

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
Suozy	Veasey	Wilson (FL)
Swalwell (CA)	Vela	Wilson (SC)
Takano	Velázquez	Wittman
Taylor	Visclosky	Womack
Tenney	Wagner	Woodall
Thompson (CA)	Walberg	Yarmuth
Thompson (MS)	Walden	Yoder
Thompson (PA)	Walker	Yoho
Thornberry	Walorski	Young (AK)
Tiberi	Walters, Mimi	Young (IA)
Tipton	Walz	Zeldin
Titus		

NAYS—1

Amash

NOT VOTING—21

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

□ 1854

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
Bergman	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

Crawford Johnson (OH)
Crist Johnson, E. B.
Crowley Johnson, Sam
Cuellar Jones
Culberson Jordan
Cummins Joyce (OH)
Curbelo (FL) Kaptur
Davidson Katko
Davis (CA) Keating
Davis, Danny Kelly (IL)
Davis, Rodney Kelly (MS)
DeFazio Kelly (PA)
DeGette Kennedy
DeLauro Khanna
DelBene Kihuen
Demings Kildee
Denham Kilmer
Dent Kind
DeSantis King (IA)
DeSaulnier King (NY)
DesJarlais Kinzinger
Deutch Knight
Diaz-Balart Krishnamoorthi
Dingell Kuster (NH)
Doggett Kustoff (TN)
Donovan Labrador
Doyle, Michael LaHood
F. Lamborn
Duffy Lance
Duncan (SC) Langevin
Dunn Larsen (WA)
Emmer Larson (CT)
Engel Latta
Eshoo Lawrence
Espaillat Lawson (FL)
Esty Lee
Evans Levin
Farenthold Lewis (GA)
Ferguson Lewis (MN)
Fitzpatrick Lieu, Ted
Fleischmann Lipinski
Flores LoBiondo
Fortenberry Loeb sack
Foster Lofgren
Foxx Long
Frankel (FL) Loudermilk
Franks (AZ) Love
Frelinghuysen Lowenthal
Fudge Lowey
Gabbard Lucas
Gaetz Luetkemeyer
Gallagher Lujan Grisham,
Garrett M.
Gibbs Lujan, Ben Ray
Gohmert Lynch
Gonzalez (TX) MacArthur
Goodlatte Maloney,
Gosar Carolyn B.
Gottheimer Maloney, Sean
Gowdy Marchant
Granger Marino
Graves (GA) Marshall
Graves (LA) Massie
Graves (MO) Mast
Green, Al Matsui
Green, Gene McCarthy
Griffith McClintock
Grijalva McCollum
Grothman McEachin
Guthrie McGovern
Hanabusa McHenry
Harper McKinley
Harris McMorris
Hartzler Rodgers
Hastings McNerney
Heck McSally
Hensarling Meadows
Herrera Beutler Meehan
Hice, Jody B. Meng
Higgins (LA) Mitchell
Higgins (NY) Moolenaar
Hill Mooney (WV)
Himes Mullin
Holding Murphy (FL)
Hollingsworth Murphy (PA)
Hoyer Nadler
Hudson Napolitano
Huffman Neal
Huizenga Newhouse
Hultgren Noem
Hunter Nolan
Hurd Norcross
Issa Nunes
Jackson Lee O'Halleran
Jayapal O'Rourke
Jeffries Olson
Jenkins (WV) Palazzo
Johnson (GA) Pallone
Johnson (LA) Palmer

Panetta
Pascarell
Paulsen
Payne
Pearce
Pelosi
Perlmutter
Perry
Peters
Peterson
Pittenger
Pocan
Poe (TX)
Poliquin
Polis
Posey
Price (NC)
Quigley
Raskin
Reed
Reichert
Knight
Rice (NY)
Rice (SC)
Richmond
Roby
Roe (TN)
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rohrabacher
Rokita
Rooney, Francis
Rooney, Thomas
J.
Ros-Lehtinen
Rosen
Roskam
Ross
Rothfus
Rouzer
Roybal-Allard
Royce (CA)
Ruiz
Ruppersberger
Russell
Rutherford
Ryan (OH)
Sánchez
Sanford
Sarbanes
Scalise
Schakowsky
Schiff
Schneider
Schrader
Schweikert
Scott (VA)
Scott, Austin
Scott, David
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Sessions
Sewell (AL)
Shea-Porter
Sherman
Shimkus
Simpson
Sinema
Sires
Slaughter
Smith (MO)
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Smucker
Soto
Speier
Stefanik
Stewart
Stivers
Suozi
Swalwell (CA)
Takano
Taylor
Tenney
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Thompson (PA)
Thornberry
Tiberi
Tipton
Titus
Tonko
Torres
Trott
Tsongas
Turner
Upton

Valadao
Vargas
Veasey
Vela
Velázquez
Visclosky
Wagner
Walberg
Walden
Walker
Walorski
Walters, Mimi
Walz
Wasserman
Schultz
Watson Coleman
Weber (TX)
Webster (FL)
Wenstrup
Westerman
Williams
Wilson (FL)

Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Womack
Woodall
Yarmuth
Yoder
Yoho
Young (AK)
Young (IA)
Zeldin

NOT VOTING—24

Boyle, Brendan
F.
Buchanan
Delaney
Duncan (TN)
Ellison
Faso
Gallego
Garamendi
Gutiérrez
Jenkins (KS)
LaMalfa
McCaul
Meeks
Messer
Moore
Moulton
Mulvaney

Pingree
Ratcliffe
Rush
Shuster
Waters, Maxine
Welch
Zinke

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 1911

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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. FASO. Mr. Speaker, my apologies for not being able to be present for today's recorded votes. My flight from ALB to DCA was cancelled due to a winter storm, and I could make no other flight that would have gotten me to Washington in time. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea on rollcall No. 86, and "yea" on rollcall No. 87.

HONORING ISRAEL BONDS

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am so honored that the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) is here to listen to this important 1 minute, as he always does.

Israel Bonds recently hosted its annual award ceremony at the Fontainebleau Hotel located in Miami Beach, in my congressional district.

For over 30 years, Mr. Speaker, Israel Bonds has honored members of the Jewish community from all over the country who have made an incredible impact on the U.S.-Israel relationship and who have helped make Israel's economy one of the world's strongest.

I have had the privilege of working with Israel Bonds over the years and the many individuals who helped make its mission such a success.

One of those individuals, who I know is a friend of the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), Alex Halberstein, was honored with the Israel69 Award for his commitment to strengthening the economy of the democratic Jewish State of Israel.

Mr. Speaker, Alex is the chairman of Israel Bonds for south Florida. Alex and his wife, Monique, are deserving of such a high honor. I congratulate them

both for such a tremendous achievement.

□ 1915

DRAINING THE SWAMP

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, President Trump said he was going to drain the swamp.

Really?

His actions speak louder than words. Check the facts. Wall Street's gold diggers are in charge of the swamp already.

The President's senior strategist, Steve Bannon, spent half a decade working at Goldman Sachs. Trump's National Economic Council Director, Gary Cohn, spent 25 years more there. He rose to be Goldman Sachs' president. Trump's Senior Counsel for Economic Initiatives, Dina Powell, was a partner since 2010 at Goldman Sachs.

Steve Mnuchin, up for a vote tonight for Treasury Secretary, spent 17 years at Goldman. Dubbed the "Foreclosure King," Mnuchin was the fast-buck artist who maneuvered OneWest out of IndyMac's collapse with shady tactics that kicked hundreds of thousands of families out of their homes in Ohio and beyond. Mnuchin is the ultimate swamp dweller. His father worked at Goldman, his brother still works there, and they all return for alumni engagements.

Come now. While millions of Americans lost their homes, with millions more underwater today, Goldman increased its profits. It is obvious, Wall Street's trolls have squiggled their way through the White House transom even before the First Lady has remodeled the living quarters.

When Wall Street rigs our economy again, does anyone seriously expect President Trump to drain the swamp?

He is fast in it with them.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL
EDUCATION MONTH

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, February is Career and Technical Education Month.

As co-chairman of the Career and Technical Education Caucus, and as a senior member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, I have long been aware of the importance of CTE programs that provide learners of all ages with career-ready skills.

From agriculture to the arts, from marketing to manufacturing, CTE programs work to develop America's most valuable resource—its people.

CTE is taught in a range of settings, from high schools and area technical centers, to technical and 2-year community colleges. In total, 12.5 million