Resolutions including, most recently, Resolution 2136 of January 30, 2014, I am issuing the order to take additional steps to deal with the national emergency declared in E.O. 13413, and to address the continuation of activities that threaten the peace, security, or stability of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

and the surrounding region, including operations by armed groups, widespread violence and atrocities, human rights abuses, recruitment and use of child soldiers, attacks on peacekeepers, obstruction of humanitarian operations, and exploitation of natural resources to finance persons engaged in these activities.

The order amends the designation criteria specified in E.O. 13413. As amended by the order, E.O. 13413 provides for the designation of persons determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State:

To be a political or military leader of a foreign armed group operating in the Democratic Republic of the Congo that impedes the disarmament, demobilization, voluntary repatriation, resettlement, or reintegration of combatants;

To be a political or military leader of a Congolese armed group that impedes the disarmament, demobilization, voluntary repatriation, resettlement, or reintegration of combatants;

To be responsible for or complicit in, or to have engaged in, directly or indirectly, any of the following in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo:

Actions or policies that threaten the peace, security, or stability of the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

Actions or policies that undermine democratic processes or institutions in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

The targeting of women, children, or any civilians through the commission of acts of violence (including killing, maiming, torture, or rape or other sexual violence), abduction, forced displacement, or attacks on schools, hospitals, religious sites, or locations where civilians are seeking refuge, or through conduct that would constitute a serious abuse or violation of human rights or a violation of international humanitarian law;

the use or recruitment of children by armed groups or armed forces in the context of the conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

the obstruction of the delivery or distribution of, or access to, humanitarian assistance;

attacks against United Nations missions, international security presences, or other peacekeeping operations; or

support to persons, including armed groups, involved in activities that threaten the peace, security, or stability of the Democratic Republic of the Congo or that undermine democratic processes or institutions in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, through the illicit trade in natural resources of the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

Except where intended for the authorized support of humanitarian activities or the authorized use by or support of peacekeeping, international, or government forces, to have directly or indirectly supplied, sold, or transferred to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, or been the recipient in the territory of the Democratic Republic of

the Congo of, arms and related materiel, including military aircraft and equipment, or advice, training, or assistance, including financing and financial assistance, related to military activities;

To be a leader of (i) an entity, including any armed group, that has, or whose members have, engaged in any of the activities described above or (ii) an entity whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13413;

To have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, logistical, or technological support for, or goods or services in support of (i) any of the activities described above or (ii) any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13413; or

To be owned or controlled by, or to have acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13413.

I have delegated to the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, the authority to take such actions, including the promulgation of rules and regulations, and to employ all powers granted to the President by IEEPA and the United Nations Participation Act as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the order. All agencies of the United States Government are directed to take all appropriate measures within their authority to carry out the provisions of the order.

I am enclosing a copy of the Executive Order I have issued.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 8, 2014.

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. HOLDING) 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. 4263, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 4289, 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.

SOCIAL MEDIA WORKING GROUP 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. 4263) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Department of Homeland Security to establish a social media working group, 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 gentlewoman from Indiana (Mrs. BROOKS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 375, nays 19, not voting 38, as follows:

[Roll No. 369]

YEAS—375

Amodei	Cummings	Hastings (FL)
Bachmann	Daines	Hastings (WA)
Barber	Davis (CA)	Heck (NV)
Barletta	Davis, Danny	Heck (WA)
Barr	Davis, Rodney	Herrera Beutler
Barrow (GA)	DeFazio	Higgins
Bass	DeGette	Himes
Beatty	Delaney	Hinojosa
Becerra	DeLauro	Holding
Benishek	DelBene	Holt
Bentivolio	Denham	Honda
Bera (CA)	Dent	Horsford
Bilirakis	DeSantis	Hoyer
Bishop (GA)	DesJarlais	Hudson
Bishop (NY)	Diaz-Balart	Huelskamp
Bishop (UT)	Dingell	Huffman
Black	Doggett	Huizenga (MI)
Blackburn	Duckworth	Hultgren
Blumenauer	Duffy	Hunter
Bonamici	Duncan (SC)	Hurt
Boustany	Duncan (TN)	Israel
Brady (TX)	Edwards	Issa
Braley (IA)	Ellison	Jackson Lee
Brooks (AL)	Ellmers	Jeffries
Brooks (IN)	Engel	Jenkins
Brownley (CA)	Enyart	Johnson (GA)
Buchanan	Eshoo	Johnson (OH)
Bucshon	Esty	Johnson, E. B.
Burgess	Farenthold	Johnson, Sam
Bustos	Farr	Jolly
Butterfield	Fattah	Jordan
Byrne	Fitzpatrick	Joyce
Calvert	Fleischmann	Kaptur
Camp	Fleming	Keating
Cantor	Flores	Kelly (IL)
Capito	Forbes	Kelly (PA)
Capuano	Foster	Kennedy
Cárdenas	Fox	Kildee
Carney	Frankel (FL)	Kilmer
Carson (IN)	Franks (AZ)	King (IA)
Cartwright	Frelinghuysen	King (NY)
Castor (FL)	Fudge	Kinzing (IL)
Castro (TX)	Gabbard	Kline
Chabot	Gallego	Kuster
Chaffetz	Garamendi	Lamborn
Chu	Garcia	Lance
Cicilline	Gardner	Langevin
Clark (MA)	Garrett	Larsen (WA)
Clarke (NY)	Gibbs	Larson (CT)
Clawson (FL)	Gibson	Latham
Clay	Gingrey (GA)	Latta
Cleaver	Gohmert	Lee (CA)
Clyburn	Goodlatte	Levin
Coble	Gosar	Lewis
Coffman	Gowdy	Lipinski
Cohen	Granger	LoBiondo
Cole	Graves (GA)	Loeb
Collins (GA)	Grayson	Lofgren
Collins (NY)	Green, Al	Long
Connolly	Green, Gene	Lowenthal
Conyers	Griffin (AR)	Lowe
Cook	Griffith (VA)	Lucas
Cooper	Grijalva	Luetkemeyer
Cotton	Grimm	Lujan Grisham
Courtney	Guthrie	(NM)
Cramer	Hahn	Lujan, Ben Ray
Crawford	Hall	(NM)
Crenshaw	Hanna	Lynch
Crowley	Harper	Maffei
Cuellar	Harris	Maloney, Sean

Marino	Poe (TX)	Smith (NJ)
Matheson	Pompeo	Smith (TX)
Matsui	Posey	Smith (WA)
McAllister	Price (GA)	Southerland
McCarthy (CA)	Price (NC)	Speier
McCaul	Quigley	Stewart
McCollum	Rangel	Stivers
McDermott	Reed	Stutzman
McGovern	Reichert	Swalwell (CA)
McHenry	Renacci	Takano
McIntyre	Rigell	Terry
McKeon	Roby	Thompson (CA)
McKinley	Roe (TN)	Thompson (MS)
McMorris	Rogers (AL)	Thompson (PA)
Rodgers	Rogers (KY)	Thornberry
Meadows	Rogers (MI)	Tiberi
Meehan	Rokita	Tierney
Meeks	Rooney	Tipton
Meng	Ros-Lehtinen	Titus
Messer	Roskam	Tonko
Mica	Ross	Tsongas
Michaud	Rothfus	Turner
Miller (FL)	Roybal-Allard	Upton
Miller (MI)	Ruiz	Valadao
Miller, George	Runyan	Van Hollen
Moore	Ruppersberger	Vargas
Moran	Ryan (WI)	Veasey
Mulvaney	Salmon	Vela
Murphy (FL)	Sánchez, Linda	Velázquez
Murphy (PA)	T.	Visclosky
Nadler	Sanchez, Loretta	Wagner
Napolitano	Sanford	Walberg
Neal	Sarbanes	Walden
Negrete McLeod	Scalise	Walorski
Noem	Schakowsky	Walz
Nolan	Schiff	Wasserman
Nugent	Schneider	Schultz
Nunes	Schock	Waters
O'Rourke	Schrader	Waxman
Olson	Schwartz	Weber (TX)
Owens	Schweikert	Webster (FL)
Palazzo	Scott (VA)	Welch
Pallone	Scott, Austin	Wenstrup
Pascarella	Scott, David	Whitfield
Paulsen	Sensenbrenner	Williams
Payne	Serrano	Wilson (FL)
Pearce	Sessions	Wilson (SC)
Pelosi	Sewell (AL)	Wittman
Perry	Shea-Porter	Wolf
Peters (CA)	Shimkus	Womack
Peters (MI)	Shuster	Woodall
Peterson	Simpson	Yarmuth
Petri	Sinema	Yoder
Pingree (ME)	Sires	Yoho
Pittenger	Slaughter	Young (AK)
Pitts	Smith (MO)	Young (IN)
Pocan	Smith (NE)	

NAYS—19

Amash	Hensarling	McClintock
Barton	Jones	Mullin
Bridenstine	Labrador	Ribble
Brown (GA)	LaMalfa	Rice (SC)
Conaway	Lankford	Stockman
Fincher	Lummis	
Hartzler	Massie	

NOT VOTING—38

Aderholt	Gerlach	Neugebauer
Bachus	Graves (MO)	Nunnelee
Brady (PA)	Gutiérrez	Pastor (AZ)
Brown (FL)	Hanabusa	Perlmutter
Campbell	Kind	Polis
Capps	Kingston	Rahall
Carter	Kirkpatrick	Richmond
Cassidy	Maloney	Rohrabacher
Costa	Carolyn	Royce
Culberson	Marchant	Rush
Deutch	McCarthy (NY)	Ryan (OH)
Doyle	McNerney	Sherman
Fortenberry	Miller, Gary	Westmoreland

□ 1857

Messrs. BRIDENSTINE, RICE of South Carolina, AMASH, FINCHER, and HENSARLING changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Messrs. PETERS of California and MEEKS 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.