

Spence	Thornberry	Watkins
Stabenow	Thune	Watts (OK)
Stearns	Thurman	Waxman
Stenholm	Tiahrt	Weiner
Strickland	Tierney	Weldon (FL)
Stump	Toomey	Weldon (PA)
Stupak	Towns	Weller
Sununu	Traficant	Wexler
Sweeney	Turner	Weygand
Tancredo	Udall (CO)	Whitfield
Tanner	Udall (NM)	Wicker
Tauscher	Upton	Wilson
Tauzin	Velazquez	Wolf
Taylor (MS)	Visclosky	Woolsey
Taylor (NC)	Vitter	Wu
Terry	Walden	Wynn
Thomas	Walsh	Young (AK)
Thompson (CA)	Wamp	
Thompson (MS)	Waters	

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NOT VOTING—33

Burr	Frank (MA)	Meehan
Campbell	Franks (NJ)	Miller (FL)
Clay	Goodlatte	Myrick
Clayton	Hayes	Neal
Clyburn	Holden	Pastor
Coble	Holt	Spratt
Danner	Hooley	Stark
DeLauro	Klink	Talent
Eshoo	McCollum	Watt (NC)
Ford	McIntosh	Wise
Fossella	McIntyre	Young (FL)

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Mr. SOUDER changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

Messrs. COBURN, DOOLEY of California and CONDIT changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the motion was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Ose). Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees:

Messrs. HYDE, GEKAS, ARMEY, CONYERS and NADLER.

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 4035

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 4035.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 2614, CERTIFIED DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 1999

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 2614) to amend the Small Business Investment Act to make improvements to the certified development company program, and for other purposes, with a House amendment to the Senate amendment thereto, insist on the House amendment, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York? The Chair hears none and, without objection, ap-

points the following conferees: Mr. TALENT, Mr. ARMEY, and Ms. VELAZQUEZ.

There was no objection.

MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking and Financial Services be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5417) to rename the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act as the "McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act," and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Iowa?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 5417

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT.

Section 1 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11301 note; Public Law 100-77) is amended by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following new subsection:

"(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the 'McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act'."

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in any law, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act shall be deemed to be a reference to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LEACH) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to yield 30 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. LAFALCE) for the purpose of controlling the minority's time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Iowa?

There was no objection.

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, changing the title of a major piece of legislation may seem like a small step for Congress to take, but it has symbolic meaning to the congressional family.

Changing the name Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Act to the McKinney-Vento Act implies putting the names of two of our most esteemed colleagues together, two colleagues who have passed away, the one most recently. Like Mr. McKinney, Bruce Vento devoted his life to the problems of the disadvantaged. He symbolized much as a friend, he symbolized much as a colleague, he symbolized much as a constructive legislator.

I think, though, it is important to note that this particular bill was suggested by our good friend the gentleman from New York (Mr. LAFALCE).

I certainly strongly supported him and am appreciative that our leadership concurred.

Mr. Speaker, I think at this point I would like to turn to the gentleman from New York (Mr. LAFALCE) to outline the causes and background of this bill and certainly to express my strongest support for his initiative.

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

Mr. LAFALCE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, first of all I want to thank the gentleman from Iowa. I remember the very first day that the gentleman from Iowa and I discovered that Bruce Vento had incurred cancer. And we talked and we said that Bruce Vento is a very, very special person and we ought to do something very special for him. This is the least we can do.

I love Bruce Vento. I sat next to him for almost 24 years. There are so many things that I could say about him, but maybe more than anything else, Bruce Vento cared. He was a caring, loving human being. He cared about our poor. He cared about our underprivileged. He cared about equal justice. He cared about preserving the beauty of our natural resources. He cared about the rights of consumers. He cared about the future of our Nation's youth. And it is difficult to say what he cared about most. But very possibly he might have cared most about our homeless. And each of these issues, each of these causes has lost a great friend.

Bruce Vento was a great leader, a tireless champion of the poor and the homeless; and he brought such tremendous compassion, intellect, vision, dedication, persistence, tenacity to the work of writing our Nation's laws. It has also been written that all of this to be genius must be accompanied by good sense. And Bruce Vento had good sense which made him a genius of both a person and a legislator.

The bill before us today, cosponsored by each and every member of the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, both Democrat and Republican and countless other Members of this House, would rename the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. It is fitting to Congressman Bruce Vento's tireless commitment to the homeless. We will pass this today. I hope it will become law in this Congress.

For 24 years, Bruce was a tireless champion and advocate on behalf of homeless people. And he wrote many if not every law that brings compassion and comfort to our homeless, to our poor and destitute.

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Traces of his tireless commitment can be found on any forgotten street in urban America. His commitment can be found in a shelter where families go for a hot meal. His commitment can be found in a vacant building that has