

conservation. The host country places local currency in its tropical forest fund that typically exceeds the cost to the U.S. Government of the debt reduction agreement. So we are leveraging funds.

Furthermore, because these tropical forest funds have integrity, are broadly supported within the host country, we have found that conservation organizations are interested in placing their own money in these tropical forest funds, which of course produce additional leverage of the Federal conservation dollars that we are providing.

There have been eight TFCA agreements included to date: Bangladesh, El Salvador, Belize, Peru, the Philippines, Colombia, and actually two now with Panama. \$49.3 million in Federal contributions have gone into these agreements and \$6.3 million in private contributions from these conservation NGOs under these eight agreements. Through this we have generated \$81.4 million in long-term income commitments for tropical forest conservation, so the leverage is out there and is working.

The second Panama deal actually was just signed last month. Under this agreement, the U.S. Government contributed \$6.5 million to reduce debt, and the Nature Conservancy contributed \$1.3 million in a second round of agreements now that will generate nearly \$11 million for tropical conservation over the next 12 years.

This agreement with Panama, along with the previous one, now provides over \$21 million in total funds available for conservation purposes. This is a great agreement that helps protect the biologically rich forest of Darien National Park.

Active deals are also being negotiated with Jamaica and Sri Lanka. Other countries that have expressed interest in the program and who have eligible debt include Guatemala, Ecuador, Paraguay, St. Vincent, Botswana, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, India, Indonesia, Brazil, and Kenya.

H.R. 4654 will improve and refine the Tropical Forest Conservation Act, as was discussed earlier, by better funding audits to ensure the program is operating as expected and as intended and by broadening the governments that can participate by allowing principal, not just interest, to be reduced and to be redirected into these conservation funds.

The bill does have an authorization here of \$20 million in fiscal year 2005, which is included in the President's budget request.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment, if I could, to just thank all those who have gotten us to this point and worked so hard on this reauthorization bill. I want to thank those people like Bill Millan and Steve McCormick of the Nature Conservancy; Randy Snodgrass, Melissa Moye and Estrelitta Fitzhugh of the World Wildlife Fund; Kelly Keenan Aylward with the Wildlife Conservation Society; and

Nicholas Lapham with Conservation International.

From the administration, I want to thank the Council on Environmental Quality; also Joel Kaplan and Robin Cleveland of OMB; Bill Schuerch and Katie Berg of the Treasury Department; Claudia McMurray, Stephanie Caswell and Teresa Hobgood of the State Department; Jim Hester with USAID; Scott Lampman and others.

In Congress, I want to be sure and thank Kristen Gilley and David Killon of the Committee on International Relations, minority and majority staff; and Mark Synnes of the House Legislative Counsel for helping us to draft the bill; and at CRS we got some great help from Pervaze Sheikh. For his excellent analysis of the program, I want to thank him. And, finally, I want to thank Tim Miller of my staff and Justin Louchheim, who have taken a personal interest in this and their commitment to it over the years.

Again, this is a good program, it is working well, and worthy of reauthorization. I urge all Members to support strongly this market-based approach that is working to conserve the world's most threatened tropical forest.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, the legislation before the House continues a vitally important environmental initiative begun during the Clinton Administration. The Tropical Forest Conservation Act has already resulted in the funding of programs to conserve over 40 million acres of endangered tropical forests around the globe. These preservation efforts are critical to long-term U.S. interests as the tropical forest being saved are estimated to contain 50–90 percent of the earth's terrestrial biodiversity.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have had the opportunity to co-sponsor this reauthorization with Congressman ROB PORTMAN. Congressman PORTMAN deserves credit for having the foresight to initiate this program with the original authorization he crafted in partnership with the former chairman of the International Relations Committee, Mr. Lee Hamilton, in 1998.

Mr. Speaker, the Tropical Forest Conservation Act has been a tremendous success. It has allowed the governments of developing countries to get the benefit of improving their local ecosystem when paying down interest owed on debt to the United States. It is supported by a broad spectrum of environmental advocacy organizations led by the Nature Conservancy and the World Wildlife Fund.

This program inspires more prompt debt servicing and gives foreign governments a greater sense of responsibility for preserving the global environment.

Already the U.S. has entered into binding bilateral agreements with seven countries: Bangladesh, Belize, El Salvador, Panama, Peru, the Philippines and Colombia. These agreements will generate \$70 million for tropical forest preservation.

The most recent agreement has produced a pledge by Colombia to invest \$10 million over 12 years to protect nearly 11 million acres of its tropical forest.

Among the areas that will be preserved in Colombia as a result is the Tuparo National Park. This unique forest contains a rich diversity of species including jaguars, river dol-

phins, the endangered giant armadillo and the critically threatened Orinoco crocodile, which is found only in this part of South America. The area is also a major winter base for migrating bird species from the United States.

Mr. Speaker, the rapid disappearance of tropical forests is a threat to our national security. We need these forests to regulate the global environment. They act as critical "carbon sinks", absorbing massive quantities of carbon dioxide that otherwise would contribute to global warming. They also regulate rainfall, which is critical to maintaining sustainable agricultural production across the globe. In addition, their diverse plants provide a large percentage of life-saving medicines. Therefore, as the forests disappear, some of our opportunities to cure debilitating illnesses also vanish.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support passage of this legislation, and urge my colleagues to do so as well.

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests at this time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I also have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PENCE). The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4654.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 13 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

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□ 1830

#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. KLINE) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

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#### REPORT ON HOUSE RESOLUTION 700, DIRECTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO TRANSMIT DOCUMENTS IN THE POSSESSION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL RELATING TO TREATMENT OF PRISONERS AND DETAINEES IN IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN, AND GUANTANAMO BAY

Mr. SENSENBRENNER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 108-658) on the resolution (H. Res. 700) directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives documents in the possession of the Attorney General relating to the treatment

of prisoners and detainees in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Guantanamo Bay, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

- H.R. 4381, by the yeas and nays; and
  - H.R. 4556, by the yeas and nays.
- Both will be 15-minute votes.

**HARVEY AND BERNICE JONES POST OFFICE BUILDING**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 4381.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4381, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 382, nays 0, answered “present” 1, not voting 50, as follows:

[Roll No. 422]  
YEAS—382

Abercrombie	Calvert	Doggett
Ackerman	Camp	Dooley (CA)
Aderholt	Cantor	Doolittle
Akin	Capito	Doyle
Alexander	Capps	Dreier
Allen	Capuano	Duncan
Andrews	Cardin	Dunn
Baca	Cardoza	Ehlers
Bachus	Carter	Emanuel
Baird	Case	Emerson
Baldwin	Castle	English
Barrett (SC)	Chabot	Eshoo
Bartlett (MD)	Chandler	Etheridge
Barton (TX)	Chocola	Evans
Bass	Clay	Everett
Beauprez	Clyburn	Farr
Becerra	Coble	Fattah
Bell	Cole	Feeney
Berkley	Collins	Ferguson
Berman	Conyers	Filner
Berry	Cooper	Foley
Biggert	Costello	Forbes
Bishop (GA)	Cox	Ford
Bishop (NY)	Cramer	Fossella
Bishop (UT)	Crane	Frank (MA)
Blackburn	Crenshaw	Frelinghuysen
Blumenauer	Crowley	Garrett (NJ)
Blunt	Cubin	Gerlach
Boehlert	Culberson	Gibbons
Boehner	Cummings	Gilchrest
Bonilla	Cunningham	Gillmor
Bonner	Davis (AL)	Gingrey
Bono	Davis (CA)	Gonzalez
Boozman	Davis (IL)	Goode
Boswell	Davis (TN)	Goodlatte
Boucher	Davis, Jo Ann	Gordon
Boyd	Davis, Tom	Goss
Bradley (NH)	Deal (GA)	Granger
Brady (PA)	DeFazio	Graves
Brown (OH)	DeGette	Green (TX)
Brown (SC)	Delahunt	Green (WI)
Brown, Corrine	DeLauro	Greenwood
Brown-Waite,	DeLay	Gutknecht
Ginny	DeMint	Hall
Burgess	Deutsch	Harman
Burns	Diaz-Balart, L.	Harris
Burton (IN)	Diaz-Balart, M.	Hart
Butterfield	Dicks	Hastings (FL)
Buyer	Dingell	Hastings (WA)

Hayes	McDermott	Ryun (KS)	Simpson	Towns	Wexler
Hayworth	McGovern	Sabo	Stark	Watt	Young (AK)
Hefley	McHugh	Sánchez, Linda	Tauzin	Weldon (FL)	
Hensarling	McIntyre	T.			
Hergert	McKeon	Sanchez, Loretta			
Herseth	McNulty	Sanders			
Hill	Meehan	Sandlin			
Hinchey	Meek (FL)	Saxton			
Hinojosa	Meeks (NY)	Schakowsky			
Hobson	Menendez	Schiff			
Hoekstra	Mica	Scott (GA)			
Holden	Michaud	Scott (VA)			
Holt	Millender-	Sensenbrenner			
Honda	McDonald	Serrano			
Hoolley (OR)	Miller (FL)	Shadegg			
Hostettler	Miller (MI)	Shaw			
Houghton	Miller (NC)	Shays			
Hoyer	Miller, Gary	Sherman			
Hunter	Miller, George	Sherwood			
Hyde	Moore	Shimkus			
Inslee	Moran (KS)	Shuster			
Isakson	Moran (VA)	Simmons			
Israel	Murphy	Skelton			
Issa	Musgrave	Slaughter			
Istook	Myrick	Smith (MI)			
Jackson (IL)	Nadler	Smith (NJ)			
Jackson-Lee	Napolitano	Smith (TX)			
(TX)	Neal (MA)	Smith (WA)			
Jefferson	Neugebauer	Snyder			
Jenkins	Ney	Solis			
Johnson (CT)	Northup	Souder			
Johnson (IL)	Norwood	Spratt			
Johnson, E. B.	Nussle	Stearns			
Johnson, Sam	Obey	Stenholm			
Jones (NC)	Olver	Strickland			
Kanjorski	Ortiz	Stupak			
Kaptur	Osborne	Sullivan			
Keller	Ose	Sweeney			
Kelly	Otter	Tancredo			
Kennedy (MN)	Oxley	Tanner			
Kennedy (RI)	Pallone	Tauscher			
Kildee	Pascrell	Taylor (MS)			
Kilpatrick	Pastor	Taylor (NC)			
Kind	Paul	Terry			
King (IA)	Payne	Thomas			
King (NY)	Pearce	Thompson (CA)			
Kingston	Pelosi	Thompson (MS)			
Kirk	Pence	Thornberry			
Kleczka	Peterson (MN)	Tiahrt			
Kline	Peterson (PA)	Tiberi			
Knollenberg	Petri	Tierney			
Kucinich	Pickering	Toomey			
LaHood	Pitts	Turner (OH)			
Langevin	Platts	Turner (TX)			
Lantos	Pombo	Udall (CO)			
Larsen (WA)	Pomeroy	Udall (NM)			
Larson (CT)	Porter	Upton			
LaTourette	Portman	Van Hollen			
Leach	Price (NC)	Velázquez			
Lee	Pryce (OH)	Visclosky			
Levin	Quinn	Vitter			
Lewis (CA)	Radanovich	Walden (OR)			
Lewis (GA)	Rahall	Walsh			
Lewis (KY)	Ramstad	Wamp			
Linder	Rangel	Waters			
LoBiondo	Rehberg	Watson			
Lofgren	Reyes	Waxman			
Lowey	Reynolds	Weiner			
Lucas (KY)	Rodriguez	Weldon (PA)			
Lynch	Rogers (AL)	Weller			
Maloney	Rogers (KY)	Whitfield			
Manzullo	Rogers (MI)	Wicker			
Markey	Rohrabacher	Wilson (NM)			
Marshall	Ros-Lehtinen	Wilson (SC)			
Matheson	Ross	Wolf			
Matsui	Rothman	Woolsey			
McCarthy (MO)	Roybal-Allard	Wu			
McCarthy (NY)	Royce	Wynn			
McCotter	Ruppersberger	Young (FL)			
McCrery	Ryan (WI)				

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—1

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NOT VOTING—50

Baker	Galleghy	McInnis
Ballenger	Gephardt	Mollohan
Bilirakis	Grijalva	Murtha
Brady (TX)	Gutierrez	Nethercutt
Burr	Hoeffel	Nunes
Cannon	Hulshof	Oberstar
Carson (IN)	John	Owens
Carson (OK)	Jones (OH)	Putnam
Davis (FL)	Kolbe	Regula
Edwards	Lampson	Renzi
Engel	Latham	Rush
Flake	Lipinski	Ryan (OH)
Franks (AZ)	Lucas (OK)	Schrock
Frost	Majette	Sessions

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE  
The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KLINE) (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1856

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**GENERAL WILLIAM CAREY LEE POST OFFICE BUILDING**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 4556.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4556, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 380, nays 0, answered “present” 1, not voting 52, as follows:

[Roll No. 423]  
YEAS—380

Abercrombie	Camp	Doyle
Ackerman	Cantor	Dreier
Aderholt	Capito	Duncan
Akin	Capps	Dunn
Alexander	Capuano	Edwards
Allen	Cardin	Ehlers
Andrews	Cardoza	Emanuel
Baca	Carter	Emerson
Bachus	Case	English
Baird	Castle	Eshoo
Baldwin	Chabot	Etheridge
Barrett (SC)	Chandler	Evans
Bartlett (MD)	Chocola	Everett
Barton (TX)	Clay	Farr
Bass	Coble	Fattah
Beauprez	Cole	Feeney
Becerra	Collins	Ferguson
Bell	Conyers	Filner
Berkley	Cooper	Foley
Berman	Costello	Forbes
Berry	Cox	Ford
Biggert	Cramer	Fossella
Bishop (GA)	Crane	Frank (MA)
Bishop (NY)	Crenshaw	Frelinghuysen
Bishop (UT)	Crowley	Garrett (NJ)
Blackburn	Cubin	Gerlach
Blumenauer	Culberson	Gibbons
Blunt	Cummings	Gilchrest
Boehlert	Cunningham	Gillmor
Boehner	Davis (AL)	Gingrey
Bonilla	Davis (CA)	Gonzalez
Bonner	Davis (IL)	Goode
Bono	Davis (TN)	Goodlatte
Boozman	Davis, Jo Ann	Gordon
Boswell	Davis, Tom	Goss
Boucher	Deal (GA)	Granger
Boyd	DeFazio	Graves
Bradley (NH)	DeGette	Green (TX)
Brady (PA)	Delahunt	Green (WI)
Brown (OH)	DeLauro	Greenwood
Brown (SC)	DeLay	Gutknecht
Brown, Corrine	DeMint	Hall
Brown-Waite,	Deutsch	Harman
Ginny	Diaz-Balart, L.	Harris
Burgess	Diaz-Balart, M.	Hart
Burns	Dicks	Hastings (FL)
Burton (IN)	Dingell	Hastings (WA)
Butterfield	Doggett	Hayes
Buyer	Dooley (CA)	Hayworth
Calvert	Doolittle	Hefley