

thing, but I'm ready to work, Congressmen.

As a local official, I worked hard and I worked with both parties. I focused on balancing budgets and creating jobs. This will still be my approach, and these will be my priorities in Congress.

I pledge to work as hard as I can to mend our failing economy and help bring down the skyrocketing cost of gas, groceries and health care.

I look forward to meeting and working with every single one of you. I look forward to standing up for the values of the people who I have the honor of serving. And I pledge to work every day for the people of the First District of the great State of Mississippi.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Mississippi, the whole number of the House is 435.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

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

There was no objection.

GAS PRICE RELIEF FOR CONSUMERS ACT OF 2008

The SPEAKER. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6074, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SERRANO). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6074.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 324, nays 84, not voting 26, as follows:

[Roll No. 332] YEAS—324

- Abercrombie Boswell Chabot
Ackerman Boucher Chandler
Aderholt Boyd (FL) Childers
Alexander Boyda (KS) Clarke
Allen Brady (PA) Clay
Altmire Braley (IA) Cleaver
Arcuri Brown (SC) Clyburn
Baca Brown, Corrine Cohen
Bachmann Brown-Waite, Conyers
Bachus Ginny Cooper
Baird Buchanan Costa
Baldwin Burton (IN) Costello
Barrow Butterfield Courtney
Bean Buyer Cramer
Becerra Camp (MI) Crowley
Berkley Campbell (CA) Cuellar
Berman Cantor Cummings
Berry Capito Davis (AL)
Biggert Capps Davis (CA)
Bilbray Capuano Davis, David
Bilirakis Cardoza Davis, Lincoln
Bishop (GA) Carmahan DeFazio
Bishop (NY) Carney DeGette
Blackburn Carson DeLauro
Bono Mack Castle Dent
Boozman Castor Dicks
Boren Cazayoux Doggett

- Donnelly Latham Rothman
Doyle LaTourette Roybal-Allard
Drake Latta Royce
Dreier Lee Ruppertsberger
Duncan Levin Ryan (OH)
Edwards Lewis (GA) Ryan (WI)
Ehlers Linder Salazar
Ellison Lipinski Sali
Ellsworth LoBiondo Sánchez, Linda
Emanuel Loeb sack T.
Emerson Lofgren, Zoe Sanchez, Loretta
Engel Lowey Sarbanes
English (PA) Lynch Saxton
Eshoo Mahoney (FL) Schakowsky
Etheridge Maloney (NY) Schiff
Farr Manzullo Schwartz
Fattah Markey Scott (GA)
Finer Marshall Scott (VA)
Forbes Matsui Sensenbrenner
Fortenberry McCarthy (NY) Serrano
Fossella McCaul (TX) Sestak
Foster McCollum (MN) Shays
Frank (MA) McCotter Shea-Porter
Gallegly McDermott Sherman
Gerlach McGovern Shuler
Giffords McHenry Simpson
Gohmert McHugh Sires
Gonzalez McIntyre Skelton
Goode McNeermy Slaughter
Goodlatte McNulty Smith (NJ)
Gordon Meeke (FL) Smith (TX)
Graves Meeks (NY) Smith (WA)
Green, Al Melancon Snyder
Green, Gene Mica
Grijalva Michaud Solis
Hall (NY) Miller (MI) Souder
Hare Miller (NC) Space
Harman Miller, George Speier
Hastings (FL) Mitchell Spratt
Hayes Mollohan Stark
Heller Moore (KS) Stearns
Herger Moore (WD) Stupak
Herse th Sandlin Moran (VA) Sutton
Higgins Murphy (CT) Tanner
Hill Murphy, Patrick Tauscher
Hinche y Murphy, Tim Taylor
Hinojosa Murtha Terry
Hirono Musgrave Thompson (CA)
Hobson Nadler Thompson (MS)
Hodes Napolitano Tiberi
Holden Neal (MA) Tierney
Holt Oberstar Towns
Honda Obey Tsongas
Hooley Oliver Turner
Hoyer Ortiz Udall (NM)
Hunter Pallone Upton
Inslee Pascrell Van Hollen
Jackson (IL) Pastor Velázquez
Jackson-Lee Payne Veloslosky
(TX) Perlmutter Walden (OR)
Jefferson Peterson (MN) Walsh (NY)
Johnson (IL) Petri Walz (MN)
Johnson, E. B. Pickering Wamp
Jones (NC) Platts Wasserman
Jones (OH) Pomeroy Schultz
Jordan Porter Waters
Kagen Price (NC) Watson
Kanjorski Rahall Watt
Kaptur Ramstad Waxman
Keller Rangel Weiner
Kildee Regula Welch (VT)
Kilpatrick Rehberg Wexler
Kind Reichert Whitfield (KY)
King (NY) Reyes Wilson (OH)
Kirk Reynolds Wilson (SC)
Klein (FL) Richardson Wittman (VA)
Knollenberg Rodriguez Wolf
Kucinich Rogers (AL) Woolsey
Kuhl (NY) Rogers (KY) Wu
LaHood Rogers (MI) Wynn
Langevin Ros-Lehtinen Yarmuth
Larsen (WA) Roskam Young (FL)
Larson (CT) Ross

NAYS—84

- Akin Carter Franks (AZ)
Barrett (SC) Coble Frelinghuysen
Bartlett (MD) Cole (OK) Garrett (NJ)
Barton (TX) Conaway Gingrey
Bishop (UT) Cubin Granger
Blunt Culberson Hall (TX)
Boehner Davis (KY) Hastings (WA)
Bonner Deal (GA) Hensarling
Boustany Doollittle Hoekstra
Brady (TX) Everett Inglis (SC)
Broun (GA) Fallin Issa
Burgess Feeney Johnson (GA)
Flake Calvert Johnson, Sam
Foxy Cannon King (IA)

- Kline (MN) Moran (KS) Shadegg
Lamborn Myrick Shimkus
Lampson Neugebauer Shuster
Lewis (CA) Nunes Smith (NE)
Lewis (KY) Pearce Sullivan
Lucas Pence Tancredo
Lungren, Daniel Peterson (PA) Thornberry
E. Pitts Tiahrt
Mack Poe Walberg
Marchant Price (GA) Weldon (FL)
McCarthy (CA) Radanovich Weller
McCrery Renzi Westmoreland
McKeon Rohrabacher Young (AK)
Miller (FL) Scalise
Miller, Gary Schmidt

NOT VOTING—26

- Andrews Ferguson McMorris
Blumenauer Gilchrist Rodgers
Crenshaw Gillibrand Paul
Davis (IL) Gutierrez Pryce (OH)
Davis, Tom Hulshof Putnam
Delahunt Israel Rush
Diaz-Balart, L. Kennedy Sessions
Diaz-Balart, M. Kingston Udall (CO)
Dingell Matheson Wilson (NM)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). One minute remains in this vote.

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Messrs. COLE of Oklahoma, LAMPSON and MILLER of Florida changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

FRANK SINATRA DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 1144, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATSON) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1144, as amended.

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. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 402, nays 3, not voting 29, as follows:

[Roll No. 333] YEAS—402

- Abercrombie Baird Biggert
Ackerman Baldwin Bilbray
Aderholt Barrett (SC) Bilirakis
Akin Barrow Bishop (GA)
Alexander Bartlett (MD) Bishop (NY)
Allen Barton (TX) Bishop (UT)
Altmire Bean Blackburn
Arcuri Becerra Blunt
Baca Berkley Boehner
Bachmann Berman Bonner
Bachus Berry Bono Mack

Boozman Gallegly Matsui
 Boren Garrett (NJ) McCarthy (CA)
 Boswell Gerlach McCarthy (NY)
 Boucher Giffords McCaul (TX)
 Boustany Gingrey McCollum (MN)
 Boyd (FL) Gonzalez McCotter
 Boyda (KS) Goode McCrery
 Brady (PA) Goodlatte McDermott
 Brady (TX) Gordon McGovern
 Braley (IA) Granger McHenry
 Broun (GA) Graves McHugh
 Brown (SC) Green, Al McIntyre
 Brown, Corrine Green, Gene McKeon
 Brown-Waite, Ginny Grijalva McMorris
 Buchanan Hall (NY) Rodgers
 Burgess Hall (TX) McRaney
 Burton (IN) Hare McNulty
 Butterfield Harman Meek (FL)
 Calvert Hastings (FL) Meeks (NY)
 Camp (MI) Hastings (WA) Melancon
 Campbell (CA) Hayes Mica
 Cannon Heller Michaud
 Cantor Hensarling Miller (FL)
 Capito Herseht Sandlin Miller (MI)
 Capps Higgins Miller (NC)
 Capuano Hill Miller, Gary
 Cardoza Hinchey Miller, George
 Carnahan Hinojosa Mitchell
 Carney Hirono Mollohan
 Carson Hobson Moore (KS)
 Carter Hodes Moore (WI)
 Castle Hoekstra Moran (KS)
 Castor Holden Moran (VA)
 Cazayoux Holt Murphy (CT)
 Chabot Honda Murphy, Patrick
 Chandler Hooley Murphy, Tim
 Childers Hoyer Murtha
 Clarke Hunter Musgrave
 Clay Inglis (SC) Myrick
 Cleaver Insee Nadler
 Clyburn Issa Napolitano
 Coble Jackson (IL) Neal (MA)
 Cohen Jackson-Lee Nunes
 Cole (OK) (TX) Oberstar
 Conyers Jefferson Obey
 Cooper Johnson (GA) Oliver
 Costa Johnson (IL) Ortiz
 Costello Johnson, E. B. Pallone
 Courtney Johnson, Sam Pascarell
 Cramer Jones (NC) Pastor
 Crowley Jones (OH) Payne
 Cubin Jordan Pearce
 Cuellar Kagen Pence
 Culberson Kanjorski Perlmutter
 Cummings Kaptur Peterson (MN)
 Davis (AL) Keller Peterson (PA)
 Davis (CA) Kildee Petri
 Davis (KY) Kilpatrick Pickering
 Davis, David Kind Pitts
 Davis, Lincoln King (IA) Platts
 Deal (GA) King (NY) Pomeroy
 DeFazio Kirk Porter
 DeGette Klein (FL) Price (GA)
 DeLauro Kline (MN) Price (NC)
 Dent Knollenberg Radanovich
 Dicks Kucinich Rahall
 Doggett Kuhl (NY) Ramstad
 Donnelly LaHood Regula
 Doolittle Lamborn Rehberg
 Doyle Lampson Reichert
 Drake Langevin Renzi
 Dreier Larsen (WA) Reyes
 Duncan Larson (CT) Reynolds
 Edwards Latham Richardson
 Ehlers LaTourette Rodriguez
 Ellison Latta Rogers (AL)
 Ellsworth Lee Rogers (KY)
 Emanuel Levin Rogers (MI)
 Emerson Lewis (CA) Rohrabacher
 Engel Lewis (GA) Ros-Lehtinen
 English (PA) Lewis (KY) Roskam
 Eshoo Linder Ross
 Etheridge Lipinski Rothman
 Everett LoBiondo Roybal-Allard
 Fallin Loeb sack Royce
 Farr Lofgren, Zoe Ruppertsberger
 Fattah Lowey Ryan (OH)
 Feeney Lucas Ryan (WI)
 Filner Lungren, Daniel Salazar
 Flake E. Sali
 Forbes Lynch Sánchez, Linda
 Fortenberry Mack T.
 Fossella Mahoney (FL) Sanchez, Loretta
 Foster Maloney (NY) Sarbanes
 Foxx Manzullo Scalise
 Frank (MA) Marchant Schakowsky
 Franks (AZ) Markey Schiff
 Frelinghuysen Marshall Schmidt

Schwartz Spratt Walsh (NY)
 Scott (GA) Stark Walz (MN)
 Scott (VA) Stearns Wamp
 Sensenbrenner Stupak Wasserman
 Serrano Sullivan Schultz
 Sestak Sutton Waters
 Shadegg Tancredo Watson
 Shays Tanner Watt
 Shea-Porter Tauscher Waxman
 Sherman Terry Weiner
 Shimkus Thompson (CA) Welch (VT)
 Shuler Thompson (MS) Weldon (FL)
 Shuster Thornberry Weller
 Simpson Tiahrt Westmoreland
 Sires Tiberi Wexler
 Skelton Tierney Whitfield (KY)
 Slaughter Towns Wilson (OH)
 Smith (NE) Tsongas Wilson (SC)
 Smith (NJ) Turner Wittman (VA)
 Smith (TX) Udall (NM) Wolf
 Melancon Smith (WA) Woolsey
 Snyder Van Hollen Wu
 Solis Velázquez Wynn
 Souder Visclosky Yarmuth
 Space Walberg Young (AK)
 Speier Walden (OR) Young (FL)

NAYS—3

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NOT VOTING—29

Neugebauer Poe
 Andrews Ferguson Paul
 Blumenauer Gilchrest Pryce (OH)
 Buyer Gillibrand Putnam
 Crenshaw Gohmert Rush
 Davis (IL) Gutierrez Saxton
 Davis, Tom Hulshof Sessions
 Delahunt Israel Taylor
 Diaz-Balart, L. Kennedy Udall (CO)
 Diaz-Balart, M. Kingston Wilson (NM)
 Dingell Matheson

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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.

The title was amended so as to read: “Resolution expressing support for the designation of a Frank Sinatra Day, in honor of the dedication of the Frank Sinatra commemorative stamp.”

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 4789

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove myself as a cosponsor of H.R. 4789.

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

There was no objection.

VETERANS EMERGENCY CARE FAIRNESS ACT OF 2008

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3819) to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to reimburse veterans receiving emergency treatment in non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities for such treatment until such veterans are transferred to Department facilities, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3819

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Emergency Care Fairness Act of 2008”.

SEC. 2. MANDATORY REIMBURSEMENT OF VETERANS RECEIVING EMERGENCY TREATMENT IN NON-DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FACILITIES UNTIL TRANSFER TO DEPARTMENT FACILITIES.

(a) CERTAIN VETERANS WITHOUT SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY.—Section 1725 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “may reimburse” and inserting “shall reimburse”; and

(2) in subsection (f)(1), by striking subparagraph (C) and inserting the following new subparagraph (C):

“(C) until—

“(i) such time as the veteran can be transferred safely to a Department facility or other Federal facility; or

“(ii) such time as a Department facility or other Federal facility agrees to accept such transfer if—

“(I) at the time described in clause (i), no Department facility or other Federal facility agrees to accept such transfer; and

“(II) the non-Department facility in which such medical care or services is furnished makes and documents reasonable attempts to transfer the veteran to a Department facility or other Federal facility.”.

(b) CERTAIN VETERANS WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY.—Section 1728 of such title is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following new subsection (a):

“(a) The Secretary, under such regulations as the Secretary shall prescribe, shall reimburse veterans entitled to hospital care or medical services under this chapter for the reasonable value of emergency treatment (including travel and incidental expenses under the terms and conditions set forth in section 111 of this title) for which such veterans have made payment, from sources other than the Department, where such emergency treatment was rendered to such veterans in need thereof for any of the following:

“(1) An adjudicated service-connected disability.

“(2) A non-service-connected disability associated with and held to be aggravating a service-connected disability.

“(3) Any disability of a veteran in the veteran has a total disability permanent in nature from a service-connected disability.

“(4) Any illness, injury, or dental condition of a veteran who—

“(A) is a participant in a vocational rehabilitation program (as defined in section 3101(9) of this title); and

“(B) is medically determined to have been in need of care or treatment to make possible the veteran’s entrance into a course of training, or prevent interruption of a course of training, or hasten the return to a course of training which was interrupted because of such illness, injury, or dental condition.”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “care or services” both places it appears and inserting “emergency treatment”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(c) In this section, the term ‘emergency treatment’ has the meaning given such term in section 1725(f)(1) of this title.”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) and the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BUYER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

Mr. FILNER. I thank the Speaker.