

to get justice. There is no other place for them to go to get enforcement of the law. And it's only the law that keeps them in a safe working place. But, unfortunately, there are still mine owners in this day and age who insist that they have a right to violate that law.

Today if you do it, you get a slap on the wrist. Pass this law and it's a felony. And that's what's, unfortunately, necessary. We've tried it the other way, with self-enforcement. We've tried it the other way, and it hasn't worked. I have interviewed too many families that have lost people in the mine, and the time has come to stop that. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

Let's honor the commitments that everybody makes the first 48 hours after one of these tragedies takes place that we are going to make sure it never happens again, but we haven't done it. But this is a big step forward. I thank my colleagues for their consideration of this legislation and urge their support.

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Robert C. Byrd Mine Safety Protection Act, H.R. 6495.

As a scientist, I have paid some attention to mine safety technology and overall safety standards. I also feel strongly about the concerns of the mining industry because I was born and raised in West Virginia, where my father many years ago as a U.S. Senator, was known as one of the best friends a miner ever had.

Today, coal mining is rated among the most dangerous jobs in America. It does not have to be that way. In the wake of the Sago, Darby, Crandall Canyon, and the recent Big Branch mine tragedy, I was pleased to work with Chairman MILLER on the Committee on Education and Labor to write legislation that will hold negligent mine operators accountable and help the Mine Safety and Health Administration, MSHA, avoid future tragedies.

The Robert C. Byrd Mine Safety Protection Act would help make underground mines with long histories of serious and repeat violations safer. This bill would increase the maximum penalties for those who tamper with or disable safety equipment and replace the flawed "pattern or violations" sanction system with a rehabilitation program that is supported by mine workers and mine owners. Importantly, this bill protects miner's rights to blow the whistle when they know unsafe conditions exist.

My good friend Cecil Roberts, the International President of the United Mine Workers of America, wrote to us in support of this bill and to remind us that 48 coal miners have died this year. Further, 600 mine workers have lost their lives in the last decade "and thousands more have died from the crippling consequence of exposure to respirable coal dust—exposure resulting from chronic violation of existing standards."

Today we are updating our nation's laws to protect mine workers, make mines safer, and strengthen penalties for mine owners who put their workers in needless danger. We are doing this in memory of the coal miners who have lost their lives, to keep faith with their families, and to protect the lives of miners who still go to work every day.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ETHERIDGE). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6495, 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. GUTHRIE. 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.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order: adoption of House Resolution 1752, by the yeas and nays; and suspending the rules with regard to H.R. 6495, by the yeas and nays; H. Res. 1402, de novo; and H. Res. 1704, de novo.

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

#### WAIVING REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on adoption of the resolution (H. Res. 1752) waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, 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 resolution.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 215, nays 194, not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 615]

YEAS—215

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Andrews  
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Baldwin  
Barrow  
Becerra  
Berkley  
Berman  
Bishop (GA)  
Bishop (NY)  
Blumenauer  
Boswell

Boucher  
Boyd  
Brady (PA)  
Braley (IA)  
Brown, Corrine  
Butterfield  
Capps  
Capuano  
Carnahan  
Carney  
Carson (IN)  
Castor (FL)  
Chandler

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Clarke  
Clay  
Cleaver  
Clyburn  
Connolly (VA)  
Cooper  
Costello  
Courtney  
Critz  
Crowley  
Cuellar  
Cummings

Dahlkemper  
Davis (AL)  
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Davis (TN)  
DeFazio  
DeGette  
DeLauro  
Deutch  
Dicks  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Doyle  
Driehaus  
Edwards (MD)  
Edwards (TX)  
Ellison  
Engel  
Eshoo  
Etheridge  
Farr  
Fattah  
Filner  
Foster  
Frank (MA)  
Fudge  
Garamendi  
Giffords  
Gonzalez  
Grayson  
Green, Al  
Green, Gene  
Grijalva  
Gutierrez  
Hall (NY)  
Halvorson  
Hare  
Harman  
Hastings (FL)  
Heinrich  
Higgins  
Hill  
Himes  
Hinchee  
Hinojosa  
Hirono  
Hodes  
Holden  
Holt  
Honda  
Hoyer  
Inslee  
Israel  
Jackson (IL)  
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Johnson (GA)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Kagen  
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Kaptur  
Kennedy  
Kildee  
Kilroy  
Kind  
Kissell  
Klein (FL)  
Kosmas  
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Langevin  
Larsen (WA)  
Larson (CT)  
Lee (CA)  
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Lewis (GA)  
Lipinski  
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Lofgren, Zoe  
Lowey  
Lujan  
Lynch  
Maffei  
Maloney  
Markey (CO)  
Markey (MA)  
Matsui  
McCarthy (NY)  
McColum  
McDermott  
McGovern  
McIntyre  
McNerney  
Meek (FL)  
Meeks (NY)  
Melancon  
Miller (NC)  
Miller, George  
Moore (KS)  
Moore (WI)  
Moran (VA)  
Murphy (CT)  
Murphy, Patrick  
Nadler (NY)  
Napolitano  
Neal (MA)  
Oberstar  
Olver  
Ortiz  
Owens  
Pallone  
Pascarell  
Pastor (AZ)  
Payne  
Perlmutter  
Peterson  
Pingree (ME)  
Polis (CO)  
Pomeroy  
Price (NC)  
Rahall

Rangel  
Reyes  
Richardson  
Rodriguez  
Rothman (NJ)  
Roybal-Allard  
Ruppersberger  
Rush  
Ryan (OH)  
Salazar  
Sánchez, Linda T.  
Sanchez, Loretta  
Sarbanes  
Schakowsky  
Schauer  
Schiff  
Schrader  
Schwartz  
Scott (GA)  
Scott (VA)  
Serrano  
Sestak  
Shea-Porter  
Sherman  
Sires  
Skelton  
Slaughter  
Smith (WA)  
Snyder  
Speier  
Spratt  
Stark  
Stupak  
Sutton  
Tanner  
Teague  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Tierney  
Titus  
Tonko  
Townes  
Tsongas  
Van Hollen  
Velázquez  
Visclosky  
Walz  
Wasserman  
Schultz  
Watson  
Watt  
Waxman  
Weiner  
Welch  
Wilson (OH)  
Woolsey  
Wu  
Yarmuth

NAYS—194

Aderholt  
Adler (NJ)  
Akin  
Alexander  
Altmire  
Austria  
Bachmann  
Bachus  
Baird  
Barrett (SC)  
Bartlett  
Barton (TX)  
Bean  
Biggart  
Bilirakis  
Bishop (UT)  
Blackburn  
Bocchieri  
Boehner  
Bonner  
Bono Mack  
Boozman  
Boren  
Boustany  
Brady (TX)  
Bright  
Broun (GA)  
Brown (SC)  
Brown-Waite,  
Ginny  
Buchanan  
Burgess  
Burton (IN)  
Buyer  
Calvert  
Campbell  
Cantor

Cao  
Capito  
Cardoza  
Carter  
Cassidy  
Hall (TX)  
Chaffetz  
Childers  
Coble  
Coffman (CO)  
Cole  
Conaway  
Costa  
Crenshaw  
Culberson  
Davis (KY)  
Dent  
Diaz-Balart, L.  
Diaz-Balart, M.  
Djou  
Donnelly (IN)  
Dreier  
Duncan  
Ehlers  
Ellsworth  
Emerson  
Flake  
Fleming  
Forbes  
Fortenberry  
Foxy  
Franks (AZ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Gallegly  
Garrett (NJ)  
Gerlach  
Gingrey (GA)

Gohmert  
Goodlatte  
Graves (GA)  
Graves (MO)  
Guthrie  
Hall (TX)  
Harper  
Hastings (WA)  
Heller  
Hensarling  
Herger  
Herseth Sandlin  
Hunter  
Inglis  
Issa  
Jenkins  
Johnson (IL)  
Johnson, Sam  
Jones  
Jordan (OH)  
King (IA)  
King (NY)  
Kingston  
Kline (MN)  
Kratovil  
Lamborn  
Lance  
Latham  
LaTourrette  
Latta  
Lee (NY)  
Lewis (CA)  
Linder  
LoBiondo  
Lucas  
Luetkemeyer  
Lummis