

anything they may have heard otherwise, that after this next vote, the suspension vote that we are about to take, there will be no more votes tonight because of the granting of unanimous consent awhile ago.

So, we can all go home after the next vote.

#### DISPENSING WITH CALL OF PRIVATE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to dispense with the call of the Private Calendar.

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

There was no objection.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5, rule I, the Chair will now put the question on the motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed today.

#### MEGAN'S LAW

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 2137, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida [Mr. MCCOLLUM] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2137, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 418, nays 0, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 149]

YEAS—418

Abercrombie	Borski	Coleman
Ackerman	Boucher	Coleman (GA)
Allard	Brewster	Collins (IL)
Andrews	Browder	Collins (MI)
Archer	Brown (CA)	Combust
Armey	Brown (FL)	Condit
Bachus	Brown (OH)	Conyers
Baesler	Brownback	Cooley
Baker (CA)	Bryant (TN)	Costello
Baker (LA)	Bryant (TX)	Cox
Baldacci	Bunn	Coyne
Ballenger	Bunning	Cramer
Barcia	Burr	Crane
Barr	Burton	Crapo
Barrett (NE)	Buyer	Cremeans
Barrett (WI)	Callahan	Cubin
Bartlett	Calvert	Cummings
Barton	Camp	Cunningham
Bass	Campbell	Danner
Bateman	Canady	Davis
Becerra	Cardin	de la Garza
Bentsen	Castle	Deal
Bereuter	Chabot	DeFazio
Berman	Chambliss	DeLauro
Bevill	Chapman	DeLay
Bilbray	Chenoweth	DeLums
Bilirakis	Christensen	Deutsch
Bishop	Chrystler	Diaz-Balart
Bliley	Clay	Dickey
Blute	Clayton	Dicks
Boehrlert	Clement	Dingell
Boehner	Clinger	Dixon
Bonilla	Clyburn	Doggett
Bonior	Coble	Dooley
Bono	Coburn	Doolittle

Dornan	Kanjorski	Pelosi
Doyle	Kaptur	Peterson (FL)
Dreier	Kasich	Peterson (MN)
Duncan	Kelly	Petri
Dunn	Kennedy (MA)	Pickett
Durbin	Kennedy (RI)	Pombo
Edwards	Kennelly	Pomeroy
Ehlers	Kildee	Porter
Ehrlich	Kim	Portman
Emerson	King	Poshard
Engel	Kingston	Pryce
English	Klecza	Quillen
Ensign	Klink	Quinn
Eshoo	Klug	Radanovich
Evans	Knollenberg	Rahall
Everett	Kolbe	Ramstad
Ewing	LaFalce	Rangel
Farr	LaHood	Reed
Fattah	Lantos	Regula
Fawell	Largent	Richardson
Fazio	Latham	Riggs
Fields (LA)	LaTourrette	Rivers
Fields (TX)	Laughlin	Roberts
Filner	Lazio	Roemer
Flake	Leach	Rogers
Flanagan	Levin	Rohrabacher
Foglietta	Lewis (CA)	Ros-Lehtinen
Foley	Lewis (GA)	Rose
Forbes	Lewis (KY)	Roth
Fowler	Lightfoot	Roukema
Fox	Lincoln	Roybal-Allard
Frank (MA)	Linder	Royce
Franks (CT)	Lipinski	Rush
Franks (NJ)	Livingston	Sabo
Frelinghuysen	LoBiondo	Salmon
Frisa	Lofgren	Sanders
Frost	Longley	Sanford
Funderburk	Lowey	Sawyer
Furse	Lucas	Saxton
Gallegly	Luther	Scarborough
Ganske	Maloney	Schaefer
Gejdenson	Manton	Schiff
Gekas	Manzullo	Schroeder
Gephardt	Markey	Schumer
Geren	Martinez	Scott
Gilchrest	Martini	Seastrand
Gillmor	Mascara	Sensenbrenner
Gilman	Matsui	Serrano
Gonzalez	McCarthy	Shadegg
Goodlatte	McCollum	Shaw
Goodling	McCrery	Shays
Gordon	McDermott	Shuster
Goss	McHale	Sisisky
Graham	McHugh	Skaggs
Green (TX)	McInnis	Skeen
Greene (UT)	McIntosh	Skelton
Greenwood	McKeon	Slaughter
Gutierrez	McKinney	Smith (MI)
Gutknecht	McNulty	Smith (NJ)
Hall (OH)	Meehan	Smith (TX)
Hall (TX)	Meek	Smith (WA)
Hamilton	Menendez	Solomon
Hancock	Metcalfe	Spence
Hansen	Meyers	Spratt
Hastert	Mica	Stearns
Hastings (FL)	Millender-McDonald	Stenholm
Hastings (WA)	Miller (CA)	Stockman
Hayworth	Miller (FL)	Stokes
Hefley	Minge	Stump
Hefner	Mink	Stupak
Heineman	Moakley	Talent
Herger	Montgomery	Tanner
Hilleary	Moorhead	Tate
Hilliard	Moran	Tauzin
Hinchev	Morella	Taylor (MS)
Hobson	Murtha	Taylor (NC)
Hoke	Myers	Tejeda
Hoekstra	Myrick	Thomas
Holde	Nadler	Thompson
Holden	Neal	Thornberry
Horn	Nethercutt	Thornton
Hostettler	Neumann	Thurman
Houghton	Ney	Tiahrt
Hoyer	Norwood	Torkildsen
Hunter	Nussle	Torres
Hutchinson	Oberstar	Torricelli
Hyde	Obey	Towns
Inglis	Olver	Trafigant
Istook	Ortiz	Upton
Jackson (IL)	Orton	Velazquez
Jackson-Lee	Oxley	Vento
(TX)	Packard	Volkmer
Jacobs	Pallone	Vucanovich
Jefferson	Parker	Walker
Johnson (CT)	Pastor	Walsh
Johnson (SD)	Paxon	Wamp
Johnson, E. B.	Payne (NJ)	Ward
Johnson, Sam	Payne (VA)	Waters
Johnston		Watt (NC)
Jones		

Watts (OK)	Whitfield	Woolsey
Waxman	Wicker	Wynn
Weldon (FL)	Williams	Young (AK)
Weldon (PA)	Wilson	Young (FL)
Weller	Wise	Zeliff
White	Wolf	Zimmer

#### NOT VOTING—15

Beilenson	Hayes	Souder
Ford	McDade	Stark
Gibbons	Molinari	Studds
Gunderson	Mollohan	Visclosky
Harman	Owens	Yates

□ 2205

Ms. WATERS, Mr. SCOTT, and Mr. WATT of North Carolina changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended, and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### REGARDING WITNESS RETALIATION, WITNESS TAMPERING, AND JURY TAMPERING

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HOBSON). Pursuant to House Resolution 422 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 3120.

□ 2205

#### IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 3120) to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to witness retaliation, witness tampering, and jury tampering, with Mr. LATOURETTE in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered as having been read the first time.

Under the rules the gentleman from Florida [Mr. MCCOLLUM] and the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. CONYERS] will each be recognized for 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida [Mr. MCCOLLUM].

Mr. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, in recent years, criminal sentences have increased in response to the scourge of drugs and violent crime, yet the penalties for retaliating against or tampering with witnesses, jurors, and court officials in criminal cases have remained unchanged. Some Federal and State prosecutors blame witness intimidation and juror tampering for the falling conviction rates in some parts of the country. Indeed, under current law, a defendant facing a Federal criminal sentence of 10 years or more may believe he or she is better off trying to influence the outcome of the trial by intimidating a witness, or tampering with a juror or court officer, because the maximum punishment for such crime is generally 10 years in prison.