

of workers, of retirees, and of their families, that each and every one of these is going to be disregarded by the conferees.

This is a last attempt to try to bring some openness to this conference, to try to bring some bipartisan participation to this conference committee, and to bring the will of the House, which I think in these cases when we are hearing about pensions, when you go home and you talk to your constituents and you have your town hall meetings, you see how anxious people are about their health care benefits, about their retirement benefits, about their retirement security.

Yet somehow those conferees cannot get that message. Maybe they have been in Congress too long. Maybe they are insulated from it. Somehow they just cannot get it. Well, life outside the Beltway is very precarious for a lot of employees and a lot of industries. And the question that comes to us is whether or not we are going to make an effort to have a pension bill that recognizes the fairness and the equity.

Again, this is not some partisan bill. This is not some bill thought up in the last few moments. The fact of the matter is these provisions are contained, for the most part, in the Senate bill. We do not ask to go beyond that. In the Senate bill that passed the Senate 97-2. And, in fact, if we do that, there will be some economic justice for these retirees and these workers. There will be some economic fairness for these retirees and these workers. And there will be, most importantly, some sense of retirement security for millions of Americans that every day they pick up the paper and they see that yet another group of employees, another company is making a decision about reducing, getting rid of, terminating, freezing the pension plans and the health care benefits of those individuals.

We owe them this legislation to deal with them in a fair fashion, in an equitable fashion, legislation that can increase the retirement security of these families.

I ask for an "aye" vote on the motion to instruct.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of Mr. MILLER's motion to call our colleagues' attention to provisions in the Senate bill S. 1783, provisions that aim to ensure the very best for our older workers. These provisions prohibit discrimination against older workers by eliminating the "wearaway" of older worker benefits. They also provide fair rules to protect workers' pensions in conversions of traditional pension plans to cash balance pension plans. In a recent study, the GAO found that, without these transition protections, almost all workers could lose up to 50 percent of their expected pension benefits in a cash balance conversion.

The Senate provisions also entail language that will ensure that airline pilots are protected from unfair cuts to their pension benefits because of the FAA's mandatory retirement rules. Currently, FAA regulations require pilots to retire at age 60. The PBGC treats age 60 as an early retirement, and cuts pilots guaran-

teed benefits as a result. The Senate provisions would require the PBGC to treat age 60 as the normal retirement age for pilots and adjust their guaranteed benefits accordingly.

Under the current House bill, workers see benefit restrictions when a pension plan falls below 80 percent funding. Executives, on the other hand, only see limited benefit restrictions much later—at less than 60 percent funding. The Senate bill achieves greater parity than the House bill in how workers and executives are treated. Over the last several years, we have seen repeated cases where executives have protected or even enhanced their own golden parachutes, while cutting or eliminating workers' pensions. It is time for these unfair practices to end.

The provisions in the Senate bill will help see that this happens and ensure that America's older workers are treated fairly and with respect. There are few things worse than working hard for 40 years or more only to see one's well-being in retirement being compromised by inadequacies and inefficiencies in pension policy. We have some retirement-aged folks amongst us, and I encourage my colleagues to imagine it was our pension up for debate right now. Perhaps it should be if we do act to protect others'. I therefore urge all of my colleagues to join Mr. MILLER and take the Senate provisions seriously and support them accordingly.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to instruct.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER).

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the yeas appeared to have it.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. 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, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

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. 5121, by the yeas and nays.
- H.R. 5013, by the yeas and nays.
- H. Con. Res. 449, by the yeas and nays.
- H. Con. Res. 384, 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.

EXPANDING AMERICAN HOMEOWNERSHIP ACT OF 2006

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of sus-

pending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 5121, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5121, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 415, nays 7, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 400]
YEAS—415

Abercrombie	Costello	Herseth
Ackerman	Cramer	Higgins
Aderholt	Crenshaw	Hinchee
Akin	Crowley	Hinojosa
Alexander	Cubin	Hobson
Allen	Cuellar	Hoeksstra
Andrews	Cummings	Holden
Baca	Davis (AL)	Holt
Bachus	Davis (CA)	Honda
Baird	Davis (FL)	Hooley
Baker	Davis (IL)	Hostettler
Baldwin	Davis (KY)	Hoyer
Barrett (SC)	Davis (TN)	Hulshof
Barrow	Davis, Tom	Hunter
Bartlett (MD)	Deal (GA)	Hyde
Barton (TX)	DeFazio	Inslee
Bass	DeGette	Israel
Bean	Delahunt	Issa
Beauprez	DeLauro	Jackson (IL)
Becerra	Dent	Jackson-Lee
Berkley	Diaz-Balart, L.	(TX)
Berman	Diaz-Balart, M.	Jefferson
Berry	Dicks	Jenkins
Biggert	Dingell	Jindal
Bilbray	Doggett	Johnson (CT)
Bilirakis	Doolittle	Johnson (IL)
Bishop (GA)	Doyle	Johnson, E. B.
Bishop (NY)	Drake	Johnson, Sam
Bishop (UT)	Dreier	Jones (NC)
Blackburn	Edwards	Jones (OH)
Blumenauer	Ehlers	Kanjorski
Blunt	Emanuel	Kaptur
Boehlert	Emerson	Keller
Boehner	Engel	Kelly
Bonilla	English (PA)	Kennedy (MN)
Bonner	Eshoo	Kennedy (RI)
Bono	Etheridge	Kildee
Boozman	Everett	Kilpatrick (MI)
Boren	Farr	Kind
Boswell	Fattah	King (IA)
Boucher	Feeney	King (NY)
Boustany	Ferguson	Kingston
Boyd	Filner	Kirk
Bradley (NH)	Fitzpatrick (PA)	Kline
Brady (PA)	Foley	Knollenberg
Brady (TX)	Forbes	Kolbe
Brown (OH)	Fortenberry	Kucinich
Brown (SC)	Fossella	Kuhl (NY)
Brown, Corrine	Fox	LaHood
Brown-Waite,	Frank (MA)	Langevin
Ginny	Franks (AZ)	Lantos
Burgess	Frelinghuysen	Larsen (WA)
Burton (IN)	Gallely	Larson (CT)
Butterfield	Garrett (NJ)	Latham
Buyer	Gerlach	LaTourette
Calvert	Gibbons	Leach
Camp (MI)	Gilchrest	Lee
Campbell (CA)	Gillmor	Levin
Cannon	Gingrey	Lewis (CA)
Cantor	Gohmert	Lewis (GA)
Capito	Gonzalez	Lewis (KY)
Capps	Goode	Linder
Capuano	Goodlatte	Lipinski
Cardin	Gordon	LoBiondo
Cardoza	Granger	Loggren, Zoe
Carnahan	Graves	Lowe
Carter	Green (WI)	Lucas
Case	Green, Al	Lungren, Daniel
Castle	Green, Gene	E.
Chabot	Grijalva	Lynch
Chandler	Gutierrez	Mack
Chocoma	Gutknecht	Maloney
Clay	Hall	Manzullo
Cleaver	Harman	Marchant
Clyburn	Hart	Markey
Coble	Hastings (FL)	Marshall
Cole (OK)	Hastings (WA)	Matheson
Conaway	Hayes	Matsui
Conyers	Hayworth	McCarthy
Cooper	Hefley	McCaul (TX)
Costa	Herger	McCollum (MN)