

to be both allergic and autoimmune in nature. The body produces white blood cells in higher than normal amounts, and it attacks food proteins and tissues as a result.

The patients who have this chronic disease suffer a variety of symptoms, and of course it is sometimes life-threatening. As of now, there's no known cure.

I know Mr. LARSON is going to be speaking on this because he personally has firsthand knowledge.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield such time as he may consume to my colleague from Connecticut (Mr. LARSON).

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from California for yielding but also for her continued outstanding service in the United States Congress and bringing the knowledge of her profession and her expertise to this body on a regular basis and especially the compassion that's needed for so many of those who suffer from eosinophilic disorder, more than 50,000 in this Nation.

I want to applaud my colleague from North Carolina, also, Representative MYRICK, for her cosponsoring this legislation and understanding as well the importance that this has for so many families who oftentimes are the ones who suffer along with the patient because of lack of diagnosis, and then also because of the way Representative CAPPS has described the nature of this disease, what it does to the patient that it attacks when the white blood cells in your own system begin to attack itself and creates the disorders that it does, often resulting in people having to be fed by tubes. You can imagine the tremendous stress that this causes on the parts of parents and of course family members.

This bill comes before us not because of me, but because of a courageous woman like LOIS CAPPS and like SUE MYRICK who understand what families go through when they face issues like this.

I was fortunate to have Dr. Wendy Book from my district in Connecticut, who resides in Gastonbury, a doctor herself, as well as her husband, come before me to talk about this disorder because of their desire to make sure that the Nation be made aware of what so many children are suffering from.

She was joined by Beth Mays, who together are the co-founders of the American Partnership for Eosinophilic Disorders. When Dr. Book's son Ryan was sick before his first birthday, doctors sent him home with a feeding tube and no explanation for his mysterious illness. This illness went undiagnosed for 2 more years. Now, this Ryan, his parents are doctors. They are in the field, and so for doctors to be as confounded by a lack of understanding or a diagnosis, imagine the consternation that they feel, and then exemplify that by how other parents must feel who do not come from similar professions.

And so they felt in founding this organization, this partnership, that what was needed across the country was awareness and understanding. Quite frankly, what's also needed is funding, but it has to start in a place of education, awareness and understanding, and as most pieces of critical legislation do, it comes not from a Member of Congress, but it comes from a constituent, a citizen, who has the temerity to stand up and speak out for suffering that a neighbor or one of their own children is going through.

As Mrs. CAPPS pointed out, sometimes there is no cure or the diagnosis eludes all the best efforts of professions, but it is getting better, and with awareness, they know they can deal with this going forward.

Hospitals in Cincinnati, and most notably, the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, where I visited personally, are working hard at identifying this disorder and helping parents and working with them. I want to commend the work of Dr. Chris Lancouris and Dr. Jonathan Spergel and especially Michelle Shuker who spent so much time dealing with the parents and helping them through this process.

As someone who has a son who has an illness that has gone undiagnosed, I empathize deeply with parents who go through this experience and understand deeply the need for education, the need for better understanding, and the responsibility that we share as Members of Congress to do our part, to first educate the public with respect to this disorder, but then secondly and more hopefully, to make sure that we follow through by funding and assisting.

But what you have to step back and admire, however, is the courage of these parents who, without their love and devotion and care for their children, without their consistent nurturing and support, you wonder what would happen to these children. But because of their courage and because of their ability to come forth and speak out about this, hopefully through resolutions like this and greater understanding we will be able to assist them and help them and assist families, and their not-for-profit organization will get the support that it needs, will create the understanding that it needs and provide the much needed relief for the children who are afflicted and the families that deal with this problem.

So I thank Representative CAPPS and I thank Representative MYRICK and a number of cosponsors on this legislation for having come forward and assisted in bringing this to the forefront.

There will be members from this association on the Hill tomorrow going to various House Members and to their offices and talking with them and their staff about this disorder. Please listen to them. Take them into your heart. It is an important issue and vital not only for their children, their families, but I dare say for all of us in the country. It speaks volumes to the better an-

gels that we have here in the United States Congress and our willingness to reach out and assist the constituents we are sworn to serve.

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I have no more speakers, and I would like to inquire of the gentlewoman if she has any more speakers.

Mrs. CAPPS. I have no more speakers.

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

Mrs. CAPPS. As I indicated, I have no more speakers, either, but I do want to say a word of thanks to my colleague from North Carolina. We serve on the same committee. This is an issue that we both care about, but particular thanks to my colleague from Connecticut for reaffirming in me one of the major reasons that I am pleased to be part of this body, which was illustrated by his comments regarding his constituent.

As he observed their personal experience and was able to relate some of his own is when we do the work of the people, to carry the pain and suffering, if you will, the unanswered questions and the concerns, and to do the people's work by first creating an awareness of a situation. We have many issues before us, but for a family with a person diagnosed with an eosinophilic condition, it is a major, major part of their lives.

And we owe a responsibility and it is a privilege and a honor to carry their concerns to this body, to take this first step of recognition and to be welcoming to those who come with personal experiences to our office doors tomorrow and then to learn what the next step after this one might be and to stand ready as elected officials to work on behalf of those who simply desire to relieve the pain and suffering of dear and loved members of their family.

So I thank both of my colleagues for bringing this to the floor.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. CAPPS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 296.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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. 634, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 692, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 916, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 1700, by the yeas and nays;
H.R. 1773, 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.

AMERICAN VETERANS DISABLED FOR LIFE COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 634, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MOORE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 634, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 416, nays 0, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 345]
YEAS—416

Abercrombie	Carnahan	Farr
Ackerman	Carney	Feeney
Aderholt	Carson	Ferguson
Akin	Carter	Filner
Alexander	Castle	Flake
Allen	Castor	Forbes
Altmire	Chabot	Fortenberry
Andrews	Chandler	Fossella
Arcuri	Clarke	Fox
Baca	Clay	Frank (MA)
Bachmann	Cleaver	Franks (AZ)
Bachus	Clyburn	Frelinghuysen
Baird	Coble	Galleghy
Baker	Cohen	Garrett (NJ)
Baldwin	Cole (OK)	Gerlach
Barrett (SC)	Conaway	Giffords
Barrow	Conyers	Gilchrist
Barton (TX)	Cooper	Gillibrand
Bean	Costa	Gillmor
Becerra	Costello	Gingrey
Berkley	Courtney	Gohmert
Berman	Cramer	Gonzalez
Berry	Crenshaw	Goode
Biggert	Crowley	Goodlatte
Bilbray	Cuellar	Gordon
Bilirakis	Culberson	Granger
Bishop (GA)	Cummings	Graves
Bishop (NY)	Davis (AL)	Green, Al
Bishop (UT)	Davis (CA)	Grijalva
Blackburn	Davis (IL)	Hall (NY)
Blumenauer	Davis (KY)	Hall (TX)
Blunt	Davis, David	Hare
Boehner	Davis, Lincoln	Harman
Bonner	Davis, Tom	Hastert
Bono	Deal (GA)	Hastings (FL)
Boozman	DeFazio	Hastings (WA)
Boren	DeGette	Hayes
Boswell	Delahunt	Heller
Boucher	DeLauro	Hensarling
Boustany	Dent	Herger
Boyd (FL)	Diaz-Balart, L.	Herseth Sandlin
Boyd (KS)	Diaz-Balart, M.	Higgins
Brady (TX)	Dicks	Hill
Braley (IA)	Dingell	Hinchev
Brown (SC)	Doggett	Hinojosa
Brown, Corrine	Donnelly	Hirono
Brown-Waite,	Doolittle	Hobson
Ginny	Doyle	Hodes
Buchanan	Drake	Hoekstra
Burgess	Dreier	Holden
Burton (IN)	Duncan	Holt
Butterfield	Edwards	Honda
Buyer	Ehlers	Hooley
Calvert	Ellison	Hoyer
Camp (MI)	Ellsworth	Hulshof
Campbell (CA)	Emanuel	Inglis (SC)
Cannon	Emerson	Inslee
Cantor	English (PA)	Israel
Capito	Eshoo	Issa
Capps	Etheridge	Jackson (IL)
Capuano	Everett	
Cardoza	Fallin	

Jackson-Lee (TX)	Mica	Schwartz
Jefferson	Michaud	Scott (GA)
Jindal	Miller (MI)	Scott (VA)
Johnson (GA)	Miller (NC)	Sensenbrenner
Johnson (IL)	Miller, Gary	Serrano
Johnson, E. B.	Miller, George	Sessions
Johnson, Sam	Mitchell	Sestak
Jones (NC)	Mollohan	Shadegg
Jones (OH)	Moore (KS)	Sha
Jordan	Moore (WI)	Shea-Porter
Kagen	Moran (KS)	Sherman
Kanjorski	Moran (VA)	Shimkus
Kaptur	Murphy (CT)	Shuler
Keller	Murphy, Patrick	Shuster
Kennedy	Murphy, Tim	Simpson
Kildee	Murtha	Sires
Kilpatrick	Musgrave	Skelton
Kind	Myrick	Slaughter
King (IA)	Napolitano	Smith (NE)
King (NY)	Neal (MA)	Smith (NJ)
Kingston	Neugebauer	Smith (TX)
Kirk	Nunes	Smith (WA)
Klein (FL)	Oberstar	Snyder
Kline (MN)	Obey	Solis
Knollenberg	Olver	Souder
Kucinich	Ortiz	Space
Kuhl (NY)	Pallone	Spratt
LaHood	Pascrell	Stark
Lamborn	Payne	Stearns
Lampson	Pearce	Stupak
Langevin	Pence	Sullivan
Lantos	Perlmutter	Sutton
Larsen (WA)	Peterson (MN)	Tanner
Larson (CT)	Peterson (PA)	Tauscher
Latham	Petri	Taylor
LaTourette	Platts	Terry
Lee	Poe	Thompson (CA)
Levin	Pomeroy	Thompson (MS)
Lewis (CA)	Porter	Thornberry
Lewis (GA)	Price (GA)	Tiahrt
Lewis (KY)	Price (NC)	Tiberi
Linder	Pryce (OH)	Tierney
Lipinski	Putnam	Towns
LoBiondo	Radanovich	Turner
Loebsack	Rahall	Udall (CO)
Lofgren, Zoe	Ramstad	Udall (NM)
Lowe	Rangel	Upton
Lucas	Regula	Van Hollen
Lungren, Daniel E.	Rehberg	Velázquez
Lynch	Reichert	Visclosky
Mack	Renzi	Walberg
Mahoney (FL)	Reyes	Walden (OR)
Maloney (NY)	Reynolds	Walsh (NY)
Manzullo	Rogers	Walz (MN)
Marchant	Rogers (KY)	Wamp
Markey	Rogers (MI)	Watson
Marshall	Rohrabacher	Watt
Matheson	Ros-Lehtinen	Waxman
Matsui	Roskam	Weiner
McCarthy (CA)	Ross	Welch (VT)
McCarthy (NY)	Rothman	Weldon (FL)
McCaul (TX)	Roybal-Allard	Weller
McCollum (MN)	Royce	Westmoreland
McCotter	Ruppersberger	Wexler
McCrery	Rush	Whitfield
McDermott	Ryan (OH)	Wicker
McGovern	Ryan (WI)	Wilson (NM)
McHenry	Salazar	Wilson (OH)
McHugh	Sali	Wilson (SC)
McIntyre	Sánchez, Linda T.	Wolf
McKeon	Sanchez, Loretta	Woolsey
McNerney	Sarbanes	Wu
McNulty	Saxton	Wynn
Meehan	Schakowsky	Yarmuth
Meek (FL)	Schiff	Young (AK)
Meeks (NY)	Schmidt	Young (FL)
Melancon		

NOT VOTING—16

Bartlett (MD)	Gutierrez	Paul
Brady (PA)	Hunter	Pickering
Cubin	McMorris	Pitts
Davis, Jo Ann	Rodgers	Tancredo
Engel	Miller (FL)	Wasserman
Fattah	Nadler	Schultz

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Mr. STEARNS changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”
So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ARMY SPECIALIST JOSEPH P. MICKS FEDERAL FLAG CODE AMENDMENT ACT OF 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 692, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 692, as amended.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 408, nays 4, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 346]
YEAS—408

Abercrombie	Chabot	Frelinghuysen
Ackerman	Chandler	Galleghy
Aderholt	Clarke	Garrett (NJ)
Akin	Clay	Gerlach
Alexander	Cleaver	Giffords
Allen	Clyburn	Gilchrist
Altmire	Coble	Gillibrand
Andrews	Cohen	Gillmor
Arcuri	Cole (OK)	Gingrey
Baca	Conaway	Gohmert
Bachmann	Conyers	Gonzalez
Baird	Cooper	Goode
Baker	Costa	Goodlatte
Baldwin	Costello	Gordon
Barrett (SC)	Courtney	Granger
Barrow	Cramer	Graves
Barton (TX)	Crenshaw	Green, Al
Bean	Crowley	Green, Gene
Becerra	Cuellar	Grijalva
Berkley	Culberson	Hall (NY)
Berman	Cummings	Hall (TX)
Berry	Davis (AL)	Hare
Biggert	Davis (CA)	Harman
Bilbray	Davis (IL)	Hastings (FL)
Bilirakis	Davis (KY)	Hastings (WA)
Bishop (GA)	Davis, David	Hayes
Bishop (NY)	Davis, Lincoln	Heller
Bishop (UT)	Davis, Tom	Hensarling
Blackburn	Deal (GA)	Herger
Blumenauer	DeFazio	Herseth Sandlin
Blunt	DeGette	Higgins
Boehner	Delahunt	Hill
Bonner	DeLauro	Hinchev
Bono	Dent	Hinojosa
Boozman	Diaz-Balart, L.	Hirono
Boren	Diaz-Balart, M.	Hobson
Boswell	Dicks	Hodes
Boucher	Dingell	Hoekstra
Boustany	Doggett	Holden
Boyd (FL)	Donnelly	Holt
Boyd (KS)	Doolittle	Honda
Brady (TX)	Doyle	Hooley
Braley (IA)	Drake	Hoyer
Brown (SC)	Dreier	Hulshof
Brown, Corrine	Duncan	Inglis (SC)
Brown-Waite,	Edwards	Inslee
Ginny	Ehlers	Israel
Buchanan	Ellison	Issa
Burgess	Ellsworth	Jackson (IL)
Burton (IN)	Emanuel	Jackson-Lee (TX)
Butterfield	Emerson	Jefferson
Buyer	English (PA)	Jindal
Calvert	Eshoo	Johnson (GA)
Camp (MI)	Etheridge	Johnson (IL)
Campbell (CA)	Everett	Johnson, E. B.
Cannon	Fallin	Johnson, Sam
Cantor	Farr	Jones (NC)
Capito	Feeney	Jones (OH)
Capps	Ferguson	Jones (ON)
Capuano	Filner	Jordan
Cardoza	Forbes	Kagen
Carnahan	Fortenberry	Kanjorski
Carnegie	Fossella	Kaptur
Carson	Fox	Keller
Carter	Frank (MA)	Kennedy
Castle	Franks (AZ)	Kildee
Castor		