

on the part of the House to the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service:

Mr. Thomas Kilgannon, Centreville, Virginia

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUALS TO THE MEDAL OF VALOR REVIEW BOARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 3(b) of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act of 2001 (42 U.S.C. 15202), and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following individuals on the part of the House to the Medal of Valor Review Board for a term of 4 years:

Mr. Brandon Clabes, Choctaw, Oklahoma

Mr. Brian Murphy, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE AMERICAN FOLKLIFE CENTER IN THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 2103(b), and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following individual to the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress on the part of the House for a term of 6 years:

Ms. Patricia A. Atkinson, Carson City, Nevada

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 23 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. WOODALL) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 66, DISAPPROVING RULE SUBMITTED BY DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RELATING TO SAVINGS ARRANGEMENTS BY STATES FOR NON-GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES, AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 67, DISAPPROVING RULE SUBMITTED BY DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RELATING TO SAVINGS ARRANGEMENTS BY QUALIFIED STATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FOR NON-GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES

Mr. BYRNE, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report

(Rept. No. 115-11) on the resolution (H. Res. 116) providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 66) disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to savings arrangements established by States for non-governmental employees, and providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 67) disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to savings arrangements established by qualified State political subdivisions for non-governmental employees, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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. 244, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 974, by the yeas and nays.

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

HONORING INVESTMENTS IN RECRUITING AND EMPLOYING AMERICAN MILITARY VETERANS ACT OF 2017

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 244) to encourage effective, voluntary private sector investments to recruit, employ, and retain men and women who have served in the United States military with annual presidential awards to private sector employers recognizing such efforts, 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 Florida (Mr. BILL-RAKIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 409, nays 1, not voting 21, as follows:

[Roll No. 86]

YEAS—409

Abraham	Bilirakis	Bucshon	Gonzalez (TX)	Cicilline	Heck	McSally
Adams	Bishop (GA)	Budd	Goodlatte	Clark (MA)	Hensarling	Meadows
Aderholt	Bishop (MI)	Burgess	Gosar	Clarke (NY)	Herrera Beutler	Meehan
Aguilar	Bishop (UT)	Bustos	Gottheimer	Clay	Hice, Jody B.	Meng
Allen	Black	Butterfield	Gowdy	Cleaver	Higgins (LA)	Messer
Amodei	Blackburn	Byrne	Granger	Clyburn	Higgins (NY)	Mitchell
Arrington	Blum	Calvert	Graves (GA)	Coffman	Hill	Moolenaar
Babin	Blumenauer	Capuano	Graves (LA)	Cohen	Himes	Mooney (WV)
Bacon	Blunt Rochester	Carbajal	Graves (MO)	Cole	Holding	Mullin
Banks (IN)	Bonamici	Cárdenas	Guthrie	Collins (GA)	Hollingsworth	Murphy (FL)
Barletta	Bost	Carson (IN)	Hanabusa	Collins (NY)	Hoyer	Murphy (PA)
Barr	Brady (PA)	Carter (GA)	Harper	Comer	Hudson	Nadler
Barragán	Brady (TX)	Carter (TX)	Harris	Comstock	Huffman	Napolitano
Barton	Brat	Cartwright	Hartzler	Costello (PA)	Huizenga	Neal
Bass	Bridenstine	Castor (FL)	Hastings	Courtney	Hultgren	Newhouse
Beatty	Brooks (AL)	Castro (TX)	Issa	Cramer	Hunter	Noem
Bera	Brooks (IN)	Chabot	Jackson Lee	Crawford	Hurd	Nolan
Bergman	Brown (MD)	Chaffetz	Jayapal	Crist	Johnson (LA)	Norcross
Beyer	Brownley (CA)	Cheney	Jenkins (WV)	Crowley	Johnson (OH)	Nunes
Biggs	Buck	Chu, Judy	Johnson (GA)	Cuellar	Johnson, E. B.	O'Halleran
			Johnston (GA)	Culberson	Johnson, Sam	O'Rourke
			Johnson (LA)	Cummings	Jones	Palazzo
			Johnson (OH)	Curbelo (FL)	Jordan	Pallone
			Johnson (PA)	Davidson	Joyce (OH)	Palmer
			Johnson (SC)	DeLauro	Kaptur	Pelosi
			Johnson (VA)	DelBene	Katko	Perlmutter
			Johnson (WI)	Demings	Keating	Perry
			King (IL)	Denham	Kelly (IL)	Peters
			King (MS)	Dent	Kelly (MS)	Peterson
			King (PA)	DeGte	Kelly (PA)	Pocan
			Kennedy	DeLauro	Kennedy	Poe (TX)
			Khanh	DelBene	Khanh	Poliquin
			Kihuen	Demings	Kinzinger	Polis
			Kildee	Denzh	Knight	Posey
			Kilmer	Dingell	Krishnamoorthi	Price (NC)
			Kind	Doggett	Kuster (NH)	Quigley
			King (IA)	Donovan	Kustoff (TN)	Raskin
			King (NY)	Doyle, Michael	Labrador	Richmond
			King (PA)	F.	LaHood	Roby
			King (VA)	Duffy	Lamborn	Roe (TN)
			King (WI)	Duncan (SC)	Lance	Rogers (AL)
			King (WV)	Duncan (TN)	Langevin	Rogers (KY)
			Kihuen	Dunn	Larsen (WA)	Rohrabacher
			Kildee	Emmer	Larson (CT)	Rokita
			Kilmer	Engel	Latta	Rooney, Francis
			Kind	Eshoo	Lawrence	Rooney, Thomas
			King (IA)	Espauillat	Lawson (FL)	J.
			King (IL)	Esty	Lee	Ros-Lehtinen
			King (MS)	Evans	Levin	Rosen
			King (PA)	Farenthold	Lewis (GA)	Roskam
			King (VA)	Ferguson	Lewis (MN)	Ross
			Kihuen	Fitzpatrick	Lieu, Ted	Rothfus
			Kildee	Fleischmann	Lipinski	Rouzer
			Kilmer	Flores	LoBiondo	Royal-Allard
			Kind	Fortenberry	Loebssack	Ruiz
			King (IA)	Foster	Long	Ruppersberger
			King (IL)	Fox	Loudermilk	Russell
			King (MS)	Frankel (FL)	Love	Rutherford
			King (PA)	Franks (AZ)	Lowenthal	Ryan (OH)
			Kihuen	Frelinghuysen	Fudge	Sánchez
			Kildee	Gabbard	Gabriel	Sanford
			Kilmer	Gaetz	Gaetz	Barbanes
			Kind	Gallagher	Gallagher	Scalise
			King (IA)	Garrett	Garrett	Shakowsky
			King (IL)	Gibbs	Luján, Ben Ray	Schiff
			King (MS)	Gohmert	Lynch	Schneider
			King (PA)	Gonzalez (TX)	MacArthur	Schweikert
			Kihuen	Goodlatte	Maloney,	Scott (VA)
			Kildee	Gosar	Carolyn B.	Scott, Austin
			Kilmer	Gottheimer	Maloney, Sean	Scott, David
			King (VA)	Gottheimer	Marchant	Sensenbrenner
			King (WI)	Graves (GA)	Marino	Serrano
			Kihuen	Graves (LA)	Marshall	Sessions
			Kildee	Graves (MO)	Massie	Sewell (AL)
			Kilmer	Gowdy	Mast	Shea-Porter
			King (VA)	Granger	Matsui	Sánchez
			King (WI)	Graves (PA)	McCarthy	Sarbanes
			Kihuen	Griffith	McClintock	Scalise
			Kildee	Goodlatte	McClintock	Shimkus
			Kilmer	Gutierrez	McCormick	Shuster
			King (VA)	Grijalva	McCullom	Simpson
			King (WI)	Grothman	McEachin	Sinema
			Kihuen	Guthrie	McGovern	Sires
			Kildee	Hastings	McHenry	Slaughter
			Kilmer	Harris	McKinley	Smith (MO)
			King (VA)	Hastings	McMorris	Smith (NE)
			Kihuen	Hart	Rodgers	Smith (NJ)
			Kildee	Hastings	McNerney	

Smith (TX)	Tonko	Wasserman
Smith (WA)	Torres	Schultz
Smucker	Trott	Watson Coleman
Soto	Tsongas	Weber (TX)
Speier	Turner	Webster (FL)
Stefanik	Upton	Wenstrup
Stewart	Valadao	Westerman
Stivers	Vargas	Williams
Suozzi	Veasey	Wilson (FL)
Swalwell (CA)	Vela	Wilson (SC)
Takano	Velázquez	Wittman
Taylor	Visclosky	Womack
Tenney		Woodall
Thompson (CA)	Wagner	Yarmuth
Thompson (MS)	Walberg	Yoder
Thompson (PA)	Walden	Walker
Thornberry		Walorski
Tiberi		Young (AK)
Tipton	Walters, Mimi	Young (IA)
Titus	Walz	Zeldin

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NOT VOTING—21

Boyle, Brendan F.	Gutiérrez	Pingree
Buchanan	Jenkins (KS)	Pittenger
Delaney	LaMalfa	Rush
Ellison	McCaul	Waters, Maxine
Faso	Meeks	Welch
Gallego	Moore	Zinke
Garamendi	Moulton	
	Mulvaney	

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Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. BUCK, Ms. ROY-BAL-ALLARD, and Mr. HUFFMAN 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.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: “A bill to encourage effective, voluntary investments to recruit, employ, and retain men and women who have served in the United States military with annual Federal awards to employers recognizing such efforts, and for other purposes.”.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

THANKING JOYCE MEYER

(Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, all of us have people in our lives, in these vocations, without whom none of this would be possible. Today, I want to say good luck and good-bye to one of those people.

Joyce Meyer, whom many of you know on my staff, is heading to the White House after being with me in this office for 18 years—and, yes, there are some gray hairs here. She and I go back even further than that.

Joyce and I started off as staffers together in the United States Senate. In many ways, we grew up together. We were just kids then, fresh out of college. She went by Joyce Yamat in those days. She was a good friend, but she was an equally good staffer, which is why she was, at that time, one of the first people I asked to come work with me when I, at 28 years old, got elected to the House of Representatives.

She has been at the heart of our team ever since—through every up and down,

every adventure, every budget, every run for office. So much of what we have accomplished has been because of her—because of her leadership, because of her planning, because of her caring nature, because of her deep understanding of how this place works. She really is a person of the House.

Above all, she never, ever forgot and never let me forget whom I was working for: the people of the First District of Wisconsin. She is from Wisconsin. She is from Franklin, Wisconsin, which is a small town in southern Wisconsin, near Milwaukee. She is a Badger. Wisconsin is so much at the heart of who she is. She knows when the deer rut is. She knows that, on Sundays, there are only two things you do: Mass and Packers games in the fall. For all of her years here, she never forgot where she came from.

The truth is we have been through it all together. In fact, she has not just been a confidant or a friend—she is family. I often refer to her as my sister; and, to Joyce, family is at the center of everything. She treated all of our staff like family. She hosted wedding showers and baby showers. She made sure that everyone on our team put their own loved ones first. It is her own family that, through all of these years, has really been her source of inspiration: her parents; her sisters; her husband, Don, who, himself, was part of our team; and, of course, their beautiful and sweet daughter, Eva.

I know it is for a better life for Eva and her generation that Joyce has made serving government her life’s work. She could have gone on and done something so much more rewarding to the pocketbook, but she is doing this because she believes in our country.

I will cut this short because, for anyone who knows Joyce, she does not like attention; she does not like the fuss. She is here to serve. She is the best of what we aspire to in public service. This woman has done so much to make us successful, has done so much to make me successful. I just want to thank, from the bottom of my heart, a person who has done so much to make this House successful, and she is Joyce Meyer.

Joyce, I wish you and your family the best of luck. Thank you for serving us so much. Joyce, you are always going to be considered a person of the House of Representatives. Thank you so much, Joyce.

And there is her mom.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER).

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank Speaker RYAN for yielding. He admonished us to be brief. So, Joyce, I will be brief.

Often I rise on this floor when we have extraordinary staffers retire on either side of the aisle, Republican or Democrat, and observe what an extraordinary difference they make to the comity that does, in fact, exist but is rarely seen by the public.

Joyce Meyer has been an extraordinary member of our family. Speaker

RYAN says family is important to her. Family is important to all of us, and this is a family. It is sometimes a contentious family, but it is a family.

Frankly, the peacemakers in the family are largely the members of the staff, particularly the highest ranking staffers, and particularly those staffers who have been with each of us and many of us for a significant period of time. They understand the tensions that can be created, but they also understand that there is a responsibility to the American people. Every time I went across the aisle and talked to Joyce Meyer, I knew that she understood that and that she wanted to be a positive force in making this institution work better.

Let me say that Joyce Meyer now has an even bigger responsibility because she is going to the White House. May we all wish her the best in making that institution work better.

Joyce, God bless you and Godspeed.

BOOSTING RATES OF AMERICAN VETERAN EMPLOYMENT ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 974) to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in awarding a contract for the procurement of goods or services, to give a preference to offerors that employ veterans, 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. BILIRAKIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 407, nays 0, not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 87]

YEAS—407

Abraham	Blumenauer	Castro (TX)
Adams	Blunt Rochester	Chabot
Aderholt	Bonamici	Chaffetz
Aguilar	Bost	Cheney
Allen	Brady (PA)	Chu, Judy
Amash	Brady (TX)	Cicilline
Amodei	Brat	Clark (MA)
Arrington	Bridenstine	Clarke (NY)
Babin	Brooks (AL)	Clay
Bacon	Brooks (IN)	Cleaver
Banks (IN)	Brown (MD)	Clyburn
Barletta	Brownley (CA)	Coffman
Barr	Buck	Cohen
Barragán	Bucshon	Cole
Barton	Budd	Collins (GA)
Bass	Burgess	Collins (NY)
Beatty	Bustos	Comer
Bera	Butterfield	Comstock
Berman	Byrne	Conaway
Beyer	Calvert	Connolly
Biggs	Capuano	Conyers
Bilirakis	Carbajal	Cook
Bishop (GA)	Cárdenas	Cooper
Bishop (MI)	Carson (IN)	Correa
Bishop (UT)	Carter (GA)	Costa
Black	Carter (TX)	Costello (PA)
Blackburn	Cartwright	Courtney
Blum	Castor (FL)	Cramer