

A third of Houston jobs are in STEM-based fields.

Houston has the second largest concentrations of engineers (22.4 for every 1,000 workers according to the Greater Houston Partnership).

Houston has 59,070 engineers, the second largest population in the nation.

STEM jobs are at the core of Houston's economic success, but what we have done with STEM innovation and job creation in the city of Houston is not enough to satisfy the region's demand for STEM trained workers.

Houston anticipates that in the next 5 years the gap in the number of people with STEM skills and training will not keep up with the number of positions requiring those skills.

This is not just true for Houston, Texas—it is true for every region of the nation—whether you live in a rural community or urban center.

By 2018 the United States will need: 710,000 Computing workers; 160,000 Engineers; 70,000 Physical Scientists; 40,000 Life Science workers; 20,000 Mathematics workers.

STEM Computing Jobs are critical to America's future: Software engineers; Computer networking workers; Systems analysis; Computer researcher or support workers.

Types of STEM Engineering Jobs: Structural Engineers; Mechanical Engineers; Software Engineers; Electrical Engineers; Automotive Engineers; Aeronautical Engineers; Naval Engineers; Architects.

Types of STEM Physical Sciences Jobs: Biologists; Zoologists; Agricultural; Food Scientists; Conservation Scientists; Medical Scientists; Climatologists.

Types of STEM Life Scientists [PhDs]: Political Science; Economists; Anthropologists; Archaeology; Cultural Researchers; Language Experts (Linguistic and Language Skills).

Types of STEM Mathematics: Teachers; Physicists; Cryptographers; Statisticians; Accountants.

In order to ensure that underserved populations reach the level of STEM education and opportunity they choose to pursue, I believe it is integral to create an office that will focus on closing the STEM education gap.

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the yeas appeared to have it.

Mr. POLIS. 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, this 15-minute vote on adoption of the resolution will be followed by a 5-minute vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass S. 178.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 242, nays 179, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 243]

YEAS—242

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| Aderholt | Amodei | Barr |
| Allen | Babin | Barton |

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| Hartzler | Heck (NV) | Hensarling | Herrera Beutler | Hice, Jody B. | Hill | Holding | Hudson | Huelskamp | Huizenga (MI) | Hultgren | Hunter | Hurd (TX) | Hurt (VA) | Issa | Jenkins (KS) | Jenkins (WV) | Johnson (OH) | Johnson, Sam | Jolly | Jones | Jordan | Joyce | Katko | Kelly (PA) | King (IA) | King (NY) | Kinzinger (IL) | Kline | Knight | Labrador | LaMalfa | Lamborn | Lance | Latta | LoBiondo | Long | Loudermilk | Love | Lucas | Luetkemeyer | Lummis | MacArthur | Marchant | Marino | Massie | McCarthy | McCauley | McClintock | McHenry | McKinley | McMorris | Rodgers | McSally | Meadows | Meehan | Messer | Mica | Miller (FL) | Miller (MI) | Moolenaar | Mooney (WV) | Mullin | Mulvaney | Murphy (PA) | Neugebauer | Newhouse | Noem | Nugent | Nunes | Olson | Palazzo | Palmer | Paulsen | Pearce | Perry | Pittenger | Pitts |

NAYS—179

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NOT VOTING—11

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| Brady (PA) | Donovan | Sanchez, Loretta |
| Capps | Gosar | Tsongas |
| Chaffetz | Hastings | Yarmuth |
| Deutch | Moore | |

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Ms. CLARKE of New York, Messrs. LARSON of Connecticut, and HONDA changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING ACT OF 2015

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 178) to provide justice for the victims of trafficking, 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.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 420, nays 3, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 244]

YEAS—420

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| Abraham | Ashford | Becerra |
| Adams | Babin | Benishak |
| Aderholt | Barletta | Bera |
| Aguilar | Barr | Beyer |
| Allen | Barton | Bilirakis |
| Amash | Bass | Bishop (GA) |
| Amodei | Beatty | Bishop (MI) |

Bishop (UT) Fitzpatrick
Black Fleischmann
Blackburn Fleming
Blum Flores
Blumenauer Forbes
Bonamici Fortenberry
Bost Foster
Boustany Foxx
Boyle, Brendan Frankel (FL)
F. Franks (AZ)
Brady (TX) Frelinghuysen
Brat Fudge
Bridenstine Gabbard
Brooks (AL) Gallego
Brooks (IN) Garamendi
Brown (FL) Garrett
Brownley (CA) Gibbs
Buchanan Gibson
Buck Gohmert
Bucshon Goodlatte
Burgess Gosar
Bustos Gowdy
Butterfield Graham
Byrne Granger
Calvert Graves (GA)
Capuano Graves (LA)
Cárdenas Graves (MO)
Carney Green, Al
Carson (IN) Green, Gene
Carter (GA) Griffith
Carter (TX) Grijalva
Carterwright Grothman
Castor (FL) Guinta
Castro (TX) Guthrie
Chabot Gutiérrez
Chu, Judy Hahn
Cicilline Hanna
Clark (MA) Hardy
Clarke (NY) Harper
Clawson (FL) Harris
Clay Hartzler
Cleaver Heck (NV)
Clyburn Heck (WA)
Coffman Hensarling
Cohen Herrera Beutler
Cole Hice, Jody B.
Collins (GA) Higgins
Collins (NY) Hill
Comstock Himes
Conaway Hinojosa
Connolly Holding
Cook Honda
Cooper Hoyer
Costa Hudson
Costello (PA) Huelskamp
Courtney Huffman
Cramer Huizenga (MI)
Crawford Hultgren
Crenshaw Hunter
Crowley Hurd (TX)
Cuellar Hurt (VA)
Culberson Israel
Cummings Issa
Curbelo (FL) Jackson Lee
Davis (CA) Jeffries
Davis, Danny Jenkins (KS)
Davis, Rodney Jenkins (WV)
DeFazio Johnson (GA)
DeGette Johnson (OH)
Delaney Johnson, E. B.
DeLauro Johnson, Sam
DelBene Jolly
Denham Jones
Dent Jordan
DeSantis Joyce
DeSaulnier Kaptur
DesJarlais Katko
Deutch Keating
Diaz-Balart Kelly (IL)
Dingell Kelly (PA)
Doggett Kennedy
Dold Kildee
Doyle, Michael Kilmer
F. Kind
Duckworth King (IA)
Duffy King (NY)
Duncan (SC) Kinzinger (IL)
Duncan (TN) Kirkpatrick
Edwards Kline
Ellison Knight
Ellmers (NC) Kuster
Emmer (MN) Labrador
Engel LaMalfa
Eshoo Lamborn
Esty Lance
Farenthold Langevin
Farr Larsen (WA)
Fattah Larson (CT)
Fincher Latta

Lawrence
Lee
Levin
Lewis
Lieu, Ted
Lipinski
LoBiondo
Loeb sack
Lofgren
Long
Loudermilk
Love
Lowenthal
Lowey
Lucas
Luetkemeyer
Lujan Grisham
(NM)
Luján, Ben Ray
(NM)
Lummis
Lynch
MacArthur
Maloney
Carolyn
Maloney, Sean
Marchant
Marino
Matsui
McCarthy
McCaul
McClintock
McCollum
McDermott
McGovern
McHenry
McKinley
McMorris
Rodgers
McNerney
McSally
Meadows
Meehan
Meeks
Meng
Messer
Mica
Miller (FL)
Miller (MI)
Moolenaar
Mooney (WV)
Moulton
Mullin
Mulvaney
Murphy (FL)
Murphy (PA)
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal
Neugebauer
Newhouse
Noem
Nolan
Norcross
Nugent
Nunes
O'Rourke
Olson
Palazzo
Pallone
Palmer
Pascarell
Paulsen
Payne
Pearce
Pelosi
Perlmuter
Perry
Peters
Peterson
Pingree
Pittenger
Pitts
Pocan
Poe (TX)
Poliquin
Polis
Pompeo
Posey
Price (NC)
Price, Tom
Quigley
Rangel
Ratcliffe
Reed
Reichert
Renacci
Ribble
Rice (NY)

Rice (SC)
Richmond
Rigell
Roby
Roe (TN)
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rohrabacher
Rokita
Rooney (FL)
Ros-Lehtinen
Roskam
Ross
Rothfus
Rouzer
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Ruiz
Ruppersberger
Rush
Russell
Ryan (OH)
Ryan (WI)
Salmon
Sánchez, Linda
T.
Sanford
Sarbanes
Scalise
Schakowsky
Schiff
Schrader
Schweikert
Scott, Austin
Scott, David
Sensenbrenner
Serrano

Sessions
Sewell (AL)
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Slaughter
Smith (MO)
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Speier
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Thornberry
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Torres
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Valadao
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Wagner
Walberg
Walden
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Walorski
Walters, Mimi
Walz
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters, Maxine
Watson Coleman
Weber (TX)
Webster (FL)
Welch
Wenstrup
Westerman
Westmoreland
Whitfield
Williams
Wilson (FL)
Wilson (SC)
Wittman
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Woodall
Yarmuth
Yoder
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Young (AK)
Young (IA)
Young (IN)
Zeldin
Zinke

NAYS—3

Conyers

NOT VOTING—9

Brady (PA)
Capps
Chaffetz

Donovan
Grayson
Hastings

Scott (VA)

Moore
Sanchez, Loretta
Tsongas

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

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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.

PERMISSION TO POSTPONE PROCEEDINGS ON MOTION TO RECOMMIT ON H.R. 2353, HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION FUNDING ACT OF 2015

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the question of adopting a motion to recommit on H.R. 2353 may be subject to postponement as though under clause 8 of rule XX.

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

There was no objection.

HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION FUNDING ACT OF 2015

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on H.R. 2353.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 271, I call up the bill (H.R. 2353) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 271, the bill is considered read.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2353

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2015”.

(b) RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS.—The Secretary of Transportation shall reduce the amount apportioned or allocated for a program, project, or activity under this Act in fiscal year 2015 by amounts apportioned or allocated pursuant to the Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2014, including the amendments made by that Act, for the period beginning on October 1, 2014, and ending on May 31, 2015.

(c) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; reconciliation of funds; table of contents.

TITLE I—SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM EXTENSION

Subtitle A—Federal-Aid Highways

Sec. 1001. Extension of Federal-aid highway programs.

Sec. 1002. Administrative expenses.

Subtitle B—Extension of Highway Safety Programs

Sec. 1101. Extension of national highway traffic safety administration highway safety programs.

Sec. 1102. Extension of Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration programs.

Sec. 1103. Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act.

Subtitle C—Public Transportation Programs

Sec. 1201. Formula grants for rural areas.

Sec. 1202. Apportionment of appropriations for formula grants.

Sec. 1203. Authorizations for public transportation.

Sec. 1204. Bus and bus facilities formula grants.

Subtitle D—Hazardous Materials

Sec. 1301. Authorization of appropriations.

TITLE II—REVENUE PROVISIONS

Sec. 2001. Extension of Highway Trust Fund expenditure authority.

TITLE I—SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM EXTENSION

Subtitle A—Federal-Aid Highways

SEC. 1001. EXTENSION OF FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY PROGRAMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1001(a) of the Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2014 (128 Stat. 1840) is amended by striking “May 31, 2015” and inserting “July 31, 2015”.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) HIGHWAY TRUST FUND.—Section 1001(b)(1) of the Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2014 (128 Stat. 1840) is amended by striking “for the period beginning on