

H.R. 798 would provide federal support and guidance to our states with rapidly expanding number of closed methamphetamine laboratory sites. The bill would require the Environmental Protection Agency to develop the voluntary guidelines for use by state and local officials and would establish a research program to address the environmental effects from contamination caused by methamphetamine labs and examine ways to clean up such labs and minimize adverse health effects. H.R. 798 would also direct the National Institute of Standards and Technology to conduct research into methamphetamine detection technologies and calls for a separate study by the National Academy of Sciences to examine research on the effects that methamphetamine labs have on the residents of the buildings in which the laboratories were located.

I look forward to continuing to work with any likeminded colleagues on our Congressional Methamphetamine Caucus and otherwise to provide the federal support we need in our collective fight against the national crisis of crystal methamphetamine.

Mahalo (thank you) for this opportunity to express support for H.R. 798.

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have joined Mr. GORDON and Mr. BOEHLERT as a lead sponsor of this legislation—H.R. 798, the Methamphetamine Remediation Research Act of 2005. I thank Mr. GORDON for bringing this very important issue to the Congress' attention and Mr. BOEHLERT for steering the bill quickly through the Science Committee. I also thank the Science Committee's Majority and Minority staffs who have diligently worked together for the last two years to develop and revise this legislation.

As a Co-Chairman of the 135-member Congressional Caucus to Fight and Control Methamphetamine, I know the growing meth epidemic in our country shows no deference to district or party line. This is an issue everyone can agree is wreaking havoc on communities across the Nation. As mentioned by my colleagues, H.R. 798 focuses its efforts on the procedures and standards needed to decontaminate a site where a methamphetamine lab is found so our communities can more thoroughly remediate these sites. The creation of voluntary, health-based remediation guidelines for former meth labs, crafted by the Environmental Protection Agency, will protect and ensure the health of our citizens and the surrounding environment.

In my area of Riverside, California, methamphetamine production has reached epidemic proportions with many of these labs having the distinction of being labeled superlabs—these are labs that are capable of producing over ten pounds of finished methamphetamine per batch. One such lab which was seized in 2003 operated out of a barn in a rural area of Riverside County and produced over 6,000 pounds of finished product with a street resale value of over \$33 million dollars. Over 4 million pounds of contaminated toxic soil had to be removed with heavy equipment, costing in excess of \$226,000. Officials from the California Department of Toxic Substance Control have called this the most difficult and costly methamphetamine lab clean up in California's history.

This is a distressing issue with which my region, and quite frankly, most of America is becoming all too familiar. Our State and local agencies need all the resources and tools that

we can provide them within their efforts to address this epidemic. Although we are all aware that much more needs to be done to win the fight against this devastating drug, I am convinced H.R. 789 will be a good start in that fight and will be welcomed by our communities.

I strongly encourage my colleagues to vote yes in favor of H.R. 798 today.

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ADERHOLT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. BOEHLERT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 798, as amended.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### 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. today.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 17 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

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#### AFTER RECESS

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

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3199, USA PATRIOT IMPROVEMENT AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005

Mr. PUTNAM, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-343) on the resolution (H. Res. 595) waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3199) to extend and modify authorities needed to combat terrorism, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST FURTHER CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3010, DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

Mr. PUTNAM, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-344) on the resolution (H. Res. 596) waiving points of order against the further conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3010) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services,

and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, 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. Res. 487, by the yeas and nays;

S. 1047, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 3422, by the yeas and nays.

The first and third electronic votes will be conducted as 15-minute votes. The second vote in this series will be a 5-minute vote.

#### SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF KOREAN AMERICAN DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 487.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CANNON) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 487, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 405, nays 0, not voting 28, as follows:

[Roll No. 623]

#### YEAS—405

Abercrombie	Brady (PA)	Davis (AL)
Ackerman	Brady (TX)	Davis (CA)
Aderholt	Brown (OH)	Davis (IL)
Akin	Brown (SC)	Davis (KY)
Alexander	Brown-Waite,	Davis (TN)
Allen	Ginny	Davis, Jo Ann
Andrews	Burgess	Davis, Tom
Baca	Burton (IN)	Deal (GA)
Baird	Butterfield	DeFazio
Baker	Buyer	Delahunt
Baldwin	Camp (MI)	DeLauro
Barrett (SC)	Campbell (CA)	DeLay
Barrow	Cannon	Dent
Bartlett (MD)	Cantor	Diaz-Balart, L.
Barton (TX)	Capito	Dicks
Bass	Capps	Dingell
Bean	Capuano	Doggett
Beauprez	Cardin	Doolittle
Becerra	Cardoza	Doyle
Berkley	Carnahan	Drake
Berman	Carson	Dreier
Berry	Carter	Duncan
Biggart	Case	Edwards
Billirakis	Castle	Ehlers
Bishop (GA)	Chabot	Emanuel
Bishop (NY)	Chandler	Emerson
Bishop (UT)	Chocola	Engel
Blackburn	Clay	English (PA)
Blumenauer	Cleaver	Eshoo
Blunt	Coble	Etheridge
Boehrlert	Cole (OK)	Evans
Boehner	Conaway	Farr
Bonilla	Conyers	Fattah
Bono	Cooper	Feeney
Boozman	Costa	Ferguson
Boren	Cramer	Fliner
Boswell	Crenshaw	Fitzpatrick (PA)
Boucher	Crowley	Flake
Boustany	Cuellar	Foley
Boyd	Culberson	Forbes
Bradley (NH)	Cummings	Fossella