

the Federal authority, to ensure we have elections.

But, Madam Speaker, let me say this. I think it is important to make note of the fact that all votes should be counted. I was here on January 6, 2001, and supported the idea of challenging the election at that time. The challenge was not a personal challenge, it was simply one that had to do with making sure that every vote was counted. So that point is very clear, that we should be diligent and vigilant with ensuring that all votes are counted.

Let me add, as I close, that one of the other important aspects of our diligence and our vigilance is, as we look forward to the elections, to make sure they are accurate.

So I was disappointed with the vote of this Congress, an amendment by the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BUYER), that would ask that we not have international monitors here. The debate was vigorous, and I think the prevailing debate, although it was not prevailing in the vote, is that we are proud of our democracy. We have our failures and our faults, but we are proud of our democracy, and we do not mind if anyone comes to monitor our elections. So this is in sync with this particular legislation on the floor.

Again, let me congratulate the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. LARSON) and the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY), because we will find that most of the Members of Congress, and let me say that I think all, will find themselves able to vote for this legislation enthusiastically, because we do believe in the importance of elections, no matter whether we win or lose.

But let us do so by being vigilant and diligent. Let us make sure they are accurate elections and make sure that we open the doors for international monitors so that we can make sure that the American people have the best elections ever for the world to see.

Madam Speaker, I ask for support of this legislation.

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

Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished gentlewoman, and I again want to add both my praise and thanks for the leadership of our distinguished chairman, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY), in bringing this resolution to the floor.

We are the greatest country on the face of the Earth. We are known throughout the globe for our great strength and resolve. We are known for the great strength of our military and our armies and the shock and awe that they create.

But the most awesome thing that we have, the thing that sticks out in everybody's minds, what makes us the Nation that we are, is our freedom of expression and our right to vote. That is why this is such an important resolution and such an important issue.

In the final analysis, it will not be the strength of our armies; it will be

the strength of the individual and collective thoughts of our citizens that are expressed on the day we vote that makes us the Nation that we are.

Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Ohio for his leadership.

Madam Speaker, today I rise in support of this resolution to reaffirm that our Federal elections should not be postponed in the event of terrorist attack. I would like to associate myself with the remarks of the Chairman and thank his staff for drafting this resolution. I stand in support of this resolution because of the matters contained in the resolving clauses (1) the actions of terrorists will never cause the date of any Presidential election to be postponed; and (2) no single individual or agency should be given the authority to postpone the date of a Presidential election. This is the meat of the resolution, and others can debate about the meaning of the "whereas" clauses—and I am sure there will be lots of different interpretations.

I further join with Leader PELOSI in calling for "the United States to be an example for democracies around the world, and that means holding our elections as scheduled." I would also like to thank the ranking minority member of the Homeland Security subcommittee JIM TURNER and Representative LYNN WOOLSEY for their leadership on this very important issue. This union has stood for over 225 years and has never had a Federal election postponed or cancelled. Not in time of war; not in time of economic turmoil and not in time of natural disaster. We should not start now! We as a country will not bend in the face of threats to our democracy. The United States was founded on the ideals of Hope and Freedom! Those who believe that they will break those pillars with the threat of terror are misguided.

I have requested a briefing from Homeland Security Secretary Thomas Ridge to learn how his department plans to work with Congress to safeguard the November elections and on reducing the risk of an attack.

I would suggest that while we must be mindful of the security and safety of voters, we should not focus on these issues to the extent that it damages democracy by frightening voters away from the polls. Americans should go to the polls in record numbers to show our determination that we take democracy seriously.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution.

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

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

Madam Speaker, we have gone a long way in this country, and we always continue to look for ways we can better improve security, ways that we can have integrity in the elections, the Help America Vote Act. There are a lot of different things that we continuously do in the history of our country.

On this issue, I am so proud of this House. I want to thank the Speaker for his support, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. LARSON) for his quick action on this, the Democratic leader, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI).

You take Members from all backgrounds in this House and sometimes people say, do you ever agree on any-

thing? Well, you know, we might disagree here and there. But you take Members from the left, the right and the middle, you take Members from the rural and the urban, they have come together so quickly on this resolution on a bipartisan basis, because I believe that this Chamber knows and respects the integrity of our process and the rule of law that we have on the election process and Congress' clear, defined role in that.

Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman and I urge support of this resolution.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HENSARLING). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 728.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. NEY. 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 and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H. Res. 728.

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

There was no objection.

JUNK FAX PREVENTION ACT OF 2004

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4600) to amend Section 227 of the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify the prohibition on junk fax transmissions, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4600

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 "Junk Fax Prevention Act of 2004".

SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON FAX TRANSMISSIONS CONTAINING UNSOLICITED ADVERTISEMENTS.

(a) PROHIBITION.—Subparagraph (C) of section 227(b)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227(b)(1)(C)) is amended to read as follows:

"(C) to use any telephone facsimile machine, computer, or other device to send, to a telephone facsimile machine, an unsolicited advertisement, unless—

"(i) the unsolicited advertisement is from a sender with an established business relationship with the recipient, and