

Upton Weldon (FL) Wittman (VA)
Walberg Weller Wolf
Walden (OR) Whitfield (KY) Young (AK)
Walsh (NY) Wilson (NM) Young (FL)
Wamp Wilson (SC)

NOT VOTING—17

Baca Fossella Miller, Gary
Baker Honda Paul
Berkley Hunter Shimkus
Berry Jefferson Tanner
Culberson Lantos Westmoreland
Forbes Meeks (NY)

□ 1212

Messrs. SESSIONS and MILLER of Florida changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the previous question was ordered.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONDEMNING ASSASSINATION OF FORMER PAKISTANI PRIME MINISTER BENAZIR BHUTTO AND REAFFIRMING COMMITMENT OF UNITED STATES TO ASSIST PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 912, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. ACKERMAN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 912.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 413, nays 0, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 3]

YEAS—413

Abercrombie Boswell Clarke
Ackerman Boucher Clay
Aderholt Boustany Cleaver
Akin Boyd (FL) Clyburn
Alexander Boyda (KS) Coble
Allen Brady (PA) Cohen
Altmire Brady (TX) Conaway
Andrews Braley (IA) Conyers
Arcuri Broun (GA) Cooper
Bachmann Brown (SC) Costa
Bachus Brown, Corrine Costello
Baird Brown-Waite, Courtney
Baldwin Ginny Cramer
Barrett (SC) Buchanan Crenshaw
Barrow Burgess Crowley
Bartlett (MD) Burton (IN) Cubin
Barton (TX) Butterfield Cuellar
Bean Buyer Cummings
Becerra Calvert Davis (AL)
Berman Camp (MI) Davis (CA)
Biggert Campbell (CA) Davis (IL)
Bilbray Cannon Davis (KY)
Billirakis Cantor Davis, David
Bishop (GA) Capito Davis, Lincoln
Bishop (NY) Capps Davis, Tom
Bishop (UT) Capuano Deal (GA)
Blackburn Cardoza DeFazio
Blumenauer Carnahan DeGette
Blunt Carney Delahunt
Boehner Carter DeLauro
Bonner Castle Dent
Bono Mack Castor Diaz-Balart, L.
Boozman Chabot Diaz-Balart, M.
Boren Chandler Dicks

Dingell Klein (FL) Porter
Doggett Kline (MN) Price (GA)
Donnelly Knollenberg Price (NC)
Doolittle Kucinich Pryce (OH)
Doyle Kuhl (NY) Putnam
Drake LaHood Radanovich
Dreier Lamborn Rahall
Duncan Lampson Ramstad
Edwards Langevin Rangel
Ehlers Larsen (WA) Regula
Ellison Larson (CT) Rehberg
Ellsworth Latham Reichert
Emanuel LaTourette Renzi
Emerson Latta Reyes
Engel Lee Reynolds
English (PA) Levin Richardson
Eshoo Lewis (CA) Rodriguez
Etheridge Lewis (GA) Rogers (AL)
Everett Lewis (KY) Rogers (KY)
Fallin Linder Rogers (MI)
Farr Lipinski Rohrabacher
Fattah LoBiondo Ros-Lehtinen
Feeney Loebbecke Roskam
Ferguson Lofgren, Zoe Ross
Finer Lowey Rothman
Flake Lucas Roybal-Allard
Fortenberry Lungren, Daniel Royce
Foxy E. Ruppertsberger
Frank (MA) Lynch Rush
Franks (AZ) Mack Ryan (OH)
Frelinghuysen Mahoney (FL) Ryan (WI)
Gallegly Maloney (NY) Salazar
Garrett (NJ) Manzullo Sali
Gerlach Marchant Sanchez, Linda
Giffords Markey T.
Gilchrest Marshall Sanchez, Loretta
Gillibrand Matheson Sarbanes
Gingrey Matsui Saxton
Gohmert McCarthy (CA) Schakowsky
Gonzalez McCarthy (NY) Schiff
Goode McCaul (TX) Schmidt
Goodlatte McCollum (MN) Schwartz
Gordon McCotter Scott (GA)
Granger McCrery Scott (VA)
Graves McDermott Sensenbrenner
Green, Al McGovern Serrano
Green, Gene McHenry Sessions
Grijalva McHugh Sestak
Gutierrez McIntyre Shadegg
Hall (NY) McKeon Shays
Hall (TX) McMorris Shea-Porter
Hare Rodgers Sherman
Harman McNerney Shuler
Hastings (FL) McNulty Shuster
Hastings (WA) Meeke (FL) Simpson
Hayes Melancon Sires
Heller Mica Skelton
Hensarling Michaud Slaughter
Herger Miller (FL) Smith (NE)
Herseth Sandlin Miller (MI) Smith (NJ)
Higgins Miller (NC) Smith (TX)
Hill Miller, George Smith (WA)
Hinchey Mitchell Snyder
Hinojosa Mollohan Solis
Hirono Moore (KS) Souder
Hobson Moore (WI) Space
Hodes Moran (KS) Spratt
Hoekstra Moran (VA) Stark
Holden Murphy (CT) Stearns
Holt Murphy, Patrick Stupak
Hooley Murphy, Tim Sullivan
Hoyer Murtha Sutton
Hulshof Musgrave Tancredo
Inglis (SC) Myrick Tauscher
Inslee Nadler Taylor
Israel Napolitano Terry
Issa Neal (MA) Thompson (CA)
Jackson (IL) Neugebauer Thompson (MS)
Jackson-Lee Nunes Thornberry
(TX) Oberstar Tiahrt
Johnson (GA) Obey Tiberi
Johnson (IL) Oliver Tierney
Johnson, E. B. Ortiz Towns
Johnson, Sam Pallone Tsongas
Jones (NC) Pascrell Turner
Jones (OH) Pastor Udall (CO)
Jordan Payne Udall (NM)
Kagen Pearce
Kanjorski Pelosi
Kaptur Pence
Keller Perlmutter
Kennedy Peterson (MN)
Kildee Peterson (PA)
Kilpatrick Petri
Kind Pickingering
King (IA) Pitts
King (NY) Platts
Kingston Poe
Kirk Pomeroy Waters

Watson Wexler Woolsey
Watt Whitfield (KY) Wu
Waxman Wilson (NM) Wynn
Weiner Wilson (OH) Yarmuth
Welch (VT) Wilson (SC) Young (AK)
Weldon (FL) Wittman (VA) Young (FL)
Weller Wolf

NOT VOTING—18

Baca Forbes Meeks (NY)
Baker Fossella Miller, Gary
Berkley Honda Paul
Berry Hunter Shimkus
Cole (OK) Jefferson Tanner
Culberson Lantos Westmoreland

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining on this vote. We are encouraging Members to hurry up and vote, please.

□ 1220

Mr. WELLER of Illinois changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR CONCURRENCE BY HOUSE WITH AMENDMENT IN SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4253, MILITARY RESERVIST AND VETERAN SMALL BUSINESS RE-AUTHORIZATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 921, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 921.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 406, nays 2, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 4]

YEAS—406

Abercrombie Bishop (UT) Calvert
Ackerman Blackburn Camp (MI)
Aderholt Blumenauer Campbell (CA)
Akin Blunt Cannon
Alexander Boehner Cantor
Allen Bonner Capito
Altmire Bono Mack Capps
Andrews Boozman Capuano
Arcuri Boren Cardoza
Bachmann Boswell Carnahan
Bachus Boucher Carney
Baird Boustany Carter
Baldwin Boyd (FL) Castle
Barrett (SC) Boyda (KS) Castor
Barrow Brady (PA) Chabot
Bartlett (MD) Brady (TX) Chandler
Barton (TX) Braley (IA) Clarke
Bean Brown (SC) Clay
Becerra Brown, Corrine Cleaver
Berman Brown-Waite, Clyburn
Biggert Ginny Coble
Billirakis Buchanan Cohen
Bishop (GA) Butterfield Cole (OK)
Bishop (NY) Buyer Conaway

Conyers
Cooper
Costa
Costello
Courtney
Cramer
Crenshaw
Crowley
Cubin
Cuellar
Cummins
Davis (AL)
Davis (CA)
Davis (IL)
Davis (KY)
Davis, David
Davis, Lincoln
Davis, Tom
Deal (GA)
DeFazio
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
Dent
Diaz-Balart, L.
Diaz-Balart, M.
Dicks
Dingell
Doggett
Donnelly
Doolittle
Doyle
Drake
Dreier
Duncan
Edwards
Ehlers
Ellison
Ellsworth
Emanuel
Emerson
Engel
English (PA)
Eshoo
Etheridge
Everett
Fallin
Farr
Fattah
Feeney
Ferguson
Filner
Fortenberry
Fox
Frank (MA)
Franks (AZ)
Frelinghuysen
Gallegly
Garrett (NJ)
Gerlach
Giffords
Gilchrest
Gillibrand
Gingrey
Gohmert
Gonzalez
Goode
Goodlatte
Gordon
Granger
Graves
Green, Al
Green, Gene
Grijalva
Gutierrez
Hall (NY)
Hall (TX)
Hare
Harman
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Heller
Hensarling
Herger
Herseth Sandlin
Higgins
Hill
Hinche
Hinojosa
Hirono
Hobson
Hodes
Hoekstra
Holden
Holt
Hooley
Hoyer
Hulshof
Inglis (SC)

Insee
Israel
Issa
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Johnson (IL)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones (NC)
Jones (OH)
Jordan
Kagen
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Keller
Kennedy
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kind
King (IA)
King (NY)
Kingston
Kirk
Klein (FL)
Kline (MN)
Knollenberg
Kucinich
Kuhl (NY)
LaHood
Lamborn
Lampson
Langevin
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Latham
LaTourette
Latta
Lee
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (GA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Lipinski
LoBiondo
Loeb
Lofgren, Zoe
Lowey
Lucas
Lungren, Daniel
E.
Lynch
Mack
Mahoney (FL)
Maloney (NY)
Manzullo
Marchant
Markey
Marshall
Matheson
Matsui
McCarthy (CA)
McCarthy (NY)
McCaul (TX)
McCollum (MN)
McCotter
McCrery
McDermott
McGovern
McHenry
McHugh
McIntyre
McKeon
McMorris
Rodgers
McNerney
McNulty
Meek (FL)
Melancon
Mica
Michaud
Miller (FL)
Miller (MI)
Miller (NC)
Miller, George
Mitchell
Mollohan
Moore (KS)
Moore (WI)
Moran (KS)
Moran (VA)
Murphy (CT)
Murphy, Patrick
Murphy, Tim
Murtha
Musgrave
Myrick
Nadler

Napolitano
Neal (MA)
Neugebauer
Nunes
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Pallone
Pascarell
Pastor
Payne
Pearce
Pence
Perlmutter
Peterson (MN)
Peterson (PA)
Petri
Pickering
Pitts
Platts
Poe
Pomeroy
Porter
Price (GA)
Price (NC)
Pryce (OH)
Putnam
Radanovich
Rahall
Ramstad
Rangel
Regula
Rehberg
Reichert
Renzi
Reyes
Reynolds
Richardson
Rodriguez
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (GA)
Rogers (MI)
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Roskam
Ross
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Ruppersberger
Rush
Ryan (OH)
Ryan (WI)
Salazar
Sali
Sánchez, Linda
T.
Sanchez, Loretta
Sarbanes
Saxton
Schakowsky
Schiff
Schmidt
Schwartz
Scott (GA)
Scott (VA)
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Sessions
Sestak
Shadegg
Shays
Shea-Porter
Sherman
Shuler
Shuster
Simpson
Sires
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Snyder
Solis
Souder
Space
Spratt
Stark
Stearns
Stupak
Sullivan
Sutton
Tancredo
Tauscher
Taylor
Terry

Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Thornberry
Tiahrt
Tiberi
Tierney
Towns
Tsongas
Turner
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Upton
Van Hollen
Velázquez
Visclosky
Walberg
Walden (OR)
Walsh (NY)
Walz (MN)
Wamp
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watson
Watt
Waxman
Weiner
Welch (VT)
Weldon (FL)
Weller
Wexler
Whitfield (KY)
Wilson (NM)
Wilson (OH)
Wilson (SC)
Wittman (VA)
Wolf
Woolsey
Wu
Wynn
Yarmuth
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

from California (Mr. McKEON) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER). Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Chairman, today I rise in strong support of legislation that would greatly enhance the health and safety protections in the Nation's coal mines.

Despite significant progress over the last several decades, mining remains one of the most dangerous jobs in America. Mining fatalities occur at a rate more than seven times the average of all private industries; and we are reminded of how dangerous mining can be by the tragedies like the one in Utah in August of this last year, where six miners and three rescuers died in what appears to have been a preventable disaster, and the tragedies of Kentucky and West Virginia in 2006.

Accidents every year claim the lives of one or two miners at a time. In 2007, according to the Mine Safety and Health Administration, 32 coal miners and 31 metal and nonmetal miners died on the job. Miners also face serious health risks, including a resurgence of black lung disease.

The legislation we are considering today, the S-MINER Act, builds on the work of the last Congress when it passed the MINER Act of 2006. The S-MINER Act represents a comprehensive approach to minimize the health and safety risks facing miners. It is critical that Congress take this action, because one of the things that is clear is that we cannot leave mine safety and health to the Bush administration.

When the Sago Mine disaster occurred, we learned that the Bush administration had withdrawn or delayed more than a dozen health and safety proposals that would have benefited miners. The Bush administration filled top-level positions at MSHA with executives from the very industry that the agency was charged with regulating. Dangerous rules favored by the industry, which would leave miners vulnerable to aggressive "belt air" fires, became law under this administration.

From 2001 to 2006, the Bush administration gutted MSHA by cutting funding and staffing, and especially in coal mine enforcement, where the worst tragedies would strike in 2006 and 2007. Even as coal production increased around the country, the Bush administration cut the Mine Safety and Health Administration's coal enforcement personnel by 9 percent by 2006. And then came the Sago disaster, Aracoma Alma, Darby, and Crandall Canyon mines. Even after these recent tragedies, even after the MINER Act was enacted, we continue to see neglect from this administration.

The Inspector General found this past fall that MSHA was failing to conduct mandated inspections on time, leaving thousands of miners unprotected. In 2006 alone, MSHA failed to complete the required inspections of 107 mines, employing 7,500 miners. And,

NAYS—2

Broun (GA)

Flake
NOT VOTING—22

Baca
Baker
Berkley
Berry
Bibray
Burgess
Burton (IN)
Culberson
Forbes
Fossella
Hastings (FL)
Honda
Hunter
Jefferson
Johnson (GA)
Lantos
Meeks (NY)
Miller, Gary
Paul
Shimkus
Tanner
Westmoreland

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised 2 minutes remain in this vote.

□ 1228

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 2768.

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

There was no objection.

SUPPLEMENTAL MINE IMPROVEMENT AND NEW EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT OF 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 918 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 2768.

□ 1230

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2768) to establish improved mandatory standards to protect miners during emergencies, and for other purposes, with Mr. GUTIERREZ in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

□ 1230

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

The gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) and the gentleman