

up with mail to the IRS Commissioner. They did respond almost exactly a year ago, saying that the regulations would not count bona fide volunteers in terms of the 50-employee count. But as was noted, I think it is always better to have it in statute rather than rely on the whims of administrative agencies that can change with the change of administration. So again, I think this is an example of how the country really wants us to operate.

Again, if you look at the Affordable Care Act, since its passage, we have worked together to eliminate the 1099 filing requirement; we have worked together to make sure that our military families, through TRICARE, would have age 26 coverage, which was left out when the bill was initially filed; and here today, we are following up again with an example of commonsense fixes to the legislation, which is what I think the country really is looking for.

I would also note that the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. LARSON) has legislation to restore tax exclusions which were on the books a number of years ago to help volunteer fire departments use property tax exemptions and equipment donations that had been treated as income by the IRS in past years.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. I yield the gentleman an additional minute.

Mr. COURTNEY. Unfortunately, those tax exemptions expired. And I know, again, the gentleman—and I am sure with bipartisan support—is going to introduce measures to bring those back and, again, allow these departments that are struggling to retain and recruit to have the tools so that they can make it easier, rather than having to file 1040s and drive people crazy around tax filing time for things like boots and coats and a property tax exemption being treated as taxable income.

So again, I look forward to the passage of this legislation with the huge bipartisan margin that we saw last year; and given the administration's response to our entreaties, again, I fully expect that there will be a bill signing ceremony at the White House, assuming it gets through the Senate. Again, with that, I would urge passage.

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time other than to close.

May I inquire of the gentleman from Connecticut?

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. I have no further requests for time.

JOE COURTNEY said, "Don't forget to mention the Patriots," so I would be remiss if I didn't.

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I want to thank Representative COURTNEY also for recognizing the Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Reauthorization Act, as I mentioned

earlier, which is something that has been bipartisanly cosponsored in the past by Representatives REICHERT, Latham, myself, and others.

The distinguished chairman and I, who are classmates, who came into this Congress together—he has also been a great proponent and advocate for making sure that these volunteers, who never were intended in both the case of Mr. BARLETTA and also in the case of the IRS, something that is administratively burdening for the IRS, this is, as Mr. KELLY so passionately said, something that is common sense, that we ought to work on together, and that we ought to provide the relief for, those who provide more than 70 percent of the volunteer aid across this country, especially when it comes to fighting fires. And our National Volunteer Fire Council is supportive of this as is the Fire Chiefs Association. I am looking forward to working with my colleagues across the aisle to ensure this.

Again, with that, I commend and congratulate the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BARLETTA) and thank him for his fine work in this area, and I look forward to supporting him on future endeavors.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself just a few moments to say to the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. LARSON), I appreciate him for his comity, for the bipartisan nature of this.

I would say to the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. COURTNEY), first, they have to get through some tough luck—Andrew Luck, in particular—in order to make it to where they want to go.

With that, for the purpose of closing on his own bill, I would like to yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BARLETTA).

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my colleagues on both sides. There are very few times when you have a vote here that is unanimous, and it is for a simple reason. It is that everyone here understands and appreciates what these men and women in our communities are willing to do to make the community safe.

You know, as a mayor, I have come to appreciate the volunteer firefighters more than I could ever imagine. Many times, I have watched them stand out in the middle of a road with a boot, trying to raise money so that they could buy gear or equipment or get more training. The volunteers ask very little of their community compared to what they are willing to give, and that is the ultimate sacrifice. They are willing to give their lives for people that they don't even know. They are willing to walk into a burning fire.

I can remember one night, our local fire department in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, they ran in, and they came out with a little baby whose life they saved. And I also remember a day when

they couldn't save a life and how it affected every one of those men and women as if it were their own child. They have a lot to worry about, and what they shouldn't worry about is where they are going to get money to provide health insurance or pay a fine. I am sure this was an unintended consequence, and we here recognize that.

So again, I want to thank the chairman and my colleagues for standing with me and saluting the real American heroes, the men and women who volunteer to save us, our first responders.

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. 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 Wisconsin (Mr. RYAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 33.

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. LARSON of Connecticut. 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.

#### 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 6 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. BYRNE) 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 questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Suspending the rules and passing H.R. 203;

Suspending the rules and passing H.R. 33;

Agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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

#### CLAY HUNT SUICIDE PREVENTION FOR AMERICAN VETERANS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the

bill (H.R. 203) to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 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 offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 403, nays 0, not voting 29, as follows:

[Roll No. 17]  
YEAS—403

Abraham	Conaway	Granger	Langevin	Nugent	Sewell (AL)	Sowell (CA)
Adams	Connolly	Graves (GA)	Larsen (WA)	Nunes	Sherman	Shimkus
Aderholt	Conyers	Graves (LA)	Larson (CT)	O'Rourke	Shuster	Stewart
Aguilar	Cook	Graves (MO)	Latta	Olson	Simpson	Smith (MO)
Allen	Cooper	Grayson	Lawrence	Palazzo	Sinema	Smith (NE)
Amash	Costa	Green, Al	Levin	Pallone	Sires	Smith (NJ)
Amodei	Costello (PA)	Green, Gene	Lewis	Palmer	Slaughter	Smith (TX)
Ashford	Courtney	Griffith	Lieu (CA)	Pascarel	Smith (VA)	Speier
Babin	Cramer	Grijalva	Lipinski	Paulsen	Smith (MO)	Stefanik
Barletta	Crawford	Grothman	LoBiondo	Payne	Smith (NE)	Stewart
Barr	Crenshaw	Guinta	Loebbeck	Pearce	Smith (NJ)	Stivers
Barton	Crowley	Guthrie	Lofgren	Pelosi	Smith (TX)	Stutzman
Bass	Cuellar	Gutiérrez	Long	Perry	Takai	Swalwell (CA)
Beatty	Culberson	Hanna	Loudermilk	Peters	Takano	Takano
Becerra	Curbelo (FL)	Hardy	Love	Peterson	Tiberti	Thompson (CA)
Benishek	Davis (CA)	Harper	Lowenthal	Pingree	Tipton	Thompson (MS)
Bera	Davis, Danny	Harris	Lowey	Pittenger	Tonko	Thompson (PA)
Beyer	Davis, Rodney	Hartzler	Luetkemeyer	Poe (TX)	Reichert	Thornberry
Bilirakis	DeFazio	Hastings	Luján, Ben Ray	Poliquin	Maloney, Carolyn	Tiberi
Bishop (GA)	DeGette	Heck (NV)	(NM)	Polis	Maloney, Sean	Tipton
Bishop (MI)	Delaney	Heck (WA)	Pompeo	Quigley	Marchant	Reed
Bishop (UT)	DeLauro	Hensarling	Posey	Rangel	Marino	Reichert
Black	DelBene	Herrera Beutler	Lummis	Ratcliffe	Massie	Turner
Blackburn	Denham	Higgins	MacArthur	Price (GA)	Renacci	Upton
Blum	Dent	Hill	Maloney, Price (NC)	Price (GA)	Ribble	Van Hollen
Blumenauer	DeSantis	Himes	McCollum	Richmond	Rice (NY)	Vargas
Bonamici	DeSaulnier	Hinojosa	McDermott	Rigell	Rice (SC)	Veasey
Bost	Deutch	Holding	McGovern	Riley	Rohrabacher	Takai
Boustany	Diaz-Balart	Honda	McHenry	Rodgers	Rokita	Takano
Boyle (PA)	Dingell	Hoyer	McKinley	Rodgers	Roosevelt	Tiberti
Brady (PA)	Doggett	Napolitano	McMorris	Roxanne	Roukita	Tipton
Brat	Dold	Hudson	Mooney (WV)	Roxanne	Royce	Tonko
Bridenstine	Doyle (PA)	Huelskamp	Moore	Ros-Lehtinen	Rubin	Trotter
Brooks (AL)	Duffy	Huffman	Moore	Roskam	Rubin	Trotter
Brooks (IN)	Duncan (SC)	Huizenga (MI)	Meng	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Brown (FL)	Duncan (TN)	Hultgren	Messier	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Brownley (CA)	Edwards	Hunter	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Buchanan	Ellison	Hurd (TX)	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Buck	Ellmers	Hurt (VA)	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Bucshon	Emmer	Israel	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Burgess	Engel	Issa	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Bustos	Eshoo	Jackson Lee	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Butterfield	Esty	Jeffries	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Byrne	Farenthold	Jenkins (KS)	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Calvert	Farr	Jenkins (WV)	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Capps	Fattah	Johnson (GA)	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Capuano	Fincher	Johnson (OH)	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Cárdenas	Fitzpatrick	Johnson, E. B.	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Carson (IN)	Fleischmann	Johnson, Sam	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Carter (GA)	Fleming	Jolly	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Carter (TX)	Flores	Jones	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Cartwright	Forbes	Jordan	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Castor (FL)	Fortenberry	Joyce	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Castro (TX)	Foster	Kaptur	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Chabot	Foxx	Keating	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Chaffetz	Frankel (FL)	Kelly (PA)	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Chu (CA)	Franks (AZ)	Kennedy	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Cicilline	Frelinghuysen	Kildee	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Clark (MA)	Fudge	Kilmer	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Clarke (NY)	Gabbard	Kind	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Clawson (FL)	Gallego	King (IA)	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Clay	Garamendi	King (NY)	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Cleaver	Garrett	Kirkpatrick	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Clyburn	Gibbs	Kline	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Coffman	Gibson	Knight	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Cole	Goodlatte	Kuster	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Collins (GA)	Gosar	LaMalfa	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Collins (NY)	Gowdy	Lamborn	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter
Comstock	Graham	Lance	Rodgers	Rubin	Rubin	Trotter

SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS-ELECT

The SPEAKER (during the vote). During this vote the Chair will administer the oath of office to several Members who have not yet had the opportunity to have the oath of office administered to them.

Will the Members-elect please present themselves in the well.

Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, and Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now Members of the 114th Congress.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER (during the vote). Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman from California and the gentlemen from Alaska and Texas, the whole number of the House is now 433.

□ 1900

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN changed her vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROTECTING VOLUNTEER FIRE-FIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BYRNE). The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 33) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, 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 Wisconsin (Mr. RYAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 401, nays 0, not voting 31, as follows:

[Roll No. 18]

YEAS—401

Abraham	Bishop (UT)	Byrne
Adams	Black	Calvert
Aderholt	Blackburn	Capps
Aguilar	Blum	Capuano
Allen	Blumenauer	Cárdenas
Amash	Bonamici	Carson (IN)
Amodei	Boustany	Carter (GA)
Ashford	Boyle (PA)	Carter (TX)
Babin	Brady (PA)	Cartwright
Barletta	Brat	Castor (FL)
Barr	Bridenstine	Castro (TX)
Barton	Brooks (AL)	Chabot
Bass	Brooks (IN)	Chaffetz
Beatty	Brown (FL)	Chu (CA)
Becerra	Brownley (CA)	Cicilline
Benishek	Buchanan	Clark (MA)
Bera	Buck	Clarke (NY)
Beyer	Bucshon	Clawson (FL)
Bilirakis	Burgess	Clay
Bishop (GA)	Bustos	Cleaver
Bishop (MI)	Butterfield	Clyburn