

the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PLATTS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2733, a bill to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965.

Last month, we took the next step toward reauthorizing the Higher Education Act by passing H.R. 4137, the College Opportunity and Affordability Act, in the House with overwhelming bipartisan support. That bill builds on the law Congress enacted last year that put \$20 billion in Federal student aid in the hands of those in most need, low- and middle-income students and families working hard to pay for the cost of college.

Now, as we work with the Senate towards the conference report to reauthorize the Higher Education Act, we are close to providing students and families with additional reforms needed to truly ensure that the doors of college remain open to all qualified students.

It is our goal to ensure that the final bill include vital provisions of H.R. 4137 that address the major obstacle families face in the path to college, from skyrocketing college tuition prices, to the needlessly complicated student aid application process, to predatory tactics by student lenders.

It has been nearly 10 years since the Higher Education Act last reauthorized, and I believe that Members on both sides of the aisle and in both Chambers are eager to complete the work on a compromise bill this Congress.

This bipartisan reauthorization presents the best opportunity that we had to bring our higher education system into the 21st century.

The bill under consideration today, S. 2733, will extend the programs under the current Higher Education Act until April 30, 2008, to allow sufficient time for further deliberations to continue on the two bills passed in the House and Senate. And while that process of reauthorizing the Higher Education Act may be coming to a close, I would like to underscore that it does not mean that we will complete work on higher education altogether. The Education and Labor Committee will continue our efforts to ensure our higher education programs operate in the best interests of students and families, which include overseeing the proper implementation of the College Cost Reduction and Access Act and other provisions of the Higher Education Act. We will also examine how we can best ensure the availability of Federal student loans in the midst of volatility in our Nation's credit markets.

I look forward to completing this work with the respective Members so that we can continue to make college more affordable and accessible for our Nation's students and families.

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

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 2733, the Higher Education Extension Act of 2008.

While this is the first extension of the Higher Education Act for this year, we have passed over a dozen extensions of this law since it first expired.

S. 2733 will ensure that vital Federal college access and student aid programs continue to serve those students who depend upon them for an additional month. Earlier this year, the House passed H.R. 4137, the College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2008, by a vote of 354-58. Unlike last year when the Senate failed to act when the House passed its bill, the Senate passed their Higher Education Act reauthorization bill as well. We are now the closest we have been in recent years to passing a reauthorization bill.

I stand in support of this extension of the Higher Education Act through April 30 of this year because I hope that we can move forward in developing a conference agreement in a bipartisan and thoughtful manner. If it takes 1 more month or 2 more months, I think others would agree that we would rather see a thoughtful product rather than something that was rushed through the process to meet an artificial deadline.

I join with my colleagues in fully supporting efforts to extend the Higher Education Act today and hope that we can work together to develop a conference agreement that will fundamentally reform the programs included in the Higher Education Act.

I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" in support of this extension.

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

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. I join Mr. PLATTS in urging a "yes" vote.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 2733.

The question was taken. The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. PLATTS. 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 and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn.

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

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, this 15-minute vote on the motion to adjourn will be followed by 5-minute votes on motions to suspend the rules with respect to House Resolution 924 and House Resolution 948.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 4, nays 396, not voting 28, as follows:

[Roll No. 114]

YEAS—4

Gohmert	Westmoreland
Johnson (IL)	Young (AK)

NAYS—396

Abercrombie	Cohen	Goodlatte
Ackerman	Cole (OK)	Gordon
Aderholt	Conaway	Granger
Akin	Conyers	Graves
Alexander	Cooper	Green, Al
Allen	Costa	Green, Gene
Altmire	Costello	Grijalva
Andrews	Courtney	Gutierrez
Arcuri	Cramer	Hall (NY)
Baca	Crenshaw	Hall (TX)
Bachmann	Crowley	Hare
Bachus	Cubin	Harman
Baird	Cuellar	Hastings (FL)
Baldwin	Culberson	Hastings (WA)
Barrett (SC)	Cummings	Hayes
Barrow	Davis (AL)	Heller
Bartlett (MD)	Davis (CA)	Hensarling
Barton (TX)	Davis (KY)	Herger
Bean	Davis, David	Herseth Sandlin
Becerra	Davis, Tom	Higgins
Berkley	Deal (GA)	Hill
Berry	DeFazio	Hinchee
Biggert	DeGette	Hinojosa
Bilbray	Delahunt	Hirono
Bilirakis	DeLauro	Hobson
Bishop (GA)	Dent	Hodes
Bishop (NY)	Diaz-Balart, L.	Hoekstra
Bishop (UT)	Diaz-Balart, M.	Holden
Bonner	Dicks	Holt
Bono Mack	Dingell	Honda
Boozman	Doggett	Hoyer
Boren	Donnelly	Hulshof
Boswell	Doolittle	Hunter
Boucher	Doyle	Inglis (SC)
Boustany	Drake	Inlee
Boyd (FL)	Dreier	Israel
Boyda (KS)	Duncan	Issa
Brady (PA)	Edwards	Jackson (IL)
Brady (TX)	Ehlers	Jackson-Lee
Braley (IA)	Ellison	(TX)
Broun (GA)	Ellsworth	Jefferson
Brown (SC)	Emanuel	Johnson (GA)
Brown, Corrine	Emerson	Johnson, E. B.
Brown-Waite,	Engel	Johnson, Sam
Ginny	English (PA)	Jones (NC)
Buchanan	Eshoo	Jones (OH)
Burgess	Etheridge	Jordan
Burton (IN)	Everett	Kagen
Butterfield	Fallin	Kanjorski
Buyer	Farr	Kaptur
Calvert	Fattah	Keller
Camp (MI)	Feeney	Kennedy
Campbell (CA)	Ferguson	Kildee
Cannon	Filner	Kind
Cantor	Flake	King (IA)
Capps	Forbes	King (NY)
Cardoza	Fortenberry	Kingston
Carnahan	Fossella	Kirk
Carney	Fox	Klein (FL)
Carter	Franks (AZ)	Kline (MN)
Castle	Frelinghuysen	Knollenberg
Castor	Gallegly	Kucinich
Chabot	Garrett (NJ)	Kuhl (NY)
Chandler	Gerlach	LaHood
Clarke	Giffords	Lamborn
Clay	Gilchrest	Lampson
Cleaver	Gillibrand	Langevin
Clyburn	Gonzalez	Larsen (WA)
Coble	Goode	Larson (CT)

Latham  
LaTourette  
Latta  
Lee  
Levin  
Lewis (CA)  
Lewis (GA)  
Lewis (KY)  
Linder  
Lipinski  
LoBiondo  
Loebsack  
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  
McNulty  
Meek (FL)  
Meeks (NY)  
Melancon  
Mica  
Michaud  
Miller (FL)  
Miller (MI)  
Miller (NC)  
Miller, Gary  
Miller, George  
Mollohan  
Moore (KS)  
Moore (WI)  
Moran (KS)  
Moran (VA)  
Murphy (CT)  
Murphy, Patrick  
Murphy, Tim  
Murtha  
Musgrave  
Myrick  
Nadler  
Napolitano

NOT VOTING—28

Berman  
Blackburn  
Blumenauer  
Blunt  
Boehner  
Capito  
Capuano  
Davis (IL)  
Davis, Lincoln  
Frank (MA)

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Messrs. VAN HOLLEN, GUTIERREZ, MCDERMOTT, ELLISON, LARSON of Connecticut and Mrs. CUBIN changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to

the resolution, H. Res. 924, as amended, 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 Iowa (Mr. LOEBSACK) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 924, as amended.

This will be a 5-minute vote. The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 405, nays 0, not voting 23, as follows:

[Roll No. 115]

YEAS—405

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

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)  
Meeks (NY)  
Melancon  
Mica  
Michaud  
Miller (FL)  
Miller (MI)  
Miller (NC)  
Miller, Gary  
Miller, George  
Mollohan  
Moore (KS)  
Moore (WI)  
Moran (KS)  
Moran (VA)  
Murphy (CT)  
Murphy, Patrick  
Murphy, Tim  
Murtha  
Musgrave  
Myrick  
Nadler  
Napolitano  
Neal (MA)  
Neugebauer  
Neuhouser  
Nunes  
Obey  
Oliver  
Ortiz  
Pallone  
Pascrell  
Pastor  
Paul  
Payne  
Pearce  
Perlmutter  
Peterson (MN)  
Peterson (PA)  
Petri  
Pickering  
Pitts  
Platts  
Poe  
Pomeroy  
Porter  
Price (GA)  
Price (NC)  
Putnam  
Radanovich  
Rahall  
Ramstad  
Rehberg  
Reichert  
Reyes  
Reynolds  
Richardson  
Rodriguez  
Rodgers (AL)  
Rodgers (KY)  
Rodgers (MI)  
Rohrabacher  
Roskam  
Rogers  
Rothman  
Roybal-Allard  
Royce  
Ruppersberger  
Ryan (OH)  
Ryan (WI)  
Salazar  
Salliohan  
Sanchez, Linda  
T.  
Sanchez, Loretta  
Sarbanes  
Saxton  
Schakowsky  
Schiff  
Schmidt  
Schwartz  
Scott (VA)  
Sensenbrenner  
Serrano  
Sessions  
Sestak  
Shadegg  
Shays  
Slaughter  
Smith (NE)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX)  
Smith (WA)  
Snyder  
Solis  
Space  
Spratt  
Stark  
Stearns  
Stupak  
Sullivan  
Sutton  
Tanner  
Tauscher  
Taylor  
Terry  
Thompson (CA)  
Thornberry  
Tiahrt  
Tiberi  
Tierney  
Towns  
Tsongas  
Turner  
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  
Wu  
Wynn  
Yarmuth  
Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—23

Blackburn  
Capito  
Davis (IL)  
Davis, Lincoln  
Frank (MA)  
Hall (NY)  
Hill  
Hooley  
Kilpatrick  
Mitchell  
Oberstar  
Paul  
Pence  
Pryce (OH)  
Rangel  
Renzi  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Rush  
Scott (GA)  
Souder  
Tancredo  
Thompson (MS)  
Woolsey

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives: