

colloquy here on the floor as we consider this Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies appropriations bill.

Mr. Chairman, many veterans have returned home from Iraq and Afghanistan with severe disabilities; and when their service results in a disability, we have a duty to help them. And one way that veterans receive this help is through the use of guide dogs. Now, the way the process works, veterans are assessed and they're trained for orientation and mobility. If a veteran needs a guide dog, information on how to contact guide dog schools is provided. Essentially, the veteran is referred to a nonprofit. There's no funding provided directly from the VA to these nonprofits; and with the costs associated with training these dogs, it takes time to raise the money which, in turn, causes a backlog for veterans, as well as for nonveterans.

□ 1610

We have to look at this issue and see what it is that the Veterans Administration can do to help because these dogs mean so much to those who need them.

Mr. CULBERSON. Will the ranking member yield?

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. I yield to the chairman of the subcommittee.

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. BISHOP, the gentleman from Pennsylvania has raised a very important matter that we need to look into in the subcommittee as we move into conference. And I want to reassure the gentleman from Pennsylvania that the subcommittee and I will work diligently with him to look further into this issue to find ways that we can help make sure that the veterans who need guide dogs and service dogs get them.

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. I am sure, Mr. Chairman, that Mr. FATTAH and other Members will be very, very appreciative of you. We thank you for your comments, and we look forward to working with all of our colleagues to support our veterans and their families.

Mr. DICKS. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. I would be delighted to yield to the gentleman from Washington.

Mr. DICKS. I just want to mention a program called Pets for Patriots. I happened to have attended an event here just about a week ago where there is a national organization being created to get pets for our returning veterans and especially for some of those who have very serious injuries. So I think there is a real need for this, and I think it's been demonstrated. And I commend Mr. FATTAH for his diligence and for your help in raising this issue.

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Thank you very much for your comments.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise. The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. FITZPATRICK) having assumed the chair, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2055) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 13 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LANKFORD) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 288 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House on the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2055.

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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 further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2055) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes, with Mr. WESTMORELAND (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, the amendment offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FITZPATRICK) had been disposed of and the bill had been read through page 61, line 2.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, proceedings will now resume on those amendments on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

The amendment by Mr. LATOURETTE of Ohio.

Amendment No. 4 by Mr. AMASH of Michigan.

Amendment No. 2 by Mr. SHERMAN of California.

The Chair will reduce to 2 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first vote in this series.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. LATOURETTE

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 204, noes 203, not voting 25, as follows:

[Roll No. 413]

AYES—204

Ackerman	Green, Gene	Neal
Altmire	Grimm	Olver
Andrews	Gutierrez	Owens
Baca	Hanabusa	Pallone
Baldwin	Hastings (FL)	Pascrell
Barrow	Hayworth	Pastor (AZ)
Barton (TX)	Heinrich	Payne
Bass (CA)	Himes	Pelosi
Becerra	Hinchey	Perlmutter
Berkley	Hinojosa	Peters
Berman	Hirono	Peterson
Biggert	Hochul	Petri
Bishop (GA)	Holden	Pingree (ME)
Bishop (NY)	Holt	Polis
Blumenauer	Honda	Price (NC)
Boswell	Hoyer	Quigley
Brady (PA)	Inslee	Rahall
Braley (IA)	Israel	Rangel
Brown (FL)	Jackson (IL)	Reichert
Capps	Jackson Lee	Reyes
Capuano	(TX)	Richardson
Carnahan	Johnson (GA)	Richmond
Carney	Johnson (IL)	Ros-Lehtinen
Carson (IN)	Johnson, E. B.	Roskam
Castor (FL)	Kaptur	Ross (AR)
Chandler	Keating	Rothman (NJ)
Chu	Kildee	Roybal-Allard
Ciциlline	Kind	Runyan
Clarke (MI)	King (NY)	Ruppersberger
Clarke (NY)	Kissell	Ryan (OH)
Clay	Kucinich	Sánchez, Linda
Cleaver	Lance	T.
Clyburn	Langevin	Sanchez, Loretta
Cohen	Larsen (WA)	Sarbanes
Connolly (VA)	Larson (CT)	Schakowsky
Conyers	LaTourette	Schiff
Cooper	Levin	Schmidt
Costa	Lewis (GA)	Schock
Costello	Lipinski	Schrader
Courtney	LoBiondo	Schwartz
Critz	Loeb sack	Scott (VA)
Crowley	Lofgren, Zoe	Scott, David
Cuellar	Lowey	Serrano
Cummings	Luján	Sewell
Davis (CA)	Lynch	Sherman
Davis (IL)	Maloney	Shuler
DeFazio	Markey	Sires
DeGette	Matheson	Smith (NJ)
DeLauro	Matsui	Smith (WA)
Deutch	McCarthy (NY)	Stark
Diaz-Balart	McCollum	Sutton
Dicks	McCotter	Thompson (CA)
Doggett	McDermott	Thompson (MS)
Dold	McGovern	Tierney
Donnelly (IN)	McIntyre	Tonko
Doyle	McKinley	Towns
Edwards	McNerney	Turner
Ellison	Meeks	Van Hollen
Emerson	Michaud	Velázquez
Farr	Miller (NC)	Visclosky
Fattah	Miller, George	Walsh (IL)
Filner	Moore	Walz (MN)
Frank (MA)	Moran	Waters
Fudge	Murphy (CT)	Watt
Garamendi	Murphy (PA)	Waxman
Gonzalez	Nadler	Welch
Green, Al	Napolitano	