

Veterans' Affairs Committee. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Stated against:

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 33, H. Res. 956, the rule to provide consideration of H.R. 4137, I was absent due to inclement weather grounding flights from Wisconsin. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

### CALLING FOR A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO THE CURRENT ELECTORAL CRISIS IN KENYA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 283, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PAYNE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 283, as amended.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 405, nays 1, not voting 23, as follows:

[Roll No. 34]

YEAS—405

Abercrombie	Cantor	Ehlers
Ackerman	Capito	Ellison
Aderholt	Capps	Ellsworth
Akin	Capuano	Emanuel
Alexander	Cardoza	Engel
Allen	Carmahan	English (PA)
Altmire	Carney	Eshoo
Andrews	Carter	Etheridge
Arcuri	Castle	Fallin
Baca	Castor	Fattah
Bachmann	Chabot	Feeney
Bachus	Chandler	Ferguson
Baird	Clarke	Flake
Barrett (SC)	Clay	Forbes
Barrow	Cleaver	Fossella
Bartlett (MD)	Clyburn	Fox
Barton (TX)	Coble	Frank (MA)
Bean	Cohen	Franks (AZ)
Becerra	Cole (OK)	Frelinghuysen
Berkley	Conaway	Gallely
Berman	Conyers	Garrett (NJ)
Berry	Cooper	Gerlach
Biggert	Costa	Giffords
Bilbray	Costello	Gilchrest
Billirakis	Courtney	Gilibrand
Bishop (GA)	Crenshaw	Gingrey
Bishop (NY)	Crowley	Gohmert
Bishop (UT)	Cubin	Gonzalez
Blumenauer	Cuellar	Goode
Blunt	Culberson	Goodlatte
Boehner	Cummings	Gordon
Bonner	Davis (AL)	Granger
Bono Mack	Davis (CA)	Green, Al
Boozman	Davis (IL)	Green, Gene
Boren	Davis (KY)	Grijalva
Boswell	Davis, David	Hall (NY)
Boustany	Davis, Lincoln	Hall (TX)
Boyd (FL)	Davis, Tom	Hare
Boyd (KS)	Deal (GA)	Harman
Brady (PA)	DeFazio	Hastings (FL)
Brady (TX)	DeGette	Hastings (WA)
Braley (IA)	DeLahunt	Hayes
Brown (GA)	DeLauro	Heller
Brown (SC)	Dent	Hensarling
Brown, Corrine	Diaz-Balart, L.	Heger
Brown-Waite,	Diaz-Balart, M.	Herseth Sandlin
Ginny	Dicks	Higgins
Buchanan	Dingell	Hill
Burgess	Doggett	Hinchev
Burton (IN)	Donnelly	Hinojosa
Butterfield	Doolittle	Hirono
Buyer	Doyle	Hobson
Calvert	Drake	Hodes
Camp (MI)	Dreier	Hoekstra
Campbell (CA)	Duncan	Holden
Cannon	Edwards	Holt

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

NAYS—1

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NOT VOTING—23

Baldwin	Fortenberry	Ruppersberger
Blackburn	Graves	Sanchez, Loretta
Boucher	Gutierrez	Smith (NJ)
Cramer	Lantos	Smith (WA)
Emerson	Lowey	Tanner
Everett	Manzullo	Woolsey
Farr	Porter	Wynn
Filner	Pryce (OH)	

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the

concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 34, I was away from the Capitol attending a function in my capacity as Chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, February 7, I missed rollcall votes 32, 33, and 34 due to a delay in my flight. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on 32 and 33 and "yea" on 34.

### EXPRESSING SYMPATHY TO VICTIMS OF SOUTHERN STORMS

(Mr. GORDON of Tennessee asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, my grandfather used to tell me that the most important road in the county was the one in front of your house. And I think we all know that is true in many different ways, particularly in times of tragedy.

We have been in this well and we've talked about Katrina and we have talked about a bridge that fell in Minnesota, and we have all had tragedies in our areas in different ways, and I think we all feel sympathetic.

But for those folks in Arkansas, Alabama, Kentucky, Indiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee, once again we feel it very intensely. It is the road in front of our house today. There were 50 lives lost, 32 in Tennessee, 22 of those were in my district. Many folks were displaced. We are not going to have electricity back in many areas for another few days.

As I ask for a moment of silence, I also want us to feel the community of our entire House and our entire country. I think we felt that as we have helped in other places. Again, I just remind Members that this happened in your area next time.

But we are all together, and as we commemorate those dead and misplaced in our States, we also want to remember your States, too.

I ask for a moment of silence.

The SPEAKER. All Members will please rise and observe a moment of silence in respect of those affected by the recent tragedy.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

### EXTENDING PARITY IN APPLICATION OF CERTAIN LIMITS TO MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HOLDEN). The unfinished business is the

vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4848, 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 New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4848, as amended.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 384, nays 23, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 35]

YEAS—384

Abercrombie	Cuellar	Hoekstra
Ackerman	Culberson	Holden
Aderholt	Cummings	Holt
Akin	Davis (AL)	Honda
Alexander	Davis (CA)	Hooley
Allen	Davis (IL)	Hoyer
Altmire	Davis (KY)	Hulshof
Andrews	Davis, David	Hulshof
Arcuri	Davis, Lincoln	Inglis (SC)
Baca	Davis, Tom	Inslee
Bachus	Deal (GA)	Israel
Baird	DeFazio	Issa
Barrett (SC)	DeGette	Jackson (IL)
Barrow	DeLahunt	Jackson-Lee
Bartlett (MD)	DeLauro	(TX)
Barton (TX)	Dent	Jefferson
Bean	Diaz-Balart, L.	Johnson (GA)
Becerra	Diaz-Balart, M.	Johnson (IL)
Berkley	Dicks	Johnson, E. B.
Berman	Dingell	Johnson, Sam
Berry	Doggett	Jones (NC)
Biggert	Donnelly	Jones (OH)
Bilbray	Doyle	Kagen
Billirakis	Drake	Kanjorski
Bishop (GA)	Dreier	Kaptur
Bishop (NY)	Edwards	Keller
Bishop (UT)	Ehlers	Kennedy
Blunt	Ellison	Kildee
Boehner	Ellsworth	Kilpatrick
Bonner	Emanuel	Kind
Bono Mack	Engel	King (NY)
Boozman	English (PA)	Kingston
Boren	Eshoo	Kirk
Boswell	Etheridge	Klein (FL)
Boustany	Fallin	Kline (MN)
Boyd (FL)	Fattah	Knollenberg
Boyd (KS)	Feeney	Kucinich
Brady (PA)	Ferguson	Kuhl (NY)
Brady (TX)	Filner	LaHood
Braley (IA)	Forbes	Lampson
Brown (SC)	Fossella	Langevin
Brown, Corrine	Frank (MA)	Larsen (WA)
Buchanan	Frelinghuysen	Larson (CT)
Burgess	Gallegly	Latham
Burton (IN)	Gerlach	LaTourette
Butterfield	Giffords	Latta
Buyer	Gilchrest	Lee
Calvert	Gillibrand	Levin
Camp (MI)	Gingrey	Lewis (CA)
Cantor	Gohmert	Lewis (GA)
Capito	Gonzalez	Lewis (KY)
Capps	Goode	Linder
Capuano	Goodlatte	Lipinski
Cardoza	Gordon	LoBiondo
Carnahan	Granger	Loebsack
Carney	Graves	Lofgren, Zoe
Carter	Green, Al	Lucas
Castle	Green, Gene	Lungren, Daniel
Castor	Grijalva	E.
Chabot	Gutierrez	Lynch
Chandler	Hall (NY)	Mahoney (FL)
Clarke	Hall (TX)	Maloney (NY)
Clay	Hare	Markey
Cleaver	Harman	Marshall
Clyburn	Hastings (FL)	Matheson
Coble	Hastings (WA)	Matsui
Cohen	Hayes	McCarthy (CA)
Cole (OK)	Heller	McCarthy (NY)
Conaway	Herger	McCaul (TX)
Conyers	Herseth Sandlin	McCollum (MN)
Cooper	Higgins	McCotter
Costa	Hill	McCreery
Costello	Hinchev	McDermott
Courtney	Hinojosa	McGovern
Crenshaw	Hirono	McHenry
Crowley	Hobson	McHugh
Cubin	Hodes	McIntyre

McKeon	Rahall
McMorris	Ramstad
Rodgers	Rangel
McNerney	Regula
McNulty	Rehberg
Meek (FL)	Reichert
Meeks (NY)	Renzi
Melancon	Reyes
Mica	Reynolds
Michaud	Richardson
Miller (FL)	Rodriguez
Miller (MI)	Rogers (AL)
Miller (NC)	Rogers (KY)
Miller, Gary	Rogers (MI)
Miller, George	Ros-Lehtinen
Mitchell	Roskam
Mollohan	Ross
Moore (KS)	Rothman
Moore (WI)	Roybal-Allard
Moran (KS)	Rush
Moran (VA)	Ryan (OH)
Murphy (CT)	Ryan (WI)
Murphy, Patrick	Salazar
Murphy, Tim	Sánchez, Linda
Murtha	T.
Musgrave	Sarbanes
Myrick	Saxton
Nadler	Schakowsky
Napolitano	Schiff
Neal (MA)	Schmidt
Neugebauer	Schwartz
Nunes	Scott (GA)
Oberstar	Scott (VA)
Obey	Sensenbrenner
Oliver	Serrano
Ortiz	Sessions
Pallone	Sestak
Pascrell	Shays
Pastor	Shea-Porter
Payne	Sherman
Pearce	Shimkus
Perlmutter	Shuler
Peterson (MN)	Shuster
Peterson (PA)	Simpson
Petri	Sires
Pickering	Skelton
Pitts	Slaughter
Platts	Smith (NE)
Pomeroy	Smith (NJ)
Price (GA)	Smith (TX)
Price (NC)	Snyder
Putnam	Solis
Radanovich	Souder

NAYS—23

Bachmann	Flake
Broun (GA)	Foxx
Brown-Waite,	Franks (AZ)
Ginny	Garrett (NJ)
Campbell (CA)	Hensarling
Cannon	Jordan
Doolittle	King (IA)
Duncan	Lamborn

NOT VOTING—22

Baldwin	Fortenberry	Sanchez, Loretta
Blackburn	Lantos	Smith (WA)
Blumenauer	Lowey	Tanner
Boucher	Manzullo	Woolsey
Cramer	Marchant	Wynn
Emerson	Porter	Yarmuth
Everett	Pryce (OH)	
Farr	Ruppersberger	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

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Mr. ROHRABACHER and Mrs. BACHMANN changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. MANZULLO. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, February 6, 2008, I was unable

to return to Washington in time to vote because of the large snowstorm that hit the Chicago-land area yesterday and delayed my arrival until mid-afternoon today. If I was here, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 29, “yea” on rollcall No. 30, “yea” on rollcall No. 31, “no” on rollcall No. 32, “no” on rollcall No. 33, “yea” on rollcall No. 34, and “yea” on rollcall No. 35.

COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY AND AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 956 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. 4137.

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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. 4137) to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes, with Mr. PASTOR in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

The gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) and the gentleman 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, I yield myself 5 minutes.

Mr. Chairman and Members of the House, I rise in strong support of H.R. 4137, the College Opportunity and Affordability Act, which was reported by the Committee on Education and Labor with unanimous bipartisan support. This legislation strengthens and reauthorizes our Nation’s higher education program.

With our recent enactment of the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, this Congress has already taken a historic step by providing the single largest increase in Federal student aid since the GI bill.

But we all know that there’s still work to do to ensure that the doors of college are truly open to call qualified students. H.R. 4137 helps us reach this goal.

Today’s students and families face a number of challenges on the path to college, from skyrocketing college prices, to needlessly complicated student aid application process, to predatory tactics by student lenders.

The College Opportunity and Affordability Act will address these challenges by reshaping our higher education system so that, once again, it operates in the best interest of students and families.

The bill will create a higher education system that is more affordable and fair and easier to navigate for consumers.