

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I yield my self such time as I may consume.

I am waiting for one other speaker; so, while we are waiting, let me at least partially close.

I, first of all, thank Chairman ROYCE's staff for their hard work on this very important bill. I thank Tom Sheehy, Ed Burrier, Tom Hill, and Doug Anderson, and on my staff, Jason Steinbaum, Doug Campbell, Eric Jacobstein, Janice Kaguyutan, Sajit Gandhi, Jennifer Hendrixson White, and Mark Iozzi. We can only do as well as the wonderful staff that we have, and it is really appreciated, I know, by Chairman ROYCE and by me.

As was said before, Mr. Speaker, every single year, Congress passes a defense authorization. It happens without fail, and it should. It is a vitally important piece of legislation, and we have an obligation to give our women and men in uniform the support and the resources they need.

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The work of our diplomats is very different, but it is also critical to our national security. These dedicated public servants help to project stability, enhance security, and diffuse crises before they start.

From a dollars-and-cents perspective, it makes a lot more sense to prevent crises than to try to stop them after they are burning out of control. We need diplomacy to succeed so that using our military remains the last resort in our foreign policy. This legislation will help ensure that our diplomacy does succeed.

I hope this bill gets across the finish line soon; I hope the Senate does its job; and I hope we make a State Department authorization a yearly priority for the Foreign Affairs Committee, for the Congress, and for the American people.

I urge a "yes" vote on this bill.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT).

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I am a big fan of Chairman ROYCE's work, and I appreciate all the work of the committee in these difficult areas.

Sometimes in trying to bring together a big authorization bill like this, language gets inserted that can be problematic. On page 105, for example, section 713, "Recruitment and retention of individuals who have lived, worked, or studied in predominantly Muslim countries or communities," we know that one of our problems when we were trying to deal with radical Islam is, number one, our President doesn't recognize radical Islam, although some of the best experts who are radical Islamists say, yes, it exists, and Muslim friends like President el-Sisi acknowledge it is a problem.

For example, here in subsection C, it says: "The Secretary shall make every effort to recruit and retain individuals that have lived, worked, or studied in

predominantly Muslim countries or communities, including individuals who have studied at Islamic institutions of higher learning."

I know this was not submitted by a Muslim—far from it—but although we desperately need people who have lived and studied in this area, to tell the Secretary of State that the Secretary shall make every effort to get people like this is the way our enemies take advantage of us. We should not be telling the Secretary to make every effort.

As a former chief justice, that is the kind of thing—you have to say, well, he didn't make every effort or she didn't make every effort. We should not be coercing the State Department to hire people who—if they are not appropriate or have Muslim ties, they should not be pushed into the State Department.

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, let me say in response that we should hire, in the State Department, people who do have some experience. We should have some people there with some experience with Muslim culture and Muslim countries, with that kind of a background. But that said, we want to work with the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) on implementation of this bill to make certain that these concerns are handled.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. FRANKEL).

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman ROYCE and Ranking Member ENGEL, first, for the great bipartisan work. I really appreciate being on this committee.

I want to tell you a story that one of our Ambassadors told me that I thought was amazing. I won't say her name or where she was, but she told me she was overseas. The security that they hired was so poor that they actually had to hire criminals; and her security guard not only robbed her and her family, but killed their dog. That is just an example of some of the quality of security that we had for our Ambassadors, who deserve absolutely our utmost protection.

So I just want to thank both the chairman and the ranking member for working with me to get this provision in this bill that now is going to let our State Department get well-qualified security for Embassies, which they deserve to have.

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

I want to thank the gentlewoman from Florida for her contribution to this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, as chairman, I also want to thank our ranking member, Mr. ENGEL. I want to thank all my committee colleagues for their contributions to this bill. I think we should take the opportunity to thank our counterparts, Senator CORKER and Senator CARDIN, in the Senate for working with us to bring the first State authorization bill to the President's desk in over 15 years.

Today, the Department is considering how to deploy diplomats in high-

threat, high-risk places like South Sudan, like the Central African Republic, Yemen, Libya. It is our responsibility to make sure that U.S. personnel at these posts have every available means of protection, and this bill authorizes the Department to make critical upgrades in Embassy security.

This bill also mandates that the Department uses leverage at the United Nations to make improvements that have been ignored for too long. In just the last year, we have heard horrific stories of peacekeepers sexually abusing and exploiting those they are sent to protect. Sadly, these are not the first instances of such predatory behavior, but the United Nations has failed to take steps to stop it.

Oversight is necessary at any agency. It took 5 years for the Department's inspector general position to be filled, and this bill makes sure that the Department's watchdog has all the tools it needs to perform its mandate.

This bill deserves our support. The other body should move quickly so that these critical reforms can be signed into law by the President.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. ROYCE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 1635, as amended.

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. GOHMERT. 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 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HARDY) 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. 5015, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 6427, by the yeas and nays;

S. 1635, by the yeas and nays.

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

### COMBAT-INJURED VETERANS TAX FAIRNESS ACT OF 2016

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5015) to restore amounts improperly withheld for tax purposes from severance payments to individuals who retired or separated from service in the Armed Forces for combat-related injuries, 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 Texas (Mr. BRADY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 392, nays 0, not voting 41, as follows:

[Roll No. 601]

YEAS—392

Abraham	Clyburn	Foster	Luetkemeyer	Reed	Abraham	Comer	Gohmert
Adams	Coffman	Foxx	Lujan Grisham (NM)	Renacci	Adams	Comstock	Goodlatte
Aderholt	Cohen	Frankel (FL)	Luján, Ben Ray (NM)	Ribble	Aderholt	Conaway	Gosar
Aguilar	Cole	Franks (AZ)	Rice (NY)	Velázquez	Aguilar	Connolly	Gowdy
Allen	Collins (GA)	Frelinghuysen	Rice (SC)	Visclosky	Allen	Conyers	Graham
Amash	Collins (NY)	Fudge	Lummis	Rigell	Babin	Courtney	Graves (MO)
Amodei	Comer	Gabbard	Lynch	Roby	Barletta	Cramer	Grayson
Ashford	Comstock	Gallego	MacArthur	Roe (TN)	Barr	Crawford	Green, Al
Babin	Conaway	Garamendi	Maloney	Rogers (AL)	Barton	Crenshaw	Green, Gene
Barletta	Connolly	Garrett	Carolyn	Rogers (KY)	Bass	Crowley	Griffith
Barr	Conyers	Gibbs	Maloney, Sean	Rokita	Walker	Cuellar	Grijalva
Barton	Cook	Gibson	Marino	Rooney (FL)	Walorski	Benishek	Grothman
Bass	Cooper	Gohmert	Massie	Ros-Lehtinen	Walters, Mimi	Culberson	Hector
Beatty	Costa	Goodlatte	Matsui	Roskam	Turner	Bera	Herrera Beutler
Benishek	Costello (PA)	Gosar	McCarthy	Ross	Upton	Cummings	Higgins
Bera	Courtney	Gowdy	McCaull	Waterson, Maxine	Walberg	Beyer	Gutierrez
Beyer	Cramer	Graham	McClintock	Watson Coleman	Walden	Barletta	Hill
Bilirakis	Crawford	Granger	Rouzer	Weber (TX)	Walden	Bilirakis	Davidson
Bishop (GA)	Crenshaw	Graves (GA)	Royal-Allard	Webster (FL)	Wasserman	Bishop (GA)	Davis (CA)
Bishop (MI)	Crowley	Graves (LA)	McGovern	Royce	Schultz	Bishop (MI)	Davis, Danny
Bishop (UT)	Cuellar	Graves (MO)	McHenry	Ruiz	Waters, Maxine	Bishop (UT)	Davis, Rodney
Black	Culberson	Grayson	McKinley	Ruppersberger	Watson Coleman	Black	DeFazio
Blackburn	Cummings	Green, Al	McMorris	Russell	Westerman	Blackburn	Hartzler
Blum	Curbelo (FL)	Green, Gene	Rodgers	Ryan (OH)	Bost	Blum	Hastings
Blumenauer	Davidson	Griffith	McNerney	Salmon	Boutros	Bilirakis	Heck (NV)
Bonamici	Davis (CA)	Grijalva	McSally	Sánchez, Linda	Boutros	Bishop (GA)	Hanabusa
Bost	Davis, Danny	Grothman	Meadows	T.	Brady (PA)	Bishop (MI)	Hardy
Boustany	Davis, Rodney	Guinta	Meehan	Sanford	Brady (TX)	Bishop (UT)	Harter
Boyle, Brendan F.	DeFazio	Guthrie	Meeks	Woodall	Brady (PA)	Black	Herrera Beutler
Brady (PA)	DeGette	Gutiérrez	Meng	Yoder	Brady (TX)	Blackburn	Hill
Brady (TX)	Delaney	Hanabusa	Messer	Yoho	Brady (PA)	Blum	Hastings
Brat	DeLauro	Hardy	Schakowsky	Williams	Brady (TX)	Bilirakis	Heck (NV)
Brooks (AL)	Dent	Harper	Schiff	Wilson (FL)	Brady (PA)	Bishop (GA)	Hanabusa
Brooks (IN)	Hartzler	Hoolenaar	Schrader	Wilson (SC)	Brady (TX)	Bishop (MI)	Hardy
Brownley (CA)	DeSantis	Hastings	Schweikert	Womack	Brady (PA)	Bishop (UT)	Harter
Buchanan	DeSaulnier	Heck (NV)	Mooney (WV)	Zeldin	Brady (TX)	Black	Herrera Beutler
Buck	DesJarlais	Heck (WA)	Scott (VA)	Zinke	Brady (PA)	DeGette	Hill
Buck	Deutch	Hensarling			Brady (TX)	Brady (PA)	Hastings
Bucshon	Diaz-Balart	Herrera Beutler	Becerra	Harris	Brady (PA)	Brady (TX)	Heck (NV)
Burgess	Dingell	Higgins	Bidenstine	Hice, Jody B.	Brady (PA)	Brady (TX)	Hanabusa
Bustos	Dold	Himes	Brown (FL)	Napolitano	Brady (PA)	Brady (TX)	Heck (NV)
Butterfield	Doggett	Hill	Carney	Newhouse	Brady (PA)	Brady (TX)	Hanabusa
Byrne	Donovan	Hinojosa	Chu, Judy	Poe (TX)	Brady (PA)	Brady (TX)	Heck (NV)
Calvert	Doyle, Michael F.	Holding	Clawson (FL)	Hurt (VA)	Brady (PA)	Brady (TX)	Hanabusa
Capps	Duffy	Hoyer	DelBene	Jolly	Brady (PA)	Brady (TX)	Heck (NV)
Capuano	Duckworth	Hudson	Duffy	Reichert	Brady (PA)	Brady (TX)	Hanabusa
Cárdenas	Duncan (SC)	Huelskamp	Edwards	Richmond	Brady (PA)	Brady (TX)	Heck (NV)
Carson (IN)	Duncan (TN)	Huffman	Kirkpatrick	Kildee	Brady (PA)	Brady (TX)	Hanabusa
Carter (GA)	Ellison	Huizenga (MI)	LaMalfa	Kilmer	Brady (PA)	Brady (TX)	Heck (NV)
Carter (TX)	Emmer (MN)	Hultgren	Farr	Rush	Brady (PA)	Brady (TX)	Hanabusa
Cartwright	Engel	Hurd (TX)	Fincher	Sanchez, Loretta	Brady (PA)	Brady (TX)	Heck (NV)
Castor (FL)	Eshoo	Israel	Forbes	Stutzman	Brady (PA)	Brady (TX)	Hanabusa
Castro (TX)	Esty	Jackson Lee	McDermott	Westmoreland	Brady (PA)	Brady (TX)	Heck (NV)
Chabot	Evans	Jeffries	Hanna	Wittman	Brady (PA)	Brady (TX)	Hanabusa
Chaffetz	Farenthold	Jenkins (KS)	Miller (MI)	Yarmuth	Brady (PA)	Brady (TX)	Heck (NV)
Cicilline	Fitzpatrick	Jenkins (WV)			Brady (PA)	Brady (TX)	Hanabusa
Clark (MA)	Fleischmann	Johnson (GA)			Brady (PA)	Brady (TX)	Heck (NV)
Clarke (NY)	Fleming	Johnson (OH)			Brady (PA)	Brady (TX)	Hanabusa
Clay	Flores	Johnson, E. B.			Brady (PA)	Brady (TX)	Heck (NV)
Cleaver	Fortenberry	Johnson, E. B.			Brady (PA)	Brady (TX)	Hanabusa

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

### CREATING FINANCIAL PROSPERITY FOR BUSINESSES AND INVESTORS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6427) to improve the operation of United States capital markets, 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 New Jersey (Mr. GARRETT) 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 391, nays 2, not voting 40, as follows:

[Roll No. 602]

YEAS—391

Abraham	Clyburn	Foster	Luetkemeyer	Reed	Abraham	Comer	Gohmert
Adams	Coffman	Foxx	Lujan Grisham (NM)	Renacci	Adams	Comstock	Goodlatte
Aderholt	Cohen	Frankel (FL)	Luján, Ben Ray (NM)	Ribble	Aderholt	Conaway	Gosar
Aguilar	Cole	Franks (AZ)	Rice (NY)	Velázquez	Aguilar	Connolly	Gowdy
Allen	Collins (GA)	Frelinghuysen	Rice (SC)	Visclosky	Allen	Conyers	Graham
Amash	Collins (NY)	Fudge	Lummis	Rigell	Babin	Courtney	Graves (MO)
Amodei	Comer	Gabbard	Lynch	Roby	Barletta	Cramer	Grayson
Ashford	Comstock	Gallego	MacArthur	Roe (TN)	Barr	Crawford	Green, Al
Babin	Conaway	Garamendi	Maloney	Rogers (AL)	Barton	Crenshaw	Green, Gene
Barletta	Connolly	Garrett	Carolyn	Rogers (KY)	Bass	Crowley	Griffith
Barr	Conyers	Gibbs	Maloney, Sean	Rokita	Walker	Cuellar	Grijalva
Barton	Cook	Gibson	Marino	Rouzer	Walorski	Benishek	Grothman
Bass	Cooper	Gohmert	Massie	Royal-Allard	Walters, Mimi	Culberson	Hector
Beatty	Costa	Goodlatte	Matsui	Rigell	Turner	Bera	Herrera Beutler
Benishek	Costello (PA)	Gosar	McCarthy	Roby	Upton	Cummings	Higgins
Bera	Courtney	Gowdy	McCaull	Roe (TN)	Valdado	Beyer	Gutierrez
Beyer	Cramer	Graham	McClintock	Rogers (AL)	Van Hollen	Barletta	Hill
Bilirakis	Crawford	Granger	Rouzer	Rice (SC)	Velázquez	Bilirakis	Davidson
Bishop (GA)	Crenshaw	Graves (GA)	Royal-Allard	Rigell	Wagner	Bishop (GA)	Davis (CA)
Bishop (MI)	Crowley	Graves (LA)	McGovern	Roby	Walberg	Bishop (MI)	Davis, Danny
Bishop (UT)	Cuellar	Graves (MO)	McHenry	Roe (TN)	Walden	Bishop (UT)	Davis, Rodney
Black	Culberson	Grayson	McKinley	Ruppersberger	Wasserman	Black	DeFazio
Blackburn	Cummings	Green, Al	McMorris	Russell	Waters, Maxine	Blackburn	Hartzler
Blum	Curbelo (FL)	Green, Gene	Rodgers	Ryan (OH)	Watson Coleman	Blum	Hastings
Blumenauer	Davidson	Griffith	McNerney	Salmon	Westerman	Bilirakis	Heck (NV)
Bonamici	Davis (CA)	Grijalva	McSally	Sánchez, Linda	Bost	Bishop (GA)	Hanabusa
Bost	Davis, Danny	Grothman	Meadows	T.	Boutros	Bishop (MI)	Hardy
Boustany	Davis, Rodney	Guinta	Meehan	Sanford	Brat	Bishop (UT)	Harter
Boyle, Brendan F.	DeFazio	Guthrie	Meeks	Woodall	Dingell	Black	Herrera Beutler
Brady (PA)	DeGette	Gutiérrez	Meng	Yoder	Doggett	DeGette	Hill
Brady (TX)	Delaney	Hanabusa	Messer	Yoho	Brooks (AL)	Brady (PA)	Hastings
Brat	DeLauro	Hardy	Schakowsky	Williams	Brooks (IN)	Brady (TX)	Heck (NV)
Brooks (AL)	Dent	Harper	Schiff	Wilson (FL)	Coldwell	Brady (PA)	Hanabusa
Brooks (IN)	Hartzler	Hoolenaar	Schrader	Wilson (SC)	DesJarlais	Brady (TX)	Heck (NV)
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Carson (IN)	Duncan (TN)	Huffman	Kirkpatrick	Kildee	DesJarlais	Brady (TX)	Heck (NV)
Carter (GA)	Ellison	Huizenga (MI)	LaMalfa	Rohrabacher	DesJarlais	Brady (PA)	Hanabusa
Carter (TX)	Emmer (MN)	Hultgren	Farr	Kilmer	DesJarlais	Brady (TX)	Heck (NV)
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Castro (TX)	Esty	Jackson Lee	McDermott	Stutzman	DesJarlais	Brady (PA)	Hanabusa
Chabot	Evans	Jeffries	Hanna	Westmoreland	DesJarlais	Brady (TX)	Heck (NV)
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Clay	Flores	Johnson (OH)			DesJarlais	Brady (PA)	Hanabusa
Cleaver	Fortenberry	Johnson, E. B.			DesJarlais	Brady (TX)	Heck (NV)

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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.