

It requires the Secretary of State to work with the Secretary of Defense and the USAID administrator to create a comprehensive strategy. By coordinating our diplomatic, military, and development efforts at home and with partners abroad, the Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership Act strengthens our response to the international security threats facing these regions of Africa.

Mr. Speaker, the Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership is an important program that will enhance our international security efforts in an area that demands attention.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ROYCE of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. McCAUL), chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security, a senior member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, and the author of this legislation.

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I want to commend Chairman ROYCE and Ranking Member ELIOT ENGEL, both of them this Congress, in their leadership. We are going to miss Chairman ROYCE as we move on to the end of this Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I do rise in support of this bill, the Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership Act. This bill will strengthen our counterterrorism operations in Africa, an area where the threat of terrorism is rapidly rising.

While our attention has been focused on the Middle East, terrorism in Africa has spread.

Our military successes in Iraq and Syria have splintered ISIS, squeezed terrorists out of the Middle East, and sent them fleeing to Africa.

The numbers, Mr. Speaker, are alarming. On the eve of 9/11, it is important to point out, that al-Qaida on the eve of 9/11 only had a few hundred followers. Today, it is estimated that 10,000 ISIS and al-Qaida jihadists have established bases across the continent.

Along with other existing terrorist organizations, such as Boko Haram, terrorism is taking hold in Africa and prohibiting its prosperity.

My bill, which I introduced with my friend, Mr. KEATING, authorizes, for the first time, a program called the Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership. This program works with countries such as Chad, Mali, and Nigeria to build their capacity to conduct counterterrorism operations and strengthen the rule of law.

Furthermore, my bill requires the State Department, USAID, and the Defense Department to work together to develop a counterterrorism strategy in Africa. By taking a multifaceted approach, we may be able to prevent terrorism from gaining a larger foothold in these countries.

Mr. Speaker, again, I would like to thank Mr. KEATING, Chairman ROYCE, and Ranking Member ENGEL for all of their support in this important legislation.

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

Mr. ROYCE of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN), who chairs the Subcommittee on the Middle East and north Africa and is the former chair of the Africa Subcommittee as well.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman ROYCE and Ranking Member ENGEL for their leadership, for their bipartisan spirit, for everything that they are doing to bring our Congress together. We need more of them around here. I thank them for bringing Mr. McCAUL's bill to the floor today. I thank my esteemed Foreign Affairs Committee colleague, MICHAEL McCAUL, for his authorship of this important bill.

The Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership Act codifies an important program, the program after which the bill is named, and helps build partner capacity in a critical region of the world.

Thanks to Chairman ROYCE and Ranking Member ENGEL, I recently had the privilege of leading a delegation to one of those partner countries, Morocco, where I met with the Moroccan equivalent of the FBI. On the front lines of terrorism in north Africa and the Sahel, Morocco has successfully thwarted plot after plot that was threatening U.S. interests, and is positioned to play an even bigger role in our joint counterterrorism efforts.

Programs like the Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership help bring law enforcement services in places like Morocco even closer together, allowing us to share information about terrorist groups like ISIS, al-Qaida, Hezbollah, and helps to protect our homeland.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support Mr. McCAUL's important bill, and I thank the gentleman from California (Mr. ROYCE) for yielding me time.

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, in closing, I, again, want to thank Mr. McCAUL for his hard work on this measure and to Chairman ROYCE for moving it forward.

This bill authorizes a very important program that strengthens our efforts to assist partners in the Sahel and Maghreb to counter terrorism and violent extremism.

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

Mr. ROYCE of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, the Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership Act mandates an important interagency effort to combat terrorism and to prevent the spread of radical extremism. It increases congressional oversight by requiring increased reporting and regular monitoring and evaluation, frankly, of all of our programs. In doing so, through programs like TSCTP and with just a relatively

small amount of foreign assistance dollars, we are investing in the future stability of these nations and their own ability to defeat terrorist attacks.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman MIKE McCAUL for this measure, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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, H.R. 6018, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to establish an interagency program to assist countries in North and West Africa to improve immediate and long-term capabilities to counter terrorist threats, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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 58 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. POE of Texas) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 6784, MANAGE OUR WOLVES ACT, AND PROVIDING FOR PROCEEDINGS DURING THE PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 19, 2018, THROUGH NOVEMBER 26, 2018

Mr. NEWHOUSE, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 115-1022) on the resolution (H. Res. 1142) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6784) to provide for removal of the gray wolf in the contiguous 48 States from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife published under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and providing for proceedings during the period from November 19, 2018, through November 26, 2018, 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. 6064, by the yeas and nays; and

Concurring in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2615, 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.

CONGRESSMAN LESTER WOLFF NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6064) to rename the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge as the Congressman Lester Wolff National Wildlife Refuge 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 Colorado (Mr. LAMBORN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 385, nays 4, answered “present” 2, not voting 36, as follows:

[Roll No. 416]

YEAS—385

Abraham	Cleaver	Fleischmann
Adams	Cloud	Flores
Aderholt	Clyburn	Fortenberry
Aguilar	Coffman	Foster
Allen	Cohen	Fox
Amodei	Cole	Frankel (FL)
Arrington	Collins (GA)	Frelinghuysen
Babin	Collins (NY)	Fudge
Bacon	Comer	Gabbard
Balderson	Comstock	Gallagher
Banks (IN)	Conaway	Gallo
Barr	Connolly	Garamendi
Barragán	Cook	Garrett
Barton	Cooper	Gianforte
Bass	Correa	Gibbs
Beatty	Costa	Gihmert
Bera	Costello (PA)	Gomez
Bergman	Courtney	Gonzalez (TX)
Beyer	Cramer	Goodlatte
Bilirakis	Crawford	Gosar
Bishop (GA)	Crist	Gottheimer
Bishop (MI)	Crowley	Granger
Bishop (UT)	Cuellar	Graves (GA)
Black	Culberson	Graves (LA)
Blackburn	Cummings	Graves (MO)
Blumenauer	Curtis	Green, Al
Blunt Rochester	Davidson	Green, Gene
Bonamici	Davis (CA)	Griffith
Bost	Davis, Danny	Guthrie
Boyle, Brendan	Davis, Rodney	Hanabusa
F.	DeFazio	Handel
Brady (TX)	DeGette	Harris
Brat	Delaney	Hartzler
Brooks (AL)	DeLauro	Hastings
Brooks (IN)	DelBene	Heck
Brown (MD)	Demings	Hensarling
Buchanan	Denham	Herrera Beutler
Buck	DesJarlais	Hice, Jody B.
Budd	Deutch	Higgins (LA)
Burgess	Diaz-Balart	Higgins (NY)
Bustos	Dingell	Hill
Butterfield	Doggett	Holding
Byrne	Donovan	Hollingsworth
Calvert	Doyle, Michael	Hoyer
Carbajal	F.	Hudson
Cárdenas	Duffy	Huffman
Carson (IN)	Duncan (SC)	Huizenga
Carter (GA)	Duncan (TN)	Hultgren
Carter (TX)	Dunn	Hunter
Cartwright	Emmer	Hurd
Castor (FL)	Engel	Issa
Castro (TX)	Eshoo	Jackson Lee
Chabot	Espallat	Jayapal
Cheney	Estes (KS)	Jeffries
Chu, Judy	Esty (CT)	Johnson (GA)
Ciциlline	Evans	Johnson (LA)
Clark (MA)	Faso	Johnson (OH)
Clarke (NY)	Ferguson	Johnson, E. B.
Clay	Fitzpatrick	Johnson, Sam

Jordan	Meeks	Scott, David
Joyce (OH)	Meng	Sensenbrenner
Kaptur	Messer	Serrano
Katko	Mitchell	Sessions
Keating	Mooleenaar	Sewell (AL)
Kelly (IL)	Mooney (WV)	Shea-Porter
Kelly (MS)	Moore	Sherman
Kelly (PA)	Moulton	Shimkus
Kennedy	Mullin	Shuster
Khanna	Nadler	Simpson
Kihuen	Napolitano	Sinema
Kildee	Neal	Sires
Kilmer	Newhouse	Smith (MO)
Kind	Norcross	Smith (NE)
King (IA)	Norman	Smith (NJ)
King (NY)	Nunes	Smith (TX)
Krishnamoorthi	O'Halloran	Smith (WA)
Kuster (NH)	O'Rourke	Smucker
Kustoff (TN)	Palazzo	Soto
Labrador	Pallone	Speier
LaHood	Palmer	Stefanik
LaMalfa	Panetta	Stewart
Lamb	Pascarella	Stivers
Lamborn	Paulsen	Suozzi
Lance	Payne	Swalwell (CA)
Langevin	Pearce	Takano
Larsen (WA)	Pelosi	Taylor
Larson (CT)	Perlmutter	Tenney
Latta	Perry	Thompson (CA)
Lawrence	Peterson	Thompson (MS)
Lawson (FL)	Pingree	Thompson (PA)
Lee	Pittenger	Thornberry
Lesko	Pocan	Tipton
Levin	Poe (TX)	Titus
Lewis (GA)	Posey	Tonko
Lewis (MN)	Price (NC)	Trott
Lieu, Ted	Quigley	Tsongas
Lipinski	Raskin	Turner
LoBiondo	Reed	Upton
Loeb sack	Reichert	Valadao
Lofgren	Renacci	Vargas
Long	Richmond	Veasey
Loudermilk	Roby	Vela
Lowenthal	Roe (TN)	Velázquez
Lowe y	Rogers (AL)	Visclosky
Lucas	Rogers (KY)	Wagner
Luetkemeyer	Rohrabacher	Walberg
Lujan Grisham,	Rokita	Walden
M.	Ros-Lehtinen	Walker
Luján, Ben Ray	Rosen	Walorski
Lynch	Roskam	Walters, Mimi
MacArthur	Ross	Wasserman
Maloney,	Rothfus	Schultz
Carolyn B.	Rouzer	Waters, Maxine
Maloney, Sean	Roybal-Allard	Weber (TX)
Marchant	Royce (CA)	Webster (FL)
Marino	Ruiz	Welch
Marshall	Ruppersberger	Wenstrup
Mast	Rush	Westerman
Matsui	Russell	Williams
McCarthy	Rutherford	Wilson (SC)
McCauley	Ryan (OH)	Wittman
McClintock	Sánchez	Womack
McCollum	Sarbanes	Woodall
McEachin	Scalise	Yarmuth
McGovern	Schakowsky	Yoder
McHenry	Schiff	Yoho
McKinley	Schneider	Young (AK)
McMorris	Schrader	Young (IA)
Rodgers	Schweikert	Zeldin
McNerney	Scott (VA)	
Meadows	Scott, Austin	

NAYS—4

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—2

Rice (SC) Sanford

NOT VOTING—36

Barletta	Harper	Poliquin
Blum	Himes	Polis
Brady (PA)	Jenkins (KS)	Ratcliffe
Brownley (CA)	Jones	Rice (NY)
Bucshon	Kinzing	Rooney, Francis
Capuano	Knight	Rooney, Thomas
Curbelo (FL)	Love	J.
DeSaulnier	McSally	Torres
Ellison	Murphy (FL)	Walz
Gaetz	Noem	Watson Coleman
Gowdy	Nolan	Wilson (FL)
Grijalva	Olson	
Gutiérrez	Peters	

□ 1857

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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 7, 2018.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a facsimile copy of a letter received from Mr. Robert Brehm and Mr. Todd Valentine, Co-Executive Directors, New York State Board of Elections, indicating that, according to the preliminary results of the Special Election held November 6, 2018, the Honorable Joseph D. Morelle was elected Representative to Congress for the 25th Congressional District, State of New York.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

NEW YORK STATE
BOARD OF ELECTIONS,
Albany, NY, November 7, 2018.

Hon. KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk, House of Representatives,
Washington DC.

DEAR MS. HAAS: This is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 for Representative in Congress from the Twenty-fifth Congressional District of New York show that Joseph D. Morelle received 145,168 votes, Jim Maxwell received 103,510 votes, and there were 145 write-in votes of the 248,823 total votes cast for that office on Election Day.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Joseph D. Morelle was elected as Representative in Congress from the Twenty-fifth Congressional District of New York. Please see also attached notice of unofficial results from the Monroe County Board of Elections. New York Congressional District Twenty-five is wholly contained within that county.

To the best of our knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this election.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by the Monroe County Board of Elections and the New York State Board of Canvassers, an official Certification of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Sincerely,

ROBERT A. BREHM,
Co-Executive Director.
TODD D. VALENTINE,
Co-Executive Director.

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