

work, instead of these deliberate efforts day after day to sabotage it, we could move on with the business of the country.

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

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, as I close, let me remind my colleague, because he had mentioned eliminating the individual mandate as a part of the tax reform that was enacted recently, according to the IRS, 79 percent of the 6.6 million people who paid the penalty in 2015 had incomes below \$50,000. These are middle class people.

Mr. NEAL. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. PAULSEN. I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts.

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, what did the Republican majority do to the cost subsidies for those people?

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, on the individual mandate, 6.6 million people who paid the penalty had incomes below \$50,000. These are middle class people who had to pay the fine instead of buying overpriced ObamaCare coverage that they could not afford. Now, starting in 2019, they are not going to have to do that anymore. Republicans think that is a good thing.

Let me close back on the bill, though, Mr. Speaker.

The good news is that both Republicans and Democrats here today agree and understand that the medical device excise tax does more harm than good, and it has to be repealed. We heard testimony and speakers today on both sides of the aisle. We will have a strong, bipartisan vote to repeal this tax permanently.

We have already had a suspension twice. But we need to give this industry certainty so that we can make sure that this American success story not only survives, but thrives.

It is about high-paying jobs with net exports around the world. This makes sure that patients not only in the United States are going to have access to new medical technology devices, for baby boomers, seniors, and those getting up in their elder years with new devices. This is really critical for the innovation that is going to help to make sure that we are protecting patients around the world, keeping headquarters here, keeping jobs here, and improving healthcare outcomes.

Today, we have an opportunity to help. It is helping those small startups that are part of the very ecosystem that has made this industry so strong in the United States that provides these jobs, and making sure that entrepreneurs, doctors, engineers, and folks who come up with an idea in the backyard or in the garage can see their idea come to fruition.

So let's remove this threat to innovation. Let's remove this job-killing tax once and for all. There are 277 cosponsors in the House. How many bills actually get that many cosponsors of Democrats and Republicans? Let's continue to show the American public that

what we are doing here in Washington on this issue is results oriented, is solution oriented, and we are sensitive, and we understand that.

Mr. Speaker, I ask everyone to vote for the passage of H.R. 184, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 1011, the previous question is ordered on the bill, as amended.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. PAULSEN. 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 question will be postponed.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2069

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a cosponsor of H.R. 2069, the Fostering Stable Housing Opportunities Act of 2017.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess for a period of less than 15 minutes.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 39 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1650

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WEBER of Texas) at 4 o'clock and 50 minutes p.m.

PROTECT MEDICAL INNOVATION ACT OF 2017

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on passage of the bill (H.R. 184) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices, 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 passage of the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 283, nays 132, not voting 13, as follows:

Abraham	Goodlatte	Palazzo
Aderholt	Gosar	Palmer
Aguilar	Gottheimer	Panetta
Allen	Gowdy	Paulsen
Amash	Granger	Pearce
Amodei	Graves (GA)	Perry
Arrington	Graves (LA)	Peters
Babin	Green, Gene	Peterson
Bacon	Griffith	Pittenger
Banks (IN)	Grothman	Poe (TX)
Barletta	Guthrie	Poliquin
Barr	Handel	Polis
Barragán	Harper	Posey
Barton	Harris	Ratcliffe
Bera	Hensarling	Reed
Bergman	Herrera Beutler	Reichert
Biggs	Hice, Jody B.	Renacci
Bilirakis	Higgins (LA)	Rice (NY)
Bishop (GA)	Hill	Rice (SC)
Bishop (MI)	Holding	Roby
Bishop (UT)	Hollingsworth	Roe (TN)
Blum	Hudson	Rogers (AL)
Bost	Huizenga	Rogers (KY)
Boyle, Brendan	Hultgren	Rohrabacher
F.	Hunter	Rokita
Brady (TX)	Hurd	Rooney, Francis
Brat	Issa	Rooney, Thomas
Brooks (AL)	Jenkins (KS)	J.
Brooks (IN)	Jenkins (WV)	Ros-Lehtinen
Brownley (CA)	Johnson (LA)	Rosen
Buchanan	Johnson (OH)	Roskam
Buck	Johnson, Sam	Ross
Bucshon	Jordan	Rothfus
Budd	Joyce (OH)	Rouzer
Burgess	Katko	Royce (CA)
Bustos	Keating	Ruiz
Byrne	Kelly (MS)	Russell
Calvert	Kelly (PA)	Rutherford
Carbajal	Khanna	Sanford
Cárdenas	Kilmer	Scalise
Carter (GA)	King (IA)	Schneider
Carter (TX)	King (NY)	Schweikert
Chabot	Kinzing	Scott, Austin
Cheney	Knight	Scott, David
Clark (MA)	Krishnamoorthi	Sensenbrenner
Cloud	Kuster (NH)	Sessions
Coffman	Kustoff (TN)	Sewell (AL)
Cole	Labrador	Shimkus
Collins (GA)	LaHood	Shuster
Collins (NY)	LaMalfa	Simpson
Comer	Lamb	Sinema
Comstock	Lamborn	Sires
Conaway	Lance	Smith (NE)
Cook	Latta	Smith (NJ)
Correa	Lawson (FL)	Smith (TX)
Costello (PA)	Lesko	Smucker
Cramer	Lewis (MN)	Stefanik
Crawford	Lieu, Ted	Stewart
Crist	Lipinski	Stivers
Cuellar	LoBiondo	Suozi
Culberson	Loeb	Swalwell (CA)
Curbelo (FL)	Loeb	Taylor
Curtis	Loudermilk	Tenney
Davidson	Love	Thompson (PA)
Davis (CA)	Lucas	Thornberry
Davis, Rodney	Luetkemeyer	Tipton
Delaney	Lynch	Tonko
DelBene	MacArthur	Torres
Denham	Maloney, Sean	Trott
DeSantis	Marchant	Turner
DesJarlais	Marino	Upton
Diaz-Balart	Marshall	Valadao
Dingell	Massie	Vargas
Donovan	Mast	Veasey
Duffy	McCarthy	Vela
Duncan (SC)	McCaul	Wagner
Duncan (TN)	McClintock	Walberg
Dunn	McHenry	Walden
Emmer	McKinley	Walker
Estes (KS)	McMorris	Walorski
Faso	Rodgers	Walters, Mimi
Ferguson	McSally	Weber (TX)
Fitzpatrick	Meadows	Webster (FL)
Fleischmann	Messer	Wenstrup
Flores	Mitchell	Westerman
Fortenberry	Moolenaar	Williams
Fox	Mooney (WV)	Wilson (SC)
Frelinghuysen	Moulton	Wittman
Gabbard	Mullin	Womack
Gaetz	Murphy (FL)	Woodall
Gallagher	Newhouse	Yoho
Garrett	Nolan	Young (AK)
Gianforte	Norcross	Young (IA)
Gibbs	Norman	Zeldin
Gohmert	Nunes	
Gonzalez (TX)	O'Halleran	
	Olson	

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YEAS—283

NAYS—132

Adams	Gallego	Nadler
Bass	Garamendi	Napolitano
Beatty	Gomez	Neal
Beyer	Green, Al	O'Rourke
Blumenauer	Grijalva	Pallone
Blunt Rochester	Gutiérrez	Pascarell
Bonamici	Hastings	Payne
Brady (PA)	Heck	Pelosi
Brown (MD)	Higgins (NY)	Perlmutter
Butterfield	Himes	Pingree
Capuano	Hoyer	Pocan
Carson (IN)	Huffman	Price (NC)
Cartwright	Jackson Lee	Quigley
Castor (FL)	Jayapal	Raskin
Castro (TX)	Jeffries	Richmond
Chu, Judy	Johnson (GA)	Roybal-Allard
Cicilline	Johnson, E. B.	Ruppersberger
Clarke (NY)	Jones	Rush
Clay	Kaptur	Ryan (OH)
Cleaver	Kelly (IL)	Sánchez
Clyburn	Kennedy	Sarbanes
Cohen	Kihuen	Schakowsky
Connolly	Kildee	Schiff
Cooper	Kind	Schrader
Costa	Langevin	Scott (VA)
Courtney	Larsen (WA)	Serrano
Crowley	Larson (CT)	Shea-Porter
Cummings	Lawrence	Sherman
Davis, Danny	Levin	Smith (WA)
DeFazio	Lewis (GA)	Soto
DeGette	Lofgren	Takano
DeLauro	Lowenthal	Thompson (CA)
Demings	Lowey	Thompson (MS)
DeSaulnier	Lujan Grisham,	Titus
Deutch	M.	Tsongas
Doggett	Luján, Ben Ray	Velázquez
Doyle, Michael	Maloney,	Visclosky
F.	Carolyn B.	Wasserman
Engel	Matsui	Schultz
Eshoo	McCollum	Waters, Maxine
Espallat	McEachin	Watson Coleman
Esty (CT)	McGovern	Welch
Evans	McNerney	Wilson (FL)
Foster	Meeks	Yarmuth
Frankel (FL)	Meng	
Fudge		

NOT VOTING—13

Black	Hartzler	Speier
Blackburn	Long	Walz
Ellison	Moore	Yoder
Graves (MO)	Noem	
Hanabusa	Smith (MO)	

□ 1715

Mr. POLIS changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, because I am at home recuperating from a medical procedure, I unavoidably missed the following vote on July 24. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: on rollcall No. 372, I would have voted “yea” (Passage of H.R. 184—Protect Medical Innovation Act of 2017).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent on rollcall Votes 368, 369, 370, 371 and 372. I would have voted “no” on all five rollcall votes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on additional motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

THE AMERICAN LEGION 100TH ANNIVERSARY
COMMEMORATIVE
COIN ACT

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 1182) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in recognition of the 100th anniversary of The American Legion, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 1182

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 of 2018”.

SEC. 2. PROGRAM EXTENSION.

(a) FINANCING.—Section 1309(a) of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4016(a)) is amended by striking “September 30, 2017” and inserting “November 30, 2018”.

(b) PROGRAM EXPIRATION.—Section 1319 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4026) is amended by striking “September 30, 2017” and inserting “November 30, 2018”.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today to do something I do not often do, and that is: I have asked my leadership to put a bill on the floor that I do not support.

I am talking about the bill that would provide for a non-reform reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program through the end of November. To make it very clear, Mr. Speaker, I believe this program needs to be reauthorized, and the House has done its work. The House passed a bill with reforms last November. Never underestimate the Senate’s capacity to do nothing.

Unfortunately, the Senate has done nothing. But this is a program, Mr. Speaker, that continues to be in dire need of reform. And now, we have reauthorized it without reforms, not once, not twice, not three times, not four times, not five times, but six times since the Financial Services Committee first reported this bill out. Enough is enough.

Mr. Speaker, in America, we lost 116 lives last year to flooding, with billions

and billions of dollars of property loss, and, yet, we have a program unreformed that incents people to live in harm’s way. We should not be doing this, Mr. Speaker.

I went and I visited with those who survived Hurricane Harvey, people that were close to your district, people whose homes had flooded three times in the last 8 years, and I heard harrowing tales of survival. And, yet, we have a program that says, you know what? We are going to help rebuild your same home in the same fashion in the same place. Hope you survive next time. That is just wrong, Mr. Speaker.

And, yes, we need more mitigation money. We need better flood control projects. The House bill had more flood mitigation money than any other reform bill, but this bill before us has no reforms.

Finances: This is a program that the taxpayer has subsidized so far by \$40 billion. Some of the debt has been forgiven, but it runs a billion-and-a-half dollar deficit every single year, Mr. Speaker. It is unsustainable. The Congressional Budget Office says it, the GAO says it, the OMB says it. It is an unsustainable program. The finances do not work.

And then last, but not least, Mr. Speaker, it is a government monopoly. It is a government monopoly when people could, through a competitive marketplace, actually get more affordable flood insurance. And that is just not a theory. That is happening as we speak.

In the small little bit of the marketplace that is open to competition, people are saving hundreds, if not thousands of dollars in places like Pennsylvania, and in places like Florida. We had testimony in our committee. And so it is just rather disappointing that, again, we face the seventh time of not reforming a program that has no market competition, and that is fiscally unsustainable, and, yet, we continue to see premiums skyrocket in the government monopoly.

Mr. Speaker, I do want to thank the gentleman from California (Mr. ROYCE) and the gentleman on the other side of the aisle, Mr. BLUMENAUER from Oregon. They tried to put together a reform package with the most minimal level of reforms, and, unfortunately, it did not appear to carry the day.

I suspect we will soon cast, with an overwhelming vote, a clean reauthorization, but I don’t think they are going to take it up in the Senate. Maybe I am wrong, in which case, we will have to deal with this. And I would just simply again ask, particularly for the people on my side of the aisle—I think it helps maybe once or twice a month if we ask ourselves Ronald Reagan’s eternal question: “If not us, who? If not now, when?”

Mr. Speaker, I invite somebody to answer that question for me, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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