

Scott	Stupak	Walker
Sensenbrenner	Talent	Walsh
Serrano	Tanner	Wamp
Shadegg	Tauzin	Ward
Shaw	Taylor (MS)	Watt (NC)
Shuster	Taylor (NC)	Watts (OK)
Sisisky	Tejeda	Weldon (FL)
Skaggs	Thomas	Weldon (PA)
Skeen	Thompson	Weller
Skelton	Thornberry	White
Slaughter	Thornton	Whitfield
Smith (MI)	Thurman	Wicker
Smith (WA)	Tiahrt	Williams
Solomon	Torkildsen	Wise
Souder	Torres	Wolf
Spence	Towns	Woolsey
Spratt	Upton	Yates
Stearns	Velazquez	Zeliff
Stockman	Volkmer	Zimmer
Stump	Waldholtz	

NOT VOTING—14

Collins (IL)	Moakley	Stokes
Hayes	Nadler	Studds
Hostettler	Radanovich	Tate
Johnson (CT)	Rose	Waters
Johnston	Stark	

So the amendment, as modified, was not agreed to.

After some further time,

31.20 RECORDED VOTE

A recorded vote by electronic device was ordered in the Committee of the Whole on the following amendment submitted by Mr. CANADY:

Amend subsection (c) of section 514 to read as follows:

(c) ESTABLISHING JOB OFFER AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS.—Paragraph (2) of section 203(c) (8 U.S.C. 1153(c)) is amended to read as follows:

“(2) REQUIREMENTS OF JOB OFFER AND EDUCATION OR SKILLED WORKER AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY.—An alien is not eligible for a visa under this subsection unless the alien—

“(A) has a job offer in the United States which has been verified;

“(B) has at least a high school education or its equivalent;

“(C) has at least 2 years of work experience in an occupation which requires at least 2 years of training; and

“(D) demonstrates the ability to speak and to read the English language at an appropriate level specified under subsection (i).”.

Redesignate section 519 as section 520 and insert after section 518 the following new section (and conform the table of contents, and cross-references to section 519, accordingly):

SEC. 519. STANDARDS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY FOR MOST IMMIGRANTS.

Section 203 (8 U.S.C. 1153), as amended by section 524(a), is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(i) ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY STANDARDS.—(1) For purposes of this section, the levels of English language speaking and reading ability specified in this subsection are as follows:

“(A) The ability to speak English at a level required, without a dictionary, to meet routine social demands and to engage in a generally effective manner in casual conversation about topics of general interest, such as current events, work, family, and personal history, and to have a basic understanding of most conversations on nontechnical subjects, as shown by an appropriate score on the standardized test of English-speaking ability most commonly used by private firms doing business in the United States.

“(B) The ability to read English at a level required to understand simple prose in a form equivalent to typescript or printing on subjects familiar to most general readers, and, with a dictionary, the general sense of

routine business letters, and articles in newspapers and magazines directed to the general reader.

“(2) The levels of ability described in paragraph (1) shall be shown by an appropriate score on the standardized test of English-speaking ability most commonly used by private firms doing business in the United States. Determinations of the tests required and the computing of the appropriate score on each such test are within the sole discretion of the Secretary of Education, and are not subject to further administrative or judicial review.

“(3) The level of English language speaking and reading ability specified under this subsection shall not apply to family members accompanying, or following to join, an immigrant under subsection (e).”.

Amend paragraph (3) of section 513(a) to read as follows:

(3) by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

“(8) NOT COUNTING WORK EXPERIENCE AS AN UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN.—For purposes of this subsection, work experience obtained in employment in the United States with respect to which the alien was an unauthorized alien (as defined in section 274A(h)(3)) shall not be taken into account.

“(9) ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT.—An alien is not eligible for an immigrant visa number under this subsection unless the alien demonstrates the ability to speak and to read the English language at an appropriate level specified under subsection (i).”.

In section 553(b)—

(1) in paragraph (1), strike “paragraph (2)” and insert “paragraphs (2) and (3)”, and

(2) redesignate paragraph (3) and paragraph (4), and

(3) insert after paragraph (2) the following new paragraph:

(3) In determining the order of issuance of visa numbers under this section, if an immigrant demonstrates the ability to speak and to read the English language at appropriate levels specified under section 203(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (as added by section 519), the immigrant’s priority date shall be advanced to 180 days before the priority date otherwise established.

It was decided in the { Yeas 210 affirmative } Nays 207

31.21 [Roll No. 78] AYES—210

Allard	Clement	Fowler
Archer	Clinger	Franks (CT)
Armey	Coble	Franks (NJ)
Bachus	Coburn	Frelinghuysen
Baker (CA)	Collins (GA)	Frisa
Baker (LA)	Combust	Funderburk
Ballenger	Condit	Gallegly
Barr	Coolley	Ganske
Barrett (NE)	Cox	Gekas
Bartlett	Cramer	Gilchrest
Barton	Crane	Gillmor
Bass	Crapo	Gingrich
Bateman	Creameans	Goodlatte
Bereuter	Cubin	Gordon
Bevill	Cunningham	Goss
Billbray	Danner	Graham
Boehner	Deal	Gutknecht
Bono	DeFazio	Hall (TX)
Browder	DeLay	Hamilton
Bryant (TN)	Deickey	Hancock
Bunning	Doolittle	Hansen
Burr	Dornan	Harman
Burton	Dreier	Hastert
Buyer	Duncan	Hastings (WA)
Callahan	Ehrlich	Hayes
Calvert	Emerson	Hayworth
Camp	English	Hefley
Campbell	Everett	Heineman
Canady	Ewing	Hergert
Chabot	Fawell	Hilleary
Chambless	Fields (TX)	Hobson
Chenoweth	Foley	Hoekstra
Christensen	Forbes	Horn

Hunter	Molinari	Shuster
Hutchinson	Montgomery	Sisisky
Hyde	Moorhead	Skeen
Inglis	Moran	Skelton
Istook	Myers	Smith (NJ)
Johnson, Sam	Myrick	Smith (TX)
Jones	Nethercutt	Smith (WA)
Kasich	Neumann	Solomon
Kelly	Ney	Souder
Kim	Norwood	Spence
Kingston	Nussle	Stearns
Knollenberg	Oxley	Stenholm
LaHood	Packard	Stockman
Largent	Parker	Stump
Latham	Paxon	Talent
LaTourette	Payne (VA)	Tanner
Laughlin	Peterson (MN)	Tate
Leach	Pickett	Tauzin
Lewis (CA)	Pombo	Taylor (MS)
Lewis (KY)	Porter	Taylor (NC)
Lightfoot	Quillen	Thornberry
Lincoln	Rahall	Tiahrt
Linder	Regula	Traficant
Livingston	Riggs	Upton
Lucas	Roberts	Volkmer
Luther	Roemer	Vucanovich
Manzullo	Rogers	Walker
McCollum	Rohrabacher	Wamp
McCreary	Roth	Weldon (FL)
McHugh	Roukema	Weldon (PA)
McIntosh	Royce	Weller
McKeon	Saxton	Whitfield
Metcalf	Schaefer	Wicker
Meyers	Seastrand	Wolf
Mica	Sensenbrenner	Young (AK)
Miller (FL)	Shadegg	Young (FL)
Minge	Shays	Zeliff

NOES—207

Abercrombie	Flake	Mascara
Ackerman	Flanagan	Matsui
Andrews	Foglietta	McCarthy
Baessler	Fox	McDade
Baldacci	Frank (MA)	McDermott
Barcia	Frost	McHale
Barrett (WI)	Furse	McInnis
Becerra	Gejdenson	McKinney
Beilenson	Gephardt	McNulty
Bentsen	Geren	Meehan
Berman	Gibbons	Meek
Bilirakis	Gilman	Menendez
Bishop	Gonzalez	Miller (CA)
Blute	Goodling	Mink
Boehlert	Green	Mollohan
Bonilla	Greenwood	Morella
Bonior	Gunderson	Murtha
Borski	Gutierrez	Nadler
Boucher	Hall (OH)	Neal
Brown (CA)	Hastings (FL)	Oberstar
Brown (FL)	Hefner	Olver
Brown (OH)	Hilliard	Ortiz
Brownback	Hinchev	Orton
Bryant (TX)	Hoke	Owens
Bunn	Holden	Pallone
Cardin	Houghton	Pastor
Castle	Hoyer	Payne (NJ)
Chapman	Jackson (IL)	Pelosi
Clay	Jackson-Lee	Peterson (FL)
Clayton	(TX)	Petri
Clyburn	Jacobs	Pomeroy
Coleman	Jefferson	Portman
Collins (MI)	Johnson (CT)	Poshard
Conyers	Johnson (SD)	Pryce
Costello	Johnson, E. B.	Quinn
Coyne	Kanjorski	Ramstad
Davis	Kaptur	Rangel
de la Garza	Kennedy (MA)	Reed
DeLauro	Kennedy (RI)	Richardson
Dellums	Kennelly	Rivers
Deutsch	Kildee	Ros-Lehtinen
Diaz-Balart	King	Rose
Dicks	Kleczka	Roybal-Allard
Dingell	Klink	Rush
Dixon	Klug	Sabo
Doggett	Kolbe	Salmon
Dooley	LaFalce	Sanders
Doyle	Lantos	Sanford
Dunn	Lazio	Sawyer
Durbin	Levin	Scarborough
Edwards	Lewis (GA)	Schiff
Ehlers	Lipinski	Schroeder
Engel	LoBiondo	Schumer
Ensign	Lofgren	Scott
Eshoo	Longley	Serrano
Evans	Lowey	Shaw
Farr	Maloney	Skaggs
Fattah	Manton	Slaughter
Fazio	Markey	Smith (MI)
Fields (LA)	Martinez	Spratt
Filner	Martini	Stupak

Tejada Velazquez White
Thomas Vento Williams
Thompson Visclosky Wise
Thornton Waldholtz Woolsey
Thurman Walsh Wynn
Torkildsen Ward Yates
Torres Watt (NC) Zimmer
Torrice Watts (OK)
Towns Waxman

NOT VOTING—15

Bliley Hostettler Stark
Brewster Johnston Stokes
Chrysler Moakley Studds
Collins (IL) Obey Waters
Ford Radanovich Wilson

So the amendment was agreed to.

31.22 RECORDED VOTE

A recorded vote by electronic device was ordered in the Committee of the Whole on the following amendment submitted by Mr. DREIER:

After section 810, insert the following:

SEC. 811. COMPUTATION OF TARGETED ASSISTANCE.

Section 412(c)(2) (8 U.S.C. 1522(c)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(C) Except for the Targeted Assistance Ten Percent Discretionary Program, all grants made available under this paragraph for a fiscal year shall be allocated by the Office of Resettlement in a manner that ensures that each qualifying county shall receive the same amount of assistance for each refugee and entrant residing in the county as of the beginning of the fiscal year who arrived in the United States not more than 60 months prior to such fiscal year.”

It was decided in the Yeas 359 affirmative Nays 59

31.23 [Roll No. 79] AYES—359

Abercrombie Cardin Ehrlich
Ackerman Castle Emerson
Allard Chabot Engel
Archer Chambliss English
Armey Chapman Ensign
Bachus Chenoweth Eshoo
Baesler Christensen Evans
Baker (CA) Chrysler Everett
Baker (LA) Clement Ewing
Baldacci Clinger Farr
Ballenger Coble Fattah
Barcia Coburn Fawell
Barr Coleman Fazio
Barrett (NE) Collins (GA) Fields (TX)
Barrett (WI) Combust Filner
Bartlett Condit Flake
Barton Cooley Flanagan
Bass Costello Forbes
Bateman Cox Ford
Becerra Coyne Fox
Bentsen Cramer Frank (MA)
Bereuter Crane Franks (CT)
Berman Crapo Franks (NJ)
Bevill Creameans Frelinghuysen
Bilbray Cubin Frisa
Bliley Cunningham Frost
Blute Daner Funderburk
Boehlert Davis Furse
Boehner de la Garza Gallegly
Bonilla Deal Ganske
Bono DeFazio Gejdenson
Borski DeLauro Gekas
Boucher DeLay Geren
Browder Dickey Gilchrest
Brown (CA) Dicks Gillmor
Brown (OH) Dingell Gilman
Brownback Dixon Gonzalez
Bryant (TN) Doggett Goodlatte
Bryant (TX) Dooley Goodling
Bunn Doolittle Gordon
Bunning Dornan Graham
Burr Doyle Green
Burton Dreier Greenwood
Buyer Duncan Gunderson
Callahan Dunn Gutierrez
Calvert Durbin Gutknecht
Camp Edwards Hall (TX)
Campbell Ehlers Hamilton

Hancock Markey Royce
Hansen Martini Sabo
Harman Mascara Salmon
Hastert Matsui Sanders
Hastings (WA) McCarthy Sanford
Hayes McCrery Sawyer
Hayworth McDade Saxton
Hefley McHale Schaefer
Heineman McHugh Schiff
Herger McInnis Schroeder
Hilleary McIntosh Schumer
Hinchey McKeon Scott
Hobson McKinney Seastrand
Hoekstra McNulty Sensenbrenner
Hoke Meehan Serrano
Holden Menendez Shadegg
Horn Metcalf Shays
Houghton Meyers Shuster
Hoyer Miller (CA) Skaggs
Hunter Minge Skeen
Hutchinson Mink Slaughter
Hyde Molinari Smith (MI)
Inglis Mollohan Smith (NJ)
Istook Montgomery Smith (TX)
Jackson-Lee Moorhead Smith (WA)
(TX) Moran Solomon
Jacobs Morella Souder
Johnson (CT) Murtha Spence
Johnson (SD) Myers Stenholm
Johnson, E. B. Myrick Stockman
Johnson, Sam Nadler Stump
Jones Neal Talent
Jones Nethercutt Tanner
Kaptur Neumann Tate
Kasich Ney Tauzin
Kelly Norwood Taylor (MS)
Kennedy (MA) Nussle Taylor (NC)
Kennelly Oberstar Tejada
Kildee Obey Thomas
Kim Olver Thornberry
King Ortiz Thornton
Kingston Orton Tiahrt
Kleczka Oxley Torikildsen
Klink Packard Torres
Klug Pallone Towns
Knollenberg Parker Traficant
Kolbe Paxon Upton
LaFalce Payne (VA) Velazquez
LaHood Pelosi Vento
Lantos Lantoro Petri
Largent Pickett Visclosky
Latham Pombo Volkmer
LaTourette Pomeroy Vucanovich
Laughlin Porter Waldholtz
Lazio Portman Walker
Leach Poshard Walsh
Levin Pryce Wamp
Lewis (CA) Quinn Ward
Lewis (KY) Rahall Watts (OK)
Lightfoot Ramstad Waxman
Lincoln Reed Weldon (FL)
Linder Regula Weldon (PA)
Lipinski Richardson Weller
LoBiondo Riggs White
Lofgren Rivers Whitfield
Longley Roberts Wicker
Lowey Roemer Wolf
Lucas Rogers Woolsey
Luther Rohrabacher Yates
Maloney Roth Young (AK)
Manton Roukema Zeliff
Manzullo Roybal-Allard Zimmer

NOES—59

Andrews Goss Quillen
Beilenson Hall (OH) Rangel
Bilirakis Hastings (FL) Ros-Lehtinen
Bonior Hefner Rose
Brown (FL) Hilliard Rush
Canady Jackson (IL) Scarborough
Clay Jefferson Shaw
Clayton Kennedy (RI) Siskisky
Clyburn Lewis (GA) Skelton
Collins (MI) Martinez Spratt
Conyers McCollum Stearns
Dellums McDermott Thompson
Deutsch Meek Thurman
Diaz-Balart Mica Torricelli
Fields (LA) Miller (FL) Watt (NC)
Foglietta Owens Williams
Foley Pastor Wise
Fowler Payne (NJ) Wynn
Gephardt Peterson (FL) Young (FL)
Gibbons Peterson (MN)

NOT VOTING—13

Bishop Hostettler Moakley
Brewster Johnston
Collins (IL) Livingston

Radanovich Stokes Waters
Stark Studds Wilson

So the amendment was agreed to. The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, assumed the Chair.

When Mr. BONILLA, Chairman, reported that the Committee, having had under consideration said bill, had come to no resolution thereon.

31.24 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 165

Mr. DREIER, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 104-489) the resolution (H. Res. 386) providing for the consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 165) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes, and waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

31.25 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted— To Mr. OLVER, for today; and To Ms. WATERS, for today and balance of the week. And then,

31.26 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. BILIRAKIS, at 10 o'clock and 29 minutes p.m., the House adjourned.

31.27 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. House Concurrent Resolution 146. Resolution authorizing the 1996 Special Olympics Torch Relay to be run through the Capitol Grounds (Rept. No. 104-487). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. House Concurrent Resolution 147. Resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 15th annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service (Rept. No. 104-488). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. MCINNIS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 386. Resolution providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 165) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes, and waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (Rept. No. 104-489). Referred to the House Calendar.

31.28 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. MONTGOMERY (for himself, Mr. STUMP, Mr. EDWARDS, and Mr. HUTCHINSON): H.R. 3117. A bill to enable the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve service-delivery of