

occur in person; online; via cellphones, computers, email, text messages; and on social media by what we call cyber stalking.

The increased maximum penalty for offenses against minors is a sensible modification. I look forward to the continuing debate and ask my colleagues to listen carefully as this debate proceeds.

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

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, at this time, it is my pleasure to yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FITZPATRICK), the chief sponsor of the legislation.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the House Judiciary Committee, the chairman and ranking member, for unanimously advancing the Combat Online Predators Act for full consideration of the House today. I am also very appreciative of the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. MURPHY) for her tireless, bipartisan leadership in protecting our Nation's children.

This bipartisan legislation was inspired by the story of the Zezzo family of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, whose teenage daughter, Madison, was cyber stalked by a friend's father on social media. Despite the stalking being sexual in nature, the then-51-year-old stalker pleaded guilty only to a misdemeanor stalking charge and was sentenced to probation and counseling. Three years later, in 2016, the very same stalker began making contact again. This time he was arrested in a sting operation by local police and sentenced to between 18 months and 7 years in State prison.

Mr. Speaker, the Zezzo family is here with us today. Their story is the reason that this legislation was written and the reason it will get a full floor vote in the U.S. House of Representatives today.

When I first met the Zezzo family in my office, their sense of fear and anxiety was evident. After hearing of the disturbing story of cyber stalking endured by this young girl and her family for years, it was clear that something needed to be done. As legislators and as citizens, we have no higher calling and no higher responsibility than to protect our children.

We must do everything we can to forcefully respond to egregious instances of stalking and cyber stalking, especially when committed against minors. Our children are the most vulnerable among us.

Mr. Speaker, stories like this, unfortunately, are too common in this country, and they do not always end with a stalker in custody. The Combat Online Predators Act ensures that not only are we increasing penalties for these crimes, but also requiring Federal law enforcement officials to evaluate and update best practices to combat online stalking and online bullying.

This bill provides enhanced criminal penalties for stalkers under title 18 of

the U.S. Code, giving judges more flexibility to impose harsher punishments. Additionally, the Attorney General and the Department of Justice will be required to produce an evaluation of Federal, State, and local efforts to enforce laws relating to cyber stalking and identify and describe elements of these law enforcement efforts that constitute best practices around the Nation.

Cyber stalking is a serious crime that needs to be met with stricter penalties and more cooperation amongst law enforcement agencies both on the Federal, State, and local level.

The Combat Online Predators Act is the first step in making the internet a safer environment for all users, especially our children. This step cannot come soon enough as the National Center for Victims of Crime stated in its endorsement of this legislation: "In today's age where children can be stalked both in person and online, we must ensure that our laws provide real justice for our most vulnerable victims."

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Zezzo family and, in particular, Madison Zezzo for sharing her story so that kids across this Nation can be protected.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. MURPHY), the original cosponsor, along with Mr. FITZPATRICK of this bill.

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be the lead Democrat on this bill, and I want to thank my colleague and friend Congressman BRIAN FITZPATRICK for his leadership on this important issue.

This bipartisan legislation toughens Federal antistalking laws by increasing the penalty for convicted defendants by up to 5 additional years when their victim is a minor. The bill also requires the Department of Justice to review the enforcement of stalking laws at the State and Federal level and to identify best practices for enforcing such laws. Publishing best practices will help law enforcement agencies and prosecutors around the country secure convictions in these difficult cases.

There is nothing more important than protecting our children from harm. Those adults who harass or intimidate minors, whether in cyberspace or in our communities, must understand that the penalty for their conduct will be severe.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased the House will approve this bill today, and I urge the Senate to swiftly do the same.

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Let me thank the two original cosponsors of this legislation, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FITZPATRICK) and the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. MURPHY), for their leadership.

As technology advances, we are faced with more and more challenges. It is

important to note that, among female victims of stalking, an estimated 16.3 percent were first stalked before the age of 18, and an estimated 3.5 percent between the ages of 11 and 17.

Of the male stalking victims, an estimated 20.5 percent first experienced stalking before the age of 18—this is clearly legislation that is needed—while 16.2 percent were first stalked before the age of 11 and 17.

This underlying bill is to help protect our children. This legislation does not require mandatory minimums. This sentencing that has been included is at the discretion of the judge, but as we reckon with the question of privacy, cybersecurity, protecting our children from bullying, this legislation is very important to move us one step forward to provide a safe place of learning and also a place of quality as our children grow in this Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for support of the underlying bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time, only to urge my colleagues to support this very strong, bipartisan legislation.

I want to congratulate the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FITZPATRICK) and the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. MURPHY). I want to thank the ranking member of our Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations Subcommittee for her work in this area.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support this important legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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, H.R. 4203, 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. GOODLATTE. 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.

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REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4790, VOLCKER RULE REGULATORY HARMONIZATION ACT, AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND RULES

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 115-629) on the resolution (H. Res. 811) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4790) to amend the Volcker rule to give the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System sole rulemaking authority, to exclude

community banks from the requirements of the Volcker rule, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 10, 2018.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on April 10, 2018, at 12:22 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without an amendment H.R. 3445.

That the Senate passed without an amendment H.R. 3979.

Appointments:

The Creating Options for Veterans' Expedited Recovery (COVER Commission).

The United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed. Votes will be taken in the following order:

Motions to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2219, by the yeas and nays; and

H.R. 4203, by the yeas and nays; and

Agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, if ordered.

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

END BANKING FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKERS ACT OF 2018

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2219) to increase the role of the financial industry in combating human trafficking, 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 California (Mr. ROYCE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 408, nays 2, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 130]

YEAS—408

Abraham	Delaney	Katko
Adams	DeLauro	Keating
Aderholt	DeBene	Kelly (IL)
Aguilar	Demings	Kelly (MS)
Allen	Denham	Kelly (PA)
Amodei	Dent	Kennedy
Arrington	DeSantis	Khanna
Babin	DeSaulnier	Kihuen
Bacon	DesJarlais	Kildee
Banks (IN)	Deutch	Kilmer
Barletta	Diaz-Balart	Kind
Barr	Dingell	King (IA)
Barragán	Doggett	King (NY)
Barton	Donovan	Kinzinger
Bass	Doyle, Michael	Knight
Beatty	F.	Krishnamoorthi
Bera	Duffy	Kuster (NH)
Bergman	Duncan (SC)	Kustoff (TN)
Beyer	Duncan (TN)	LaHood
Biggs	Dunn	LaMalfa
Bilirakis	Ellison	Lamborn
Bishop (GA)	Emmer	Lance
Bishop (MI)	Engel	Langevin
Bishop (UT)	Eshoo	Larsen (WA)
Black	Españillat	Larson (CT)
Blackburn	Estes (KS)	Latta
Blum	Esty (CT)	Lawrence
Blunt Rochester	Evans	Lawson (FL)
Bonamici	Faso	Lee
Bost	Ferguson	Levin
Boyle, Brendan	Fitzpatrick	Lewis (GA)
F.	Fleischmann	Lewis (MN)
Brady (TX)	Flores	Lieu, Ted
Brat	Fortenberry	Lipinski
Bridenstine	Foster	LoBiondo
Brooks (AL)	Fox	Loeb
Brooks (IN)	Frelinghuysen	Loeb
Brown (MD)	Fudge	Lofgren
Brownley (CA)	Gabbard	Long
Buchanan	Gaetz	Loudermilk
Buck	Gallagher	Love
Bucshon	Gallego	Lowenthal
Budd	Garamendi	Lowey
Burgess	Garrett	Lucas
Bustos	Gianforte	Luetkemeyer
Butterfield	Gibbs	Lujan, Ben Ray
Byrne	Gohmert	Lynch
Calvert	Gomez	MacArthur
Capuano	Gonzalez (TX)	Maloney
Carbajal	Goodlatte	Carolyn B.
Cárdenas	Granger	Maloney, Sean
Carson (IN)	Graves (GA)	Marchant
Carter (GA)	Graves (LA)	Marino
Carter (TX)	Graves (MO)	Marshall
Cartwright	Green, Al	Mast
Castor (FL)	Green, Gene	Matsui
Castro (TX)	Griffith	McCarthy
Chabot	Grijalva	McCaul
Cheney	Grothman	McClintock
Chu, Judy	Guthrie	McCollum
Cicilline	Hanabusa	McEachin
Clark (MA)	Handel	McGovern
Clarke (NY)	Harper	McHenry
Clay	Harris	McKinley
Cleaver	Hartzer	McMorris
Clyburn	Hastings	Rodgers
Coffman	Heck	McNerney
Cohen	Hensarling	McSally
Cole	Hice, Jody B.	Meadows
Collins (GA)	Higgins (LA)	Meehan
Collins (NY)	Higgins (NY)	Meeks
Comer	Hill	Meng
Comstock	Himes	Messer
Conaway	Holding	Mitchell
Connolly	Hollingsworth	Moolenaar
Cook	Hoyer	Mooney (WV)
Cooper	Hudson	Moulton
Correa	Huffman	Mullin
Costa	Huizenga	Murphy (FL)
Costello (PA)	Hultgren	Nadler
Courtney	Hunter	Napolitano
Cramer	Hurd	Neal
Crawford	Jackson Lee	Newhouse
Crist	Jeffries	Noem
Crowley	Jenkins (KS)	Nolan
Cuellar	Johnson (GA)	Norcross
Culberson	Johnson (LA)	Norman
Cummings	Johnson (OH)	Nunes
Curbelo (FL)	Johnson, E. B.	O'Halleran
Curtis	Johnson, Sam	O'Rourke
Davidson	Jones	Olson
Davis (CA)	Jordan	Palazzo
Davis, Danny	Joyce (OH)	Pallone
Davis, Rodney	Kaptur	Palmer
DeFazio		Panetta
DeGette		Pascrell
		Paulsen

Payne	Russell	Thompson (PA)
Pearce	Rutherford	Thornberry
Pelosi	Ryan (OH)	Tipton
Perlmutter	Sánchez	Titus
Perry	Sanford	Tonko
Peters	Sarbanes	Torres
Peterson	Scalise	Trot
Pingree	Schakowsky	Tsongas
Pittenger	Schiff	Turner
Pocan	Schneider	Upton
Poe (TX)	Schrader	Valadao
Poliquin	Schweikert	Vargas
Polis	Scott (VA)	Veasey
Posey	Scott, Austin	Vela
Price (NC)	Scott, David	Velázquez
Quigley	Sensenbrenner	Visclosky
Raskin	Serrano	Wagner
Ratcliffe	Sessions	Walberg
Reed	Sewell (AL)	Walden
Reichert	Sherman	Walker
Renacci	Shimkus	Walorski
Rice (NY)	Shuster	Walters, Mimi
Rice (SC)	Sinema	Wasserman
Richmond	Sires	Waters, Maxine
Roby	Smith (MO)	Watson Coleman
Roe (TN)	Smith (NE)	Weber (TX)
Rogers (AL)	Smith (NJ)	Webster (FL)
Rogers (KY)	Smith (TX)	Welch
Rokita	Smith (WA)	Wenstrup
Rooney, Thomas	Smucker	Westerman
J.	Soto	Williams
Ros-Lehtinen	Speier	Wilson (SC)
Rosen	Stefanik	Wittman
Roskam	Stewart	Womack
Ross	Stivers	Woodall
Rothfus	Suozzi	Yarmuth
Rouzer	Swalwell (CA)	Yoder
Roybal-Allard	Takano	Yoho
Royce (CA)	Taylor	Young (AK)
Ruiz	Tenney	Young (IA)
Ruppersberger	Thompson (CA)	Zeldin
Rush	Thompson (MS)	

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NOT VOTING—18

Blumenauer	Jayapal	Rooney, Francis
Brady (PA)	Jenkins (WV)	Shea-Porter
Frankel (FL)	Labrador	Simpson
Gowdy	Lujan Grisham	Walz
Gutiérrez	M.	Wilson (FL)
Herrera Beutler	Moore	
Issa	Rohrabacher	

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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.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, my flight to Washington, D.C. was delayed this evening. As a result, I was absent in the House Chamber for the first vote in the series, roll call vote 130, on Tuesday, April 10, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted aye on roll call vote 130.

COMBAT ONLINE PREDATORS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FASO). The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4203) to amend title 18, United States Code, with regard to stalking, 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 Virginia (Mr. GOODLATTE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

This is a 5-minute vote.