

may consume to the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), who has been a strong supporter of VA issues his entire time here in the House of Representatives.

Mr. BOOZMAN. Thank you, Congressman MILLER. Thank you, Congressman WALZ. I always feel like he speaks with such authority when I am around him; I am always concerned he is going to ask me to do 10 pushups or something.

I rise in support of H.R. 3681, the Veterans Benefits Awareness Act. This simple, straightforward legislation authorizes VA to purchase advertising in national media outlets for the purpose of promoting awareness of veterans benefits.

When was the last time you saw the Super Bowl or other prime time recruiting advertisement for one of the military services? Now, when was the last time that you saw the Super Bowl or other prime time ad for veterans health care and benefits sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Probably never. It's one reason that many veterans and their dependents are not aware of the benefits due to them.

Over the years, Congress has authorized millions to improve outreach, and the results are disappointing. In spite of the additional funding, VA still relies on the public service announcements, pamphlets, meetings with small groups of veterans, and the one-on-one outreach to deliver its message to veterans. Unfortunately, PSAs are often most broadcast at times when few people are watching, and small groups and individual meetings are often difficult to arrange and are not very efficient.

Our veterans continue to tell us that they were not aware of the VA programs that would improve their lives. That is why I introduced H.R. 3681, the Veterans Benefits Awareness Act of 2008, which authorizes VA to purchase advertising in national media outlets for the purpose of promoting awareness of veterans benefits.

H.R. 3681 will provide VA with the authority to buy radio and TV time to ensure that veterans and their dependents are aware of health care options and benefits for education, disability compensation, nondisability pensions, training, loan guarantees, and survivors' programs.

I want to thank Chairwoman HERSETH SANDLIN for moving this bill, for her cooperation in working with the subcommittee; Chairman FILNER, and Ranking Member BUYER for their support; and also to our staffs that worked so hard in preparing these bills. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 3681.

Mr. FILNER. I have no further speakers.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. We have no further speakers. We urge adoption and yield back the balance of our time.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members

may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 3681, as amended.

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

There was no objection.

Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 3681, the "Veterans Benefits Awareness Act" which authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to advertise in the national media to promote awareness of benefits under laws administered by the Secretary.

As an original cosponsor of H.R. 3681, and the Chairwoman of the Veterans' Affairs Economic Opportunity Subcommittee, I would like to thank Representative BOOZMAN, who serves as the Subcommittee Ranking Member, for introducing this important bill. I also would like to recognize Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairman FILNER and Ranking Member BUYER for their strong leadership and for working to quickly move this bill to the House floor.

It is important that Congress not only provide the VA with the resources to properly care for our nation's veterans, but that we also provide them with the authority to promote awareness of benefits that are available to veterans and their dependents.

Again, I thank Representative BOOZMAN for introducing this important bill. I encourage my colleagues to support it.

Mr. FILNER. I urge all my colleagues to support H.R. 3681 and yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3681, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

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 three motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 6081, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 6074, by the yeas and nays;

H. Res. 1144, de novo.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

HEROES EARNINGS ASSISTANCE AND RELIEF TAX ACT OF 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6081, 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 York (Mr. RANGEL) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6081, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 403, nays 0, not voting 30, as follows:

[Roll No. 331]

YEAS—403

Abercrombie	Cuellar	Issa
Ackerman	Culberson	Jackson (IL)
Aderholt	Cummings	Jackson-Lee
Akin	Davis (AL)	(TX)
Alexander	Davis (CA)	Jefferson
Allen	Davis (KY)	Johnson (GA)
Altmire	Davis, David	Johnson, E. B.
Arcuri	Davis, Lincoln	Johnson, Sam
Baca	Deal (GA)	Jones (NC)
Bachmann	DeFazio	Jordan
Bachus	DeGette	Kagen
Baird	Delahunt	Delahunt
Baldwin	DeLauro	Kanjorski
Barrett (SC)	Dent	Kaptur
Barrow	Dicks	Keller
Bartlett (MD)	Doggett	Kildee
Barton (TX)	Donnelly	Kilpatrick
Bean	Doolittle	Kind
Becerra	Doyle	King (IA)
Berkley	Drake	King (NY)
Berman	Dreier	Kirk
Berry	Duncan	Klein (FL)
Biggert	Edwards	Kline (MN)
Bilbray	Ehlers	Knollenberg
Bilirakis	Ellison	Kucinich
Bishop (GA)	Ellsworth	Kuhl (NY)
Bishop (NY)	Emanuel	LaHood
Bishop (UT)	Emerson	Lamborn
Blackburn	English (PA)	Lampson
Blunt	Eshoo	Langevin
Boehner	Etheridge	Larsen (WA)
Bonner	Everett	Larson (CT)
Bono Mack	Fallin	Latham
Boozman	Farr	LaTourette
Boren	Fattah	Latta
Boswell	Feeney	Lee
Boucher	Filner	Levin
Boustany	Flake	Lewis (CA)
Boyd (FL)	Forbes	Lewis (GA)
Boyda (KS)	Fortenberry	Lewis (KY)
Brady (PA)	Fossella	Linder
Brady (TX)	Foster	Lipinski
Braley (IA)	Fox	LoBiondo
Broun (GA)	Frank (MA)	Loebsack
Brown (SC)	Franks (AZ)	Lofgren, Zoe
Brown, Corrine	Frelinghuysen	Lowey
Brown-Waite,	Galleghy	Lucas
Ginny	Garrett (NJ)	Lungren, Daniel
Buchanan	Gerlach	E.
Burgess	Giffords	Mack
Burton (IN)	Gingrey	Mahoney (FL)
Butterfield	Gohmert	Maloney (NY)
Buyer	Gonzalez	Manzullo
Calvert	Goode	Marchant
Camp (MI)	Goodlatte	Markey
Campbell (CA)	Granger	Marshall
Cannon	Graves	Matsui
Cantor	Green, Al	McCarthy (CA)
Capito	Green, Gene	McCarthy (NY)
Capps	Grijalva	McCaul (TX)
Capuano	Hall (NY)	McCollum (MN)
Cardoza	Hall (TX)	McCotter
Carnahan	Hare	McCreery
Carney	Harman	McDermott
Carson	Hastings (FL)	McGovern
Carter	Hastings (WA)	McHenry
Castle	Hayes	McHugh
Castor	Heller	McIntyre
Cazayoux	Hensarling	McKeon
Chabot	Hergert	McNerney
Chandler	Herseith Sandlin	McNulty
Clarke	Higgins	Meek (FL)
Clay	Hill	Meeks (NY)
Cleaver	Hinchee	Melancon
Clyburn	Hinojosa	Mica
Coble	Hirono	Michaud
Cohen	Hobson	Miller (FL)
Cole (OK)	Hodes	Miller (MI)
Conaway	Hoekstra	Miller (NC)
Conyers	Holden	Miller, Gary
Cooper	Holt	Miller, George
Costa	Honda	Mitchell
Costello	Hoolley	Mollohan
Courtney	Hoyer	Moore (KS)
Cramer	Hunter	Moore (WI)
Crowley	Inglis (SC)	Moran (KS)
Cubin	Inslee	Moran (VA)
		Murphy (CT)