

it will benefit the veterans of my home state of South Dakota, as well as the other veterans around the country.

I fully support H.R. 3665, as amended, and urge my colleagues to do the same.

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, as Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I rise in strong support of H.R. 3665, the Veterans Housing and Employment Improvement Act of 2005, as amended. This is a bipartisan bill that as amended also includes provisions from Chairman BOOZMAN'S H.R. 3279, the Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program Reauthorization Act of 2005, Ranking Member HERSETH'S H.R. 1773, the Native American Veteran Home Loan Act, and Mr. SIMPSON'S H.R. 419, the Hire Veterans Act of 2005.

Title I of this bill, as amended, would improve the flexibility of the VA's Adapted Housing Grant Program, and make the Native American Veterans Home Loan Program permanent.

Title II of the bill would extend the life of the President's National Hire Veterans Committee (PNHVC), which was created by Public Law 107-288 to improve industry's awareness of the value inherent in increasing the number of veterans hired by the private sector. The Committee determined that a one-year extension of the PNHVC's three-year authority for purposes of winding down its operations, in addition to providing opportunity for added oversight, would be an appropriate way to ensure that the Department of Labor integrates the positive aspects of the PNHVC into its future activities.

Title III of the bill would reauthorize the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP), which is administered by VETS. Based on testimony and meetings with HVRP providers, the program appears to be one of the more successful homeless programs in government by rehabilitating and finding jobs for the most difficult to place population of veterans.

Title IV of the bill would also make technical, clarifying, and conforming changes to new section 1980A of title 38, the Traumatic Injury Protection program, which was established in the supplemental.

Madam Speaker, as Chairman of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I would like to thank the Ranking Member of the Committee, Mr. LANE EVANS (IL) for his cooperation in moving this legislation to the floor. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work of Mr. BOOZMAN (AR), and Ms. HERSETH (SD), the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, through whose leadership and hard work, this legislation has come before the House. Its timing is especially propitious, the day after tomorrow being Veterans' Day.

Madam Speaker, I strongly urge all my colleagues to support this important legislation.

Mr. EVANS. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 3665, as amended.

It is only fitting that as November 11th approaches and we prepare to commemorate another Veterans Day, we are meeting here today on the House floor to discuss and pass this legislation, which is intended to honor the courage and sacrifice of the nation's veterans.

I would like to thank Chairman BUYER for his support of this bill.

I also want to thank the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Economic Opportunity Subcommittee, JOHN BOOZMAN and STEPHANIE

HERSETH, for their work in developing and moving this important legislation to the floor.

The housing, employment and homeless provisions contained in the bill are very important and should be enacted into law.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to be an original cosponsor of this bill.

Our servicemembers, veterans and military families sacrifice greatly.

It is our responsibility to care and provide for them upon their return from service as we do when we send them off to war.

I strongly support this measure, Madam Speaker, and I urge all my colleagues to vote for its passage.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3665, the Veterans Housing and Employment Improvement Act of 2005. I especially want to thank Chairman STEVE BUYER and Ranking Member LANE EVANS of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and also Chairman JOHN BOOZMAN and Ranking Member STEPHANIE HERSETH of the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity for their leadership in making it possible for Native Americans to participate in the veterans' housing loan program.

I am especially thankful that American Samoa's veterans have also been able to participate in this very successful program. Today, I am here to thank my colleagues for working with me to address the concerns of American Samoans without adversely affecting the rights of other tribes.

Many Samoans have served in the military and they are allowed to obtain home loans under current law. Other Samoans are married to non-Samoan veterans. Nonnative military spouses married to native Samoans have not been able to qualify for the VA home loan program. In part, this is because the Native American Home Loan program excludes the spouses of non-native Americans from qualifying for a VA home loan.

For my constituents, this is problematic. In brief, most land in American Samoa is communal, meaning that only Samoans of Tutuila, Manu's, Aunu'u, or Swain Islands may qualify for home loans offered by traditional lending institutions because only they can make claim to native land.

As a result of these land laws, non-native spouses of veterans or persons serving in the U.S. Armed Forces who are married to a Samoan may not qualify for a VA home loan. The VA has been helpful in assisting the Veterans' Affairs Committee and my office in drafting language to rectify this problem and I am pleased that this language has now been included in H.R. 3665.

As we have agreed, it is our understanding that this language now makes it possible for a non-Samoan military member or veteran to qualify for a VA loan if the non-Samoan military member has a "meaningful interest" in the housing a Samoan spouse has been granted permission to build on communal land. It is also our understanding that "meaningful interest" means that the veteran has the right to reside in the home under tribal laws.

Madam Speaker, I urge support of H.R. 3665 and I again thank my colleagues for including my provision in this important legislation. I also thank the VA for its assistance, and Ms. Mary Ellen McCarthy, Democratic Staff Director for Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, for her tireless efforts. I urge support of this legislation.

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, having no further requests for time, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. CAPITO). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3665, as amended.

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. BOOZMAN. Madam 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 question will be postponed.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam 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.R. 3665.

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

There was no objection.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Conference report on H.R. 2419, by the yeas and nays;

Conference report on H.R. 2862, by the yeas and nays;

Motion to suspend the rules on S. 1894, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

#### CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2419, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question on adoption of the conference report on the bill, H.R. 2419, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 399, nays 17, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 580]

YEAS—399

Abercrombie Diaz-Balart, M. Kennedy (RI)  
 Ackerman Dicks Kildee  
 Aderholt Dingell Kilpatrick (MI)  
 Akin Doggett Kind  
 Alexander Doolittle King (IA)  
 Allen Doyle King (NY)  
 Baca Drake Kingston  
 Bachus Dreier Kirk  
 Baird Edwards Kline  
 Baker Ehlers Knollenberg  
 Baldwin Emanuel Kolbe  
 Barrett (SC) Emerson Kuhl (NY)  
 Barrow Engel LaHood  
 Bartlett (MD) English (PA) Langevin  
 Barton (TX) Eshoo Lantos  
 Bass Etheridge Larsen (WA)  
 Bean Evans Larson (CT)  
 Beauprez Everett Latham  
 Becerra Farr LaTourette  
 Berman Fattah Leach  
 Berry Feeney Lee  
 Biggert Ferguson Levin  
 Bilirakis Filner Lewis (CA)  
 Bishop (GA) Fitzpatrick (PA) Lewis (GA)  
 Bishop (UT) Eshoo Lewis (KY)  
 Blackburn Forbes Linder  
 Blumenauer Ford Lipinski  
 Blunt Fortenberry LoBiondo  
 Boehlert Fossella Lofgren, Zoe  
 Boehner Foxx Lowey  
 Bonilla Frank (MA) Lucas  
 Bonner Franks (AZ) Lungren, Daniel  
 Bono Frelinghuysen E.  
 Boozman Gallegly Lynch  
 Boren Garrett (NJ) Mack  
 Boucher Gerlach Maloney  
 Boustany Gilchrest Manzullo  
 Boyd Gillmor Marchant  
 Bradley (NH) Gingrey Markey  
 Brady (PA) Gohmert Marshall  
 Brady (TX) Gonzalez Matsui  
 Brown (OH) Goode McCarthy  
 Brown (SC) Goodlatte McCaul (TX)  
 Brown, Corrine Gordon McCollum (MN)  
 Burgess Granger McCotter  
 Burton (IN) Graves McCreery  
 Butterfield Green, Al McDermott  
 Buyer Green, Gene McGovern  
 Calvert Grijalva McHenry  
 Camp Gutierrez McHugh  
 Cannon Gutknecht McIntyre  
 Cantor Hall McKeon  
 Capito Harman McKinney  
 Capps Harris McMorris  
 Capuano Hart McNulty  
 Cardin Hastings (WA) Meehan  
 Cardoza Hayes Meek (FL)  
 Carnahan Hayworth Melancon  
 Carson Hensarling Menendez  
 Carter Herger Mica  
 Case Herseith Michaud  
 Castle Higgins Miller (MI)  
 Chabot Hinchey Miller (NC)  
 Chandler Hinojosa Miller, Gary  
 Chocola Hobson Miller, George  
 Clay Hoekstra Mollohan  
 Cleaver Holden Moore (KS)  
 Clyburn Holt Moore (WI)  
 Coble Honda Moran (KS)  
 Cole (OK) Hoolley Moran (VA)  
 Conyers Hoyer Murphy  
 Cooper Hulshof Murtha  
 Costa Hunter Musgrave  
 Costello Hyde Myrick  
 Cramer Inglis (SC) Nadler  
 Crenshaw Inslee Napolitano  
 Crowley Israel Neal (MA)  
 Cubin Issa Neugebauer  
 Cuellar Istook Ney  
 Culberson Jackson (IL) Northup  
 Cummings Jackson-Lee Nunes  
 Cunningham (TX) Nussle  
 Davis (AL) Jefferson Oberstar  
 Davis (CA) Jenkins Obey  
 Davis (IL) Jindal Oliver  
 Davis (KY) Johnson (CT) Ortiz  
 Davis (TN) Johnson (IL) Osborne  
 Davis, Jo Ann Johnson, E. B. Otter  
 Davis, Tom Johnson, Sam Owens  
 DeFazio Jones (NC) Pallone  
 DeGette Jones (OH) Pascrell  
 Delahunt Kanjorski Pastor  
 DeLauro Kaptur Payne  
 DeLay Keller Pearce  
 Dent Kelly Pelosi  
 Diaz-Balart, L. Kennedy (MN) Pence

Peterson (MN) Sanchez, Linda  
 Peterson (PA) T.  
 Petri Sanchez, Loretta  
 Pickering Sanders  
 Pitts Saxton  
 Platts Schakowsky  
 Poe Schiff  
 Pombo Schmidt  
 Pomeroy Schwartz (PA)  
 Price (GA) Schwarz (MI)  
 Price (NC) Scott (GA)  
 Pryce (OH) Scott (VA)  
 Putnam Serrano  
 Radanovich Shadegg  
 Rahall Shaw  
 Ramstad Shays  
 Rangel Sherman  
 Regula Sherwood  
 Rehberg Shimkus  
 Reichert Shuster  
 Renzi Simmons  
 Reyes Simpson  
 Reynolds Skelton  
 Rogers (AL) Smith (NJ)  
 Rogers (KY) Smith (TX)  
 Rogers (MI) Smith (WA)  
 Rohrabacher Snyder  
 Ross-Lehtinen Sodrel  
 Foley Souder  
 Rothman Spratt  
 Roybal-Allard Royce  
 Royce Ruppertsberger  
 Sullivan Rush  
 Tanager Ryan (OH)  
 Ryan (WI) Taylor (MS)  
 Ryun (KS) Taylor (NC)  
 Sabo Terry  
 Salazar Thomas

Thompson (CA) Thompson (MS)  
 Thornberry Tiahrt  
 Tiberi Tierney  
 Towns Udall (CO)  
 Udall (NM) Upton  
 Van Hollen  
 Velazquez  
 Visclosky Walden (OR)  
 Walsh  
 Wamp  
 Wasserman  
 Schultz  
 Waters  
 Watson  
 Watt  
 Waxman  
 Weiner  
 Weldon (FL)  
 Weldon (PA)  
 Weller  
 Westmoreland  
 Wexler  
 Whitfield  
 Wicker  
 Wilson (NM)  
 Wilson (SC)  
 Wolf  
 Woolsey  
 Wu  
 Wynn  
 Young (AK)

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 397, nays 19, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 581]

YEAS—397

Abercrombie DeLauro Johnson, Sam  
 Ackerman DeLay Jones (OH)  
 Aderholt Dent Kanjorski  
 Akin Diaz-Balart, L. Kaptur  
 Alexander Diaz-Balart, M. Keller  
 Allen Dicks Kelly  
 Andrews Dingell Kennedy (MN)  
 Baca Doolittle Kennedy (RI)  
 Bachus Doyle Kildee  
 Baird Drake Kilpatrick (MI)  
 Baker Dreier Kind  
 Barrett (SC) Edwards King (IA)  
 Barrow Ehlers King (NY)  
 Bartlett (MD) Emanuel Kingston  
 Barton (TX) Emerson Kirk  
 Bass Engel Kline  
 Bean English (PA) Knollenberg  
 Beauprez Eshoo Kolbe  
 Becerra Etheridge Kucinich  
 Berkley Evans Kuhl (NY)  
 Berman Everett LaHood  
 Berry Farr Langevin  
 Biggert Fattah Lantos  
 Bilirakis Feeney Larsen (WA)  
 Bishop (GA) Ferguson Larson (CT)  
 Bishop (UT) Filner Latham  
 Blackburn Fitzpatrick (PA) LaTourette  
 Blumenauer Foley Leach  
 Blunt Forbes Lee  
 Boehlert Fortenberry Lewis (CA)  
 Boehner Fossella Lewis (GA)  
 Bonilla Foxx Lewis (KY)  
 Bonner Frank (MA) Linder  
 Bono Franks (AZ) Lipinski  
 Boozman Frelinghuysen LoBiondo  
 Boren Gallegly Lofgren, Zoe  
 Boucher Garrett (NJ) Lowey  
 Boustany Gerlach Lucas  
 Boyd Gibbons Lungren, Daniel  
 Bradley (NH) Gilchrest E.  
 Brady (PA) Gillmor Lynch  
 Brady (TX) Gingrey Mack  
 Brown (OH) Gohmert Maloney  
 Brown (SC) Gonzalez Manzullo  
 Brown, Corrine Brown, Corrine Marchant  
 Burgess Goodlatte Markey  
 Burton (IN) Gordon Marshall  
 Butterfield Granger Matsui  
 Buyer Graves McCarthy  
 Calvert Green, Al McCaul (TX)  
 Camp Green, Gene McCollum (MN)  
 Cannon Grijalva McCotter  
 Cantor Gutierrez McCreery  
 Capito Gutknecht McGovern  
 Capps Hall McHenry  
 Capuano Harman McHugh  
 Cardin Hastings (WA) Harris McIntyre  
 Cardoza Hart McKeon  
 Carnahan Hastings (WA) McKinney  
 Carson Hayes McMorris  
 Carter Hayworth McNulty  
 Case Hensarling Meehan  
 Castle Herger Meek (FL)  
 Chabot Herseith Melancon  
 Chandler Hinojosa Menendez  
 Chocola Hoolley Mica  
 Clay Cleaver Michaud  
 Clyburn Coble Miller (FL)  
 Coble Cole (OK) Hoekstra Miller (MI)  
 Cooper Cooper Holden Miller (NC)  
 Costa Holt Miller, Gary  
 Costello Honda Miller, George  
 Cramer Hoolley Mollohan  
 Crenshaw Hoyer Moore (KS)  
 Crowley Hulshof Moore (WI)  
 Cubin Hunter Moran (KS)  
 Cuellar Hyde Moran (VA)  
 Culberson Inglis (SC) Murphy  
 Cummings Israel Murtha  
 Cunningham Davis (AL) Myrick  
 Davis (CA) Davis (CA) Istook  
 Davis (IL) Davis (IL) Jackson (IL)  
 Davis (KY) Davis (KY) Jackson-Lee  
 Davis (TN) Davis (TN) Neal (MA)  
 Davis, Jo Ann Davis, Jo Ann (TX)  
 Davis, Tom Jefferson Ney  
 DeFazio Jenkins Northup  
 DeGette Deal (GA) Nunes  
 Delahunt Johnson (CT) Nussle  
 DeLauro Johnson (IL) Oberstar  
 DeLay Johnson, E. B. Oliver  
 Dent Kelly  
 Diaz-Balart, L. Kennedy (MN)

NAYS—17

Andrews Gibbons Miller (FL)  
 Berkeley Green (WI) Porter  
 Bishop (NY) Hefley Sensenbrenner  
 Deal (GA) Hostettler Stearns  
 Duncan Kucinich Tancredo  
 Flake Matheson

NOT VOTING—17

Boswell Millender-  
 Brown-Waite, McDonald Strickland  
 Ginny Norwood Sweeney  
 Conaway Oxley Turner  
 Davis (FL) Paul Young (FL)  
 Hastings (FL) Sessions  
 Meeks (NY) Slaughtor

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Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin and Mr. KUCINICH changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. EDWARDS changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 580 on H.R. 2419, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2862, SCIENCE, STATE, JUSTICE, COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. CAPITO). The pending business is the question on adoption of the conference report on the bill, H.R. 2862, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.