

and I thank the gentleman from Massachusetts for his work on this bill.

The Native American Housing Assistance Self-Determination Reauthorization is actually quite a bipartisan effort in the Financial Services Committee. We had Representative WATERS, Chairman FRANK, myself, and Mr. KILDEE working on the bill.

Basically, we're faced in many of the States with Indian tribes with large Indian populations. We are faced with the problem of consistent high unemployment, consistent homelessness, substandard housing, infrastructure that is not developed.

In New Mexico, I've seen Native American homes which consist of cardboard, corrugated tin, bare boards, no insulation, and I've seen where toilets simply flush out the bottom of the trailer out onto the ground with no sewage infrastructure.

And so what I began to do when I first came to Congress is sit down and meet with the tribal leaders. We formed not only a working relationship but a strong friendship as we tried to wrestle with these problems in New Mexico, as we began to wrestle with the problems of self-determination, the problems of self-sufficiency, the problems of employment of tribal members. They understand there's a cultural problem, as well as a systemic economic problem; but we have committed ourselves together to work one issue at a time, side by side, to accomplish what we can.

So when we come to this housing problem, this reauthorization, and I understand my friend from Texas and in his objections, and do not disagree with those, but at some point, I myself am faced with a pragmatic decision about just what can we do and what are we going to do.

So I find that the greater discretion that's allowed in this language, the greater flexibility that is allowed to the Native Americans to begin to make their own decisions, and we've had frank, straightforward discussions about accountability, about the needs of these funds to be measured and where they go and what they accomplish, and never do I find them to be wary of this accountability. It's just that they are trying to get their feet underneath them to try to solve the problems on their tribal grounds.

And so I come to the floor to support the reauthorization and several of the underlying amendments that will come up on that.

One of the things that this bill does is begin to set up block grant programs to where the tribes can take out loans for infrastructure, clean water, healthy drinking water, ways to dispose of raw sewage. Those are things that really affect every tribe, and not many of them have very good solutions. Many in New Mexico are a long way away from the urban centers where the funds are available to create sewage treatment plants, wastewater treatment plants; and so it's an important addition to

this bill that we allow them that flexibility and that ability to create the loan programs, much like the CDBG program which affects small communities, rural communities throughout New Mexico.

So as we begin to look at this reauthorization again, I would come to the floor in support of that and in support of the idea that we must begin to pay attention to the very desperate needs that exist on many of the tribal grounds throughout this country; and as we do that, I think that we'll find when housing begins to stabilize, then those cultures begin to stabilize because homeownership is one of the basic building blocks of a society, that ability to have some place where you can retreat and be away from the cares of the world with the family structure gathered around.

So it would work well. The idea of affordable housing is one that is extraordinarily important in all of New Mexico. We have a very low per capita income, and so affordable housing is important in every community but especially in our Native American communities, and the affordable housing is addressed here in this reauthorization, too.

So understanding the objection of my friend from Texas, I would still rise in support of the underlying legislation of this rule.

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

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, if I could inquire from my friend from Massachusetts about additional speakers that he may have, I do not have any additional speakers at this time.

Mr. MCGOVERN. I am the final speaker on this side, so I will let the gentleman close.

Mr. SESSIONS. I thank the gentleman.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I would close by simply saying that this is a good underlying bill. I hope it passes, but this is also a good rule. It is an open rule that requires the preprinting of amendments so that Members who come to the floor can have an opportunity to read and to study what they're going to vote on.

This was a rule that had strong bipartisan support in the Rules Committee last night, including from the distinguished former chairman, the ranking Republican from California (Mr. DREIER); from Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART, the Republican from Florida.

This is a good way to approach this issue, and with that, Mr. Speaker, I would urge a "yes" vote on the rule and I would urge a "yes" vote on the underlying bill as well.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. 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.

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:

Approval of the Journal, by the yeas and nays;

Adoption of H. Res. 633, 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.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 214, nays 176, not voting 42, as follows:

[Roll No. 854]

YEAS—214

Abercrombie	Davis, Lincoln	Jackson-Lee
Ackerman	Deal (GA)	(TX)
Allen	DeFazio	Johnson (GA)
Arcuri	DeGette	Johnson (IL)
Baca	Delahunt	Johnson, E. B.
Baird	DeLauro	Jones (NC)
Baldwin	Dicks	Jones (OH)
Bean	Dingell	Kagen
Becerra	Doggett	Kanjorski
Berkley	Doyle	Kaptur
Berman	Edwards	Kennedy
Berry	Ehlers	Kildee
Bishop (GA)	Ellison	Kilpatrick
Bishop (NY)	Emanuel	Kind
Blumenauer	Eshoo	Klein (FL)
Boren	Etheridge	Kuhl (NY)
Boswell	Farr	LaHood
Boucher	Fattah	Lampson
Boyd (FL)	Forbes	Langevin
Boyd (KS)	Fortenberry	Lantos
Braley (IA)	Giffords	Larsen (WA)
Brown, Corrine	Gillibrand	Larson (CT)
Butterfield	Gonzalez	LaTourette
Capps	Gordon	Lee
Capuano	Green, Al	Levin
Carnahan	Green, Gene	Lewis (GA)
Carson	Grijalva	Lipinski
Castor	Gutierrez	Loebsack
Clarke	Hall (NY)	Lofgren, Zoe
Cleaver	Hare	Lowe
Clyburn	Harman	Lynch
Coble	Hastings (FL)	Mahoney (FL)
Cohen	Herseth Sandlin	Maloney (NY)
Conyers	Higgins	Markey
Cooper	Hinches	Marshall
Costa	Hinojosa	McCollum (MN)
Costello	Hirono	McDermott
Courtney	Hodes	McGovern
Cramer	Holden	McIntyre
Crowley	Holt	McNerney
Cuellar	Honda	McNulty
Cummings	Hoyer	Meek (FL)
Davis (AL)	Inslee	Meeks (NY)
Davis (CA)	Israel	Melancon
Davis (IL)	Jackson (IL)	Michaud