

Sewell (AL) Tierney Visclosky
Shea-Porter Titus Walz
Sherman Tonko Wasserman
Sinema Tsongas Schultz
Sires Upton Waters
Slaughter Valadao Waxman
Smith (WA) Van Hollen Welch
Swalwell (CA) Vargas Wilson (FL)
Takano Veasey Yarmuth
Thompson (CA) Vela
Thompson (MS) Velazquez

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Lipinski

NOT VOTING—23

Blumenauer Gibbs Nunnelee
Camp Grayson Ruiz
Campbell Green, Gene Rush
Cantor Hanabusa Sánchez, Linda
Davis (CA) Kennedy T.
DesJarlais McDermott Schock
Fattah Miller, Gary Speier
Garamendi Nunes Whitfield

□ 2155

Mr. PETERS of California changed his vote from "aye" to "no."

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote 479 (On Passage of H.R. 5272), had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION, 2014

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to concur in the Senate amendments to the bill (H.J. Res. 76) making continuing appropriations for the National Nuclear Security Administration for fiscal year 2014, 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.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 395, nays 8, not voting 29, as follows:

[Roll No. 480]

YEAS—395

Aderholt Brooks (IN) Clarke (NY)
Amodei Broun (GA) Clawson (FL)
Bachmann Brown (FL) Clay
Bachus Brownley (CA) Cleaver
Barber Buchanan Clyburn
Barletta Bucshon Coble
Barr Burgess Coffman
Barrow (GA) Bustos Cohen
Barton Butterfield Cole
Bass Byrne Collins (GA)
Beatty Calvert Collins (NY)
Becerra Capito Conaway
Benishek Capps Connelly
Bentivolio Capuano Conyers
Bera (CA) Cárdenas Cook
Billirakis Carney Cooper
Bishop (GA) Carson (IN) Costa
Bishop (NY) Carter Cotton
Bishop (UT) Cartwright Courtney
Black Cassidy Cramer
Bonamici Castor (FL) Crawford
Boustany Castro (TX) Crenshaw
Brady (PA) Chabot Crowley
Brady (TX) Chaffetz Cuellar
Braley (IA) Chu Culberson
Bridenstine Cicilline Cummings
Brooks (AL) Clark (MA) Daines

Davis, Danny Kaptur Petri
Davis, Rodney Keating Pingree (ME)
DeFazio Kelly (IL) Pittenger
DeGette Kelly (PA) Pitts
DeLauro Kildee Pocan
DelBene Kilmer Poe (TX)
Denham Kind Polis
Dent King (IA) Pompeo
DeSantis King (NY) Posey
Deutsch Kingston Price (GA)
Diaz-Balart Kinzinger (IL) Price (NC)
Dingell Kirkpatrick Quigley
Doyle Kline Rahall
Duckworth Kuster Rangel
Duffy Labrador Reed
Duncan (SC) LaMalfa Reichert
Duncan (TN) Lamborn Renacci
Edwards Lance Ribble
Ellmers Langevin Rice (SC)
Engel Lankford Richmond
Enyart Larsen (WA) Rigell
Eshoo Larson (CT) Roby
Esty Latham Roe (TN)
Farenthold Latta Rogers (AL)
Farr Lee (CA) Rogers (KY)
Fincher Levin Rogers (MI)
Fitzpatrick Lewis Rohrabacher
Fleischmann LoBiondo Rokita
Fleming Loebsack Rooney
Flores Long Ros-Lehtinen
Forbes Lowenthal Roskam
Fortenberry Foster Ross
Foster Lucas Rothfus
Foxy Luetkemeyer Roybal-Allard
Frankel (FL) Lujan Grisham Royce
Franks (AZ) (NM) Runyan
Frelinghuysen Luján, Ben Ray Ruppertsberger
Fudge (NM) Ryan (OH)
Gabbard Lummis Ryan (WI)
Gallego Lynch Salmon
Garcia Maffei Sanchez, Loretta
Gardner Maloney, Sarbanes
Garrett Carolyn Scalise
Gerlach Maloney, Sean Schakowsky
Gibson Marino Schiff
Gohmert Matheson Schneider
Goodlatte Matsui Schrader
Gosar McAllister Schwartz
Gowdy McCarthy (CA) Schweikert
Granger McCarthy (NY) Scott (VA)
Graves (GA) McCaul Scott, Austin
Graves (MO) McClintock Scott, David
Green, Al McCollum Sensenbrenner
Griffin (AR) McGovern Serrano
Griffith (VA) McHenry Sessions
Grijalva McIntyre Sewell (AL)
Grimm McKeon Shea-Porter
Guthrie McKinley Sherman
Gutiérrez McMorris Shimkus
Hahn Rodgers Shuster
Hall Rodgers Simpson
Hanna McNeerney Sinema
Harper Meadows Sires
Harris Meehan Slaughter
Hartzler Meeks Smith (MO)
Hastings (FL) Meng Smith (NE)
Hastings (WA) Messer Smith (NJ)
Heck (NV) Mica Smith (TX)
Heck (WA) Michaud Smith (WA)
Hensarling Miller (FL) Southerland
Herrera Beutler Miller (MI) Stewart
Higgins Moore Stivers
Himes Mullin Stockman
Hinojosa Mulvaney Stutzman
Holding Murphy (FL) Swalwell (CA)
Holt Nadler Takano
Honda Napolitano Terry
Horsford Neal Thompson (CA)
Hoyer Negrete McLeod Thompson (MS)
Hudson Neugebauer Thompson (PA)
Huelskamp Noem Thornberry
Huffman Nolan Tierney
Huizenga (MI) Nugent Tipton
Hultgren Olson Titus
Hunter Owens Tonko
Hurt Palazzo Tsongas
Israel Pallone Turner
Issa Pascrell Upton
Jackson Lee Pastor (AZ) Valadao
Jeffries Paulsen Van Hollen
Jenkins Payne Vargas
Johnson (GA) Pearce Veasey
Johnson (OH) Pelosi Vela
Johnson, E. B. Perlmutter Velázquez
Johnson, Sam Perry Visclosky
Jolly Peters (CA) Wagner
Jordan Peters (MI) Walberg
Joyce Peterson Walden
Walorski

Walz Wenstrup Woodall
Wasserman Westmoreland Yarmuth
Schultz Williams Yoder
Waters Wilson (FL) Yoho
Waxman Wilson (SC) Young (AK)
Weber (TX) Wittman Young (IN)
Webster (FL) Wolf
Welch Womack

NAYS—8

Amash Lofgren O'Rourke
Ellison Massie Sanford
Jones Moran

NOT VOTING—29

Blackburn Gibbs Nunes
Blumenauer Gingrey (GA) Nunnelee
Camp Grayson Ruiz
Campbell Green, Gene Rush
Cantor Hanabusa Sánchez, Linda
Davis (CA) Kennedy T.
DesJarlais Marchant Schock
Doggett McDermott Speier
Fattah Miller, Gary Tiberi
Garamendi Murphy (PA) Whitfield

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 2203

So the motion was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated against:

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote 480, had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE ON THE CURRENT SITUATION IN IRAQ

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Affairs be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 683) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on the current situation in Iraq and the urgent need to protect religious minorities from persecution from the Sunni Islamist insurgent and terrorist group the Islamic State in Iraq and Levant (ISIL) as it expands its control over areas in northwestern Iraq, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HOLDING). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 683

Whereas Iraq is currently embroiled in a political and religious insurrection stemming from an Islamic State in Iraq and Levant (ISIL)-led offensive that began in the Anbar province and has spread to key locations such as Mosul, Tikrit, and Samarra and continues to engulf the region in violence and instability;

Whereas ISIL is a transnational Sunni insurgency whose ideological and organizational roots lie in both al Qaeda in Iraq and the Syria-based Jabhat al Nursa and has a stated mission of establishing an Islamic state and a caliphate across the Levant through violence against Shiites, non-Muslims, and unsupportive Sunnis;

Whereas Iraq's population is approximately 31,300,000 with 97 percent identifying

themselves as Muslim and the approximately 3 percent of religious minorities groups comprising of Christians, Yezidis, Sabeans, Mandaeans, Bahais, Shabaks, Kakais, and Jews;

Whereas the Iraqi Christian population is estimated to be between 400,000 and 850,000 with two-thirds being Chaldean, one-fifth Assyrian, and the remainder consisting of Syrians, Protestants, Armenians, and Anglicans;

Whereas the Iraqi constitution provides for religious freedom by stating—

(1) “no law may be enacted that contradicts the principles of democracy”;

(2) “no law may be enacted that contradicts the rights and basic freedoms stipulated in this Constitution”;

(3) “[This Constitution] guarantees the full religious rights to freedom of religious belief and practice of all individuals such as Christians, Yazidis, and Mandaean Sabeans”;

Whereas over 500,000 people have been displaced by the current situation in Iraq and reports have surfaced of targeted harassment, persecution, and killings of Iraqi religious minorities by ISIL with little to no protection from the Iraqi Government and other security forces;

Whereas the fall of Mosul in particular has sparked enough anxiety among the Christian population that for the first time in 1,600 years there was no Mass in the city;

Whereas over 50 percent of Iraq’s Christian population has fled since the fall of Saddam Hussein, 1,100,000 people of diverse religious backgrounds remain internally displaced and the government under Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki has not upheld its commitment to protect the rights of religious minorities;

Whereas the United States has provided over \$73,000,000 of cumulative assistance to Iraq’s minority populations since 2003 through economic development, humanitarian services, and capacity development;

Whereas 84,902 Iraqis have resettled to the United States between 2007 and 2013 and over 300,000 Chaldean and Assyrians currently reside throughout the country, particularly in Michigan, California, Arizona, Illinois, and Ohio; and

Whereas President Barack Obama recently declared on Religious Freedom Day, “Foremost among the rights Americans hold sacred is the freedom to worship as we choose . . . we also remember that religious liberty is not just an American right; it is a universal human right to be protected here at home and across the globe. This freedom is an essential part of human dignity, and without it our world cannot know lasting peace”: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) reaffirms its commitments to promoting and protecting religious freedom around the world and providing relief to minority groups facing persecution;

(2) calls on the United States Department of State to work with the Kurdistan Regional Government, the Iraqi central government, neighboring countries, the diaspora community in the United States, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and other key stakeholders to help secure safe havens for those claiming amnesty in Iraq; and

(3) respectfully requests the addition of a Special Representative for Religious Minorities to be included in Prime Minister al-Maliki’s newly reconstructed government.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. ROYCE

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I have an amendment to the text at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

That the House of Representatives—

(1) deplores and condemns the religious bigotry, vandalism and destruction of property, and violent attacks on and intimidation of innocent Iraqi civilians by armed extremists;

(2) calls on the United States Department of State to work with the Kurdistan Regional Government, the Iraqi central government, neighboring countries, the diaspora community in the United States, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and other key stakeholders to help secure safe havens for those claiming amnesty in Iraq;

(3) calls on the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations to work with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on a sustained basis to document human rights abuses against Iraqi civilians and develop an immediate plan to facilitate safe humanitarian access to potable water, health care, fuel, electricity, and basic security for the most vulnerable civilian populations;

(4) calls upon the Government of Iraq to take immediate steps to protect the safety and constitutional rights of all Iraqi citizens;

(5) respectfully requests the addition of a Special Representative for Religious Minorities to be included in the newly reconstructed government of Iraq; and

(6) reaffirms its commitments to promoting and protecting religious freedom around the world and providing relief to minority groups facing persecution.

Mr. ROYCE (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to dispense with the reading.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The amendment was agreed to.

The resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

AMENDMENT TO THE PREAMBLE OFFERED BY MR. ROYCE

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I have an amendment to the preamble at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Strike the preamble and insert the following:

Whereas Iraq is currently embroiled in a political and religious insurrection stemming from an Islamic State in Iraq and Levant (ISIL)-led offensive that began in the Anbar province and has spread to key locations such as Mosul, Tikrit, and Samarra and continues to engulf the region in violence and instability;

Whereas ISIL is a transnational Sunni insurgency whose ideological and organizational roots lie in both al Qaeda in Iraq and the Syria-based Jabhat al Nursa and has a stated mission of establishing an Islamic state and a caliphate across the Levant through violence against Shiites, non-Muslims, and unsupportive Sunnis;

Whereas Iraq’s population is approximately 31,300,000 with 97 percent identifying themselves as Muslim and the approximately 3 percent of religious minorities groups comprising of Christians, Yezidis, Sabeans, Mandaeans, Bahais, Shabaks, Kakais, and Jews;

Whereas the Iraqi Christian population is estimated to be between 400,000 and 850,000

with two-thirds being Chaldean, one-fifth Assyrian, and the remainder consisting of Syrians, Protestants, Armenians, and Anglicans;

Whereas the Iraqi constitution provides for religious freedom by stating—

(1) “no law may be enacted that contradicts the principles of democracy”;

(2) “no law may be enacted that contradicts the rights and basic freedoms stipulated in this Constitution”;

(3) “[This Constitution] guarantees the full religious rights to freedom of religious belief and practice of all individuals such as Christians, Yazidis, and Mandaean Sabeans”;

Whereas over 500,000 people have been displaced by the current situation in Iraq and reports have surfaced of targeted harassment, persecution, and killings of Iraqi religious minorities by ISIL with little to no protection from the Iraqi Government and other security forces;

Whereas the fall of Mosul in particular has sparked enough anxiety among the Christian population that for the first time in 1,600 years there was no Mass in the city;

Whereas over 50 percent of Iraq’s Christian population has fled since the fall of Saddam Hussein, 1,100,000 people of diverse religious backgrounds remain internally displaced and the government under Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki has not upheld its commitment to protect the rights of religious minorities;

Whereas the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees reports as of January 2014 a total population of concern in Iraq numbering 1,522,855 people, including refugees and internally displaced persons, many of whom face grave deprivation and imminent threats to life, health, and safety;

Whereas the United States has provided over \$73,000,000 of cumulative assistance to Iraq’s minority populations since 2003 through economic development, humanitarian services, and capacity development;

Whereas 84,902 Iraqis have resettled to the United States between 2007 and 2013 and over 300,000 Chaldean and Assyrians currently reside throughout the country, particularly in Michigan, California, Arizona, Illinois, and Ohio; and

Whereas President Barack Obama recently declared on Religious Freedom Day, “Foremost among the rights Americans hold sacred is the freedom to worship as we choose . . . we also remember that religious liberty is not just an American right; it is a universal human right to be protected here at home and across the globe. This freedom is an essential part of human dignity, and without it our world cannot know lasting peace”: Now, therefore, be it

Mr. ROYCE (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to dispense with the reading.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

WELCOMING AFRICAN LEADERS TO FIRST UNITED STATES-AFRICA LEADERS’ SUMMIT

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Ways and Means be discharged from further consideration of the resolution