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Messrs. GOSAR and DUNCAN of South Carolina changed their vote from “aye” to “no.”

So the motion was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, which the Chair will put de novo.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise for the purpose of inquiring of the majority leader the schedule to come.

Mr. Speaker, let me just preface it: I know all of our Members are concerned. I know the majority leader, having spoken to him, is very concerned about what we are doing and when we are doing it. Members, obviously, Christmas is coming, and they want to know what they can do. I am pleased that the majority leader agreed to have this colloquy to give us a sense of the schedule as he sees it.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCARTHY), my friend, the majority leader.

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for yielding.

Let me bring clarification. I know there is frustration. I am frustrated as well. I know we would like to be home with our family, but there is work still to be done.

Wait. There is still good news. Because the flood bill went down on suspension, we do not want to leave and have that lying out there.

So, after the colloquy is done, we will debate the Senate bill on flood. It will take about 30 minutes, and we will come back for another vote series. I don't want to say anything, but if the bill passed, we would not be back.

After that, tomorrow, there are no votes scheduled. We are waiting on action in the Senate. When the Senate has action, I will notify everybody, giving them ample time to come for that vote.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, the majority leader agreed to have a colloquy on the schedule. He has given us the schedule.

Obviously, there are still a lot of questions, but I understand, and I appreciate the majority leader bringing us as much up to date as he can.

Will the flood vote later this afternoon or this evening be the last vote that the gentleman would perceive?

Mr. MCCARTHY. For today, yes. I don't foresee more votes until the Senate acts, if that helps clarify for everyone.

Mr. HOYER. I think the Senate vote is still open. Is that accurate?

Mr. MCCARTHY. The Senate vote is still open. There is talk. We have our bill over there. I hope they take action. I hope they find that we can find compromise, and then we would all come back together and solve this problem.

Mr. HOYER. Well, I hope that can happen. We certainly, on this side—I am sure on your side—hope that can happen as well so that we can get home to our families and celebrate Christmas.

The gentleman does not expect any further votes after the flood vote; is that correct?

Mr. MCCARTHY. The gentleman is correct. The only votes further will be on flood, and, after that, the only vote I see coming forward would be on funding of the government.

When the Senate acts, I will give ample time for Members to be able to have that vote.

Mr. HOYER. I understand the angst continues. We all have that.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

□ 1730

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM EXTENSION ACT

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 3628) to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 3628

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “National Flood Insurance Program Extension Act”.

SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM.

(a) FINANCING.—Section 1309(a) of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.

4016(a)) is amended by striking “November 30, 2018” and inserting “May 31, 2019”.

(b) PROGRAM EXPIRATION.—Section 1319 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4026) is amended by striking “November 30, 2018” and inserting “May 31, 2019”.

(c) RETROACTIVE EFFECTIVE DATE.—If this Act is enacted after November 30, 2018, the amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect as if enacted on November 30, 2018.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. MACARTHUR) and the gentlewoman from California (Ms. MAXINE WATERS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey.

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

Mr. Speaker, this is an unfortunate day where we are once again extending the National Flood Program for—I don’t know how many times we have done this. We have been unable to get to the basic reforms that this program demands.

But, Mr. Speaker, there are 140 million Americans who live in coastal counties, millions of whom depend on this program to protect them from flood risk. Without this program, they cannot buy or sell homes. If their policies lapse because we allow the program to lapse, they will not be able to buy a new policy, and if, God forbid, a storm like Sandy or like the storms that ravaged the Southeast recently, if one of those storms comes along during that lapse, those people will have no coverage. We simply cannot allow our failure to so negatively affect so many millions of Americans.

So, today, we are here to extend the program for another 6 months to give a new Congress time to get to some reasonable bipartisan reforms that will put this program on a solid footing for the future.

I am asking that we pass this bill, this extension. It is not perfect, obviously, but it is better than the alternative, and we need to get this done before this Congress recesses.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise in support of this legislation, S. 3628, and the gentleman, TOM MACARTHUR, is absolutely correct. We have to do a short-term reauthorization. And because of the previous vote, some people are a little bit confused, but they do not have to worry.

The previous bill that we voted on was one where Chairman HENSARLING was attempting to add some language. That failed. So now we have a clean bill before us with one little correction in it, and I would simply ask for an “aye” vote so that we can get on with ensuring we have short-term reauthorization.

And I am pleased to say that we have the support on both sides of the aisle to

begin to work on a long-term reauthorization, and I think we are going to have good agreement on that. So I would simply ask for an “aye” vote today and get this out of the way so that we can move on.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I agree with everything the ranking member said except she turned me into an Irishman. It is “MacArthur” like the general, not “McCarthy” like the majority leader.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. GRAVES), who has been keenly focused on this issue.

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Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I just want to quickly say that I also regret that we are in a situation where we have to once again do a temporary extension, but it is important that we do not let this program lapse.

Whether it is Hurricane Florence, Hurricane Michael, Hurricane Harvey, Irma, Maria, or many other disasters we have had, Mr. Speaker, we have flood victims that are trying to rebuild their homes, that are trying to get their lives back in order, and to not have a flood insurance program that gives them the confidence and security that they can reinvest back in their homes and businesses is a dangerous thing for us to do, especially right now during this Christmas season.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to say, at a 50,000-foot level, we have been myopically focused on flood insurance and only flood insurance policy.

Thinking about the fiscal irresponsibility of continuing to allow this program to run the debt that it has, while completely ignoring the fact, Mr. Speaker, that we have spent \$1.5 trillion on 220 disasters since 1980, ignoring the fact that thousands and thousands of lives have been lost as a result of our lack of bringing an offense to the table and actually bringing resilient projects to the table, and just focusing solely on flood insurance, which is a reactive policy, it is fiscally irresponsible.

We need to bring an offense and a defense to the table. This program needs fundamental reform, but we cannot do it just by cutting checks to people every time there is a disaster. We have got to bring the resiliency measures to the table as part of a package deal here.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption.

Mr. MACARTHUR. 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 New Jersey (Mr. MACARTHUR) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 3628.

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. MASSIE. 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.

DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE TO MAKE A CORRECTION IN THE ENROLLMENT OF S. 3628

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 148) directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill S. 3628.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 148

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That in the enrollment of the bill S. 3628, the Secretary of the Senate shall make the following correction: Strike “November 30, 2018” each place such term appears and insert “December 7, 2018”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. MACARTHUR) and the gentlewoman from California (Ms. MAXINE WATERS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey.

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

Mr. Speaker, this is a simple technical correction to fix a date error in the suspension bill that we just debated. I don’t think it requires any discussion, other than if we want that bill to pass and have effect, we need to change the date, and that is what this bill accomplishes.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. TOM MACARTHUR is absolutely correct. I ask for an “aye” vote.

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 New Jersey (Mr. MACARTHUR) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 148.

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. MASSIE. 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 the motion to suspend the rules will be followed by a 5-minute vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass S. 3628.