Walden	Waxman	Wittman
Walz	Weiner	Wolf
Wasserman Schultz	Welch	Woolsey
Waters	Westmoreland	Wu
Watson	Whitfield	Yarmuth
Watt	Wilson (OH)	Young (AK)
	Wilson (SC)	Young (FL)

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Andrews	Ehlers	Meek (FL)
Barrow	Ellsworth	Moran (KS)
Blunt	Fallin	Reyes
Boehner	Hinojosa	Rogers (KY)
Capuano	Hoekstra	Sanchez, Loretta
Conyers	Johnson (GA)	Tiahrt
Crowley	King (NY)	Visclosky
Davis (AL)	Mack	Wamp

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. HELLER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 453, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my apologies for my absence on July 20, 2010, and for missing recorded votes held on this day. I regret that matters in my district required my personal attention and prevented me from being present to cast my vote. Although I was unable to vote, I wish to let my constituents and my colleagues know how I would have voted had I been present.

On H. Res. 1491—Congratulating the University of South Carolina Gamecocks on winning the 2010 NCAA Division I College World Series—I would have voted "aye."

On H.R. 5604—Surface Transportation Savings Act of 2010—I would have voted "aye."

On H. Res. 1516—Recognizing the 65th anniversary of the end of World War II, honoring the service members who fought in World War II and their families, and honoring the service members who are currently serving in combat operations—I would have voted "aye."

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. POLIS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 111–552) on the resolution (H. Res. 1537) waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and unable to vote on H.R. 5604, rollcall No. 452. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ADLER of New Jersey). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION HARMONIZATION ACT OF 2010

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5532) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to adopted alien children, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5532

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 "International Adoption Harmonization Act of 2010".

SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF ADOPTION AGE REQUIREMENTS.

Section 101(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(b)(1)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (E)—

(A) by striking "(E)(i)" and inserting "(E)";

(B) by striking "sixteen" and inserting "eighteen";

(C) by striking "; or" and inserting a semicolon; and

(D) by striking clause (ii);

(2) in subparagraph (F)—

(A) by striking "(F)(i)" and inserting "(F)";

(B) by striking "sixteen" and inserting "eighteen";

(C) by striking "Attorney General" and inserting "Secretary of Homeland Security"; and

(D) by striking clause (ii); and

(3) in subparagraph (G)—

(A) by striking "sixteen" and inserting "eighteen"; and

(B) by striking "Attorney General" each place such term appears and inserting "Secretary of Homeland Security".

SEC. 3. HARMONIZING ADOPTIONS BETWEEN HAGUE CONVENTION AND NON-HAGUE-CONVENTION COUNTRIES.

Section 212(a)(1)(C)(ii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(1)(C)(ii)) is amended by striking "section 101(b)(1)(F)," and inserting "subparagraph (F) or (G) of section 101(b)(1),".

SEC. 4. COMPLIANCE WITH PAYGO.

The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go-Act of 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest statement titled "Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation" for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record by the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the House of Representatives, provided that such statement has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. 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 under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from California?

There was no objection.

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I introduced H.R. 5532, the International Adoption Harmonization Act of 2010, to correct two longstanding problems and inconsistencies with respect to adoptions of foreign children by U.S. citizen parents.

First, the bill would harmonize the age requirements of such adoptions and provide some needed flexibility in cases where adoptions take longer than expected. Currently, our law contains two age requirements related to the adoption of foreign children. The general rule is that an adoption must be finalized before a child turns 16 in order for the child to qualify for legal status in the United States. For any sibling of such a child, the adoption must be finalized before the sibling's 18th birthday, but only if the sibling comes from the country that has not signed The Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoptions. The age cutoff for siblings from signatory countries is 16. These different requirements create confusion; and, in particular, with respect to more stringent requirements for the signatory countries, the 16-year-old cutoff provision, failing to meet the cutoff can have disastrous consequences.

Every year, the 16-year-old age requirement prevents a small number of foreign children who have been adopted by U.S. citizen parents from obtaining legal status in the United States. If an adoption takes longer than expected, even for reasons outside the parent's control, and the deadline is missed even by 1 day, the child is left with no remedy whatsoever. Although the child may be legally adopted by U.S. citizen parents, he or she cannot legally remain with them in the United States. Obviously, this is a nonsensical result where one's child has to be removed from the United States or, more likely, the individual comes to us for private relief which we may or may not succeed in granting.

H.R. 5532 remedies the above problem by harmonizing the provisions to require that all adoptions be finalized before a child's 18th birthday. This would