

emergency contingent of that participating jurisdiction and to representatives of deceased members of those forces if the members sustain injuries or are killed while rendering aid pursuant to this compact, in the same manner and on the same terms as if the injury or death were sustained within their own jurisdiction.

“ARTICLE IX—REIMBURSEMENT

“Any participating jurisdiction rendering aid in another jurisdiction pursuant to this compact shall, if requested, be reimbursed by the participating jurisdiction receiving such aid for any loss or damage to, or expense incurred in, the operation of any equipment and the provision of any service in answering a request for aid and for the costs incurred in connection with those requests. An aiding participating jurisdiction may assume in whole or in part any such loss, damage, expense, or other cost or may loan such equipment or donate such services to the receiving participating jurisdiction without charge or cost. Any 2 or more participating jurisdictions may enter into supplementary agreements establishing a different allocation of costs among those jurisdictions. Expenses under article VIII are not reimbursable under this section.

“ARTICLE X—IMPLEMENTATION

“(a) This compact is effective upon its execution or adoption by any 1 State and 1 province, and is effective as to any other jurisdiction upon its execution or adoption thereby: subject to approval or authorization by the United States Congress, if required, and subject to enactment of provincial or State legislation that may be required for the effectiveness of the Memorandum of Understanding.

“(b) Additional jurisdictions may participate in this compact upon execution or adoption thereof.

“(c) Any participating jurisdiction may withdraw from this compact, but the withdrawal does not take effect until 30 days after the governor or premier of the withdrawing jurisdiction has given notice in writing of such withdrawal to the governors or premiers of all other participating jurisdictions. The action does not relieve the withdrawing jurisdiction from obligations assumed under this compact prior to the effective date of withdrawal.

“(d) Duly authenticated copies of this compact in the French and English languages and of such supplementary agreements as may be entered into shall, at the time of their approval, be deposited with each of the participating jurisdictions.

“ARTICLE XI—SEVERABILITY

“This compact is construed to effectuate the purposes stated in Article I. If any provision of this compact is declared unconstitutional or the applicability of the compact to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this compact and the applicability of the compact to other persons and circumstances are not affected.

“ARTICLE XII—CONSISTENCY OF LANGUAGE

“The validity of the arrangements and agreements consented to in this compact shall not be affected by any insubstantial difference in form or language as may be adopted by the various states and provinces.”

**SEC. 2. INCONSISTENCY OF LANGUAGE.**

The validity of the arrangements consented to by this Act shall not be affected by any insubstantial difference in their form or language as adopted by the States and provinces.

**SEC. 3. RIGHT TO ALTER, AMEND, OR REPEAL.**

The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CONNOLLY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material in the RECORD on this joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support today of S.J. Res. 44, “Granting the Consent of Congress to the State and Province Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding”, a bill introduced by Senator KOHL of Wisconsin.

This bill is non-controversial and passed the Senate in September under unanimous consent with the full support of the National Emergency Management Association.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, this legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

S.J. Res. 44 gives our northern states the ability to enter into an agreement with Canadian provinces to facilitate cross border emergency management assistance through mutual aid.

The purpose of this legislation is to provide mutual assistance among entities that have entered into these agreements for the management of any emergency or disaster when requested.

This bill will allow states to coordinate relief efforts with their Canadian counterparts in order to better respond to any disaster that may impact both jurisdictions.

Mr. Speaker, my Congressional district is very familiar with the financial and emotional impact that a natural disaster can cause to our communities.

We must ensure that we leverage all of our resources to better prepare, coordinate, and respond to any such disasters when they arise.

I strongly support the passage of this legislation and look forward to the President signing it into law.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I also rise in support of S.J. Res. 44, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

This resolution provides the consent of Congress for a Memorandum of Understanding reached among a number U.S. states and Canadian provinces to provide for mutual assistance in managing an emergency or disaster.

This MOU, which includes states in the upper Midwest and the provinces of central Canada, is very similar to existing cross-border agreements in the Northeast and Pacific Northwest.

These agreements provide for the sharing of personnel, equipment and other resources in an emergency or disaster, whether natural or man-made.

In the past, they have provided a framework for U.S. crews to help their Canadian counterparts clear roads after blizzards and to deploy search and rescue teams.

Mr. Speaker, as all of us know, disasters do not respect political boundaries, and it is in our interest to allow our states to coordinate emergency preparedness efforts with our close friends and allies to the north.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution, S.J. Res. 44.

The question was taken.

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. 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. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 3159, de novo;

H.R. 4057, de novo;

S. 3202, de novo.

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

FOREIGN AID TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2012

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill (H.R. 3159) to direct the President, in consultation with the Department of State, United States Agency for International Development, Millennium Challenge Corporation, and the Department of Defense, to establish guidelines for United States foreign assistance programs, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, 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.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 390, nays 0, not voting 41, as follows:

[Roll No. 649]

YEAS—390

Ackerman	DeLauro	Jackson Lee
Adams	DelBene	(TX)
Aderholt	Denham	Jenkins
Akin	Dent	Johnson (GA)
Alexander	DesJarlais	Johnson (OH)
Altmire	Deutch	Johnson, E. B.
Amash	Diaz-Balart	Jordan
Amodei	Dicks	Kaptur
Andrews	Dingell	Kelly
Austria	Doggett	Kildee
Baca	Dold	Kind
Bachmann	Donnelly (IN)	King (IA)
Bachus	Doyle	King (NY)
Baldwin	Dreier	Kingston
Barber	Duffy	Kinzinger (IL)
Barletta	Duncan (SC)	Kline
Barrow	Duncan (TN)	Kucinich
Bartlett	Edwards	Labrador
Barton (TX)	Ellison	Lamborn
Bass (CA)	Ellmers	Lance
Benishek	Emerson	Langevin
Berg	Engel	Lankford
Berkley	Eshoo	Larsen (WA)
Berman	Latham	Latham
Biggert	Farenthold	LaTourette
Bilbray	Farr	Latta
Bilirakis	Fattah	Lee (CA)
Bishop (GA)	Fincher	Levin
Bishop (NY)	Fitzpatrick	Lewis (GA)
Bishop (UT)	Flake	LoBiondo
Black	Fleischmann	Loeb sack
Blackburn	Fleming	Loftgren, Zoe
Blumenauer	Flores	Long
Bonamici	Fortenberry	Lowe y
Bonner	Fox x	Lucas
Boren	Frank (MA)	Luetkemeyer
Boswell	Franks (AZ)	Lujan
Boustany	Frelinghuysen	Lummis
Brady (PA)	Fudge	Lungren, Daniel
Brady (TX)	Garamendi	E.
Braley (IA)	Gardner	Lynch
Brooks	Garrett	Maloney
Brown (GA)	Gibbs	Manzullo
Brown (FL)	Gibson	Marchant
Buchanan	Gohmert	Marino
Bucshon	Gonzalez	Markey
Buerkle	Goodlatte	Massie
Burgess	Gosar	Matheson
Butterfield	Gowdy	Matsui
Calvert	Granger	McCarthy (CA)
Camp	Graves (GA)	McCarthy (NY)
Campbell	Green, Al	McCaul
Canseco	Green, Gene	McClintock
Cantor	Griffin (AR)	McColum
Capito	Griffith (VA)	McDermott
Capps	Grijalva	McGovern
Capuano	Grimm	McHenry
Carnahan	Guinta	McIntyre
Carney	Guthrie	McKeon
Carson (IN)	Hahn	McKinley
Carter	Hall	McMorris
Cassidy	Hanabusa	Rodgers
Castor (FL)	Hanna	McNerney
Chabot	Harper	Meehan
Chaffetz	Harris	Meeks
Chu	Hartzler	Mica
Cicilline	Hastings (FL)	Michaud
Clarke (MI)	Hastings (WA)	Miller (FL)
Clarke (NY)	Hayworth	Miller (MI)
Clyburn	Heck	Miller (NC)
Coble	Heinrich	Miller, Gary
Coffman (CO)	Hensarling	Miller, George
Cohen	Herger	Moore
Cole	Herrera Beutler	Moran
Conaway	Higgins	Mulvaney
Connolly (VA)	Himes	Murphy (CT)
Conyers	Hinche y	Murphy (PA)
Cooper	Hinojosa	Myrick
Costa	Hirono	Napolitano
Courtney	Hochul	Neal
Cravaack	Holden	Neugebauer
Crawford	Holt	Noem
Crenshaw	Honda	Nugent
Critz	Hoyer	Nunes
Cuellar	Huelskamp	Nunnelee
Culbertson	Huizenga (MI)	Olson
Cummings	Hultgren	Olver
Curson (MI)	Hunter	Owens
Davis (CA)	Hurt	Palazzo
Davis (IL)	Israel	Pallone
DeFazio	Issa	Pascrell

Paulsen	Rothman (NJ)	Sullivan
Payne	Royce	Sutton
Pearce	Runyan	Terry
Pelosi	Ruppersberger	Thompson (CA)
Perlmutter	Rush	Thompson (MS)
Peters	Ryan (OH)	Thompson (PA)
Peterson	Ryan (WI)	Tiberi
Petri	Sanchez, Linda	Tierney
Pingree (ME)	T.	Tipton
Pitts	Sanchez, Loretta	Tonko
Platts	Sarbanes	Towns
Poe (TX)	Scalise	Tsongas
Polis	Schakowsky	Turner (NY)
Polis	Schiff	Turner (OH)
Pompeo	Schilling	Upton
Posey	Schmidt	Van Hollen
Price (GA)	Schrader	Velazquez
Price (NC)	Schwartz	Walberg
Quayle	Schweikert	Walden
Quigley	Scott (SC)	Walsh (IL)
Rahall	Scott (VA)	Walz (MN)
Rangel	Scott, Austin	Wasserman
Reed	Scott, David	Schultz
Rehberg	Sensenbrenner	Waters
Reichert	Serrano	Watt
Renacci	Sessions	Waxman
Ribble	Sewell	Webster
Richardson	Sherman	West
Richmond	Shimkus	Westmoreland
Rigell	Shuster	Whitfield
Rivera	Simpson	Wilson (FL)
Roby	Sires	Wilson (SC)
Roe (TN)	Slaughter	Wittman
Rogers (AL)	Smith (NE)	Wolf
Rogers (KY)	Smith (NJ)	Womack
Rogers (MI)	Smith (TX)	Woodall
Rokita	Southerland	Yarmuth
Rooney	Speier	Yoder
Ros-Lehtinen	Stearns	Young (AK)
Roskam	Stivers	Young (FL)
Ross (AR)	Stutzman	Young (IN)
Ross (FL)		

sion of information on institutions of higher learning, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the yeas have it.

Mr. REED. 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 392, nays 3, not voting 36, as follows:

[Roll No. 650]

YEAS—392

Bass (NH)	Graves (MO)	Paul
Becerra	Gutierrez	Pence
Bono Mack	Johnson (IL)	Reyes
Burton (IN)	Johnson, Sam	Rohrabacher
Chandler	Jones	Roybal-Allard
Clay	Keating	Schock
Cleaver	Kissell	Shuler
Costello	Landry	Smith (WA)
Crowley	Larson (CT)	Stark
DeGette	Lewis (CA)	Thornberry
Forbes	Lipinski	Viscosky
Gallegly	Mack	Welch
Gerlach	Nadler	Woolsey
Gingrey (GA)	Pastor (AZ)	

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title was amended so as to read: "A bill to direct the President to establish guidelines for United States foreign development assistance, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 649, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY OF EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR VETERANS ACT OF 2012

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and concurring in the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 4057) to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop a comprehensive policy to improve outreach and transparency to veterans and members of the Armed Forces through the provi-

Ackerman	Coble	Gowdy
Adams	Coffman (CO)	Granger
Aderholt	Cohen	Graves (GA)
Akin	Cole	Green, Al
Alexander	Conaway	Green, Gene
Altmire	Connolly (VA)	Griffin (AR)
Amodei	Conyers	Griffith (VA)
Andrews	Cooper	Grijalva
Austria	Costa	Grimm
Baca	Courtney	Guinta
Bachmann	Cravaack	Guthrie
Bachus	Crawford	Hahn
Baldwin	Crenshaw	Hall
Barber	Critz	Hanabusa
Barletta	Crowley	Hanna
Barrow	Cuellar	Harper
Bartlett	Culbertson	Harris
Barton (TX)	Cummings	Hartzler
Bass (CA)	Curson (MI)	Hastings (FL)
Becerra	Davis (CA)	Hastings (WA)
Benishek	Davis (IL)	Hayworth
Berg	DeFazio	Heck
Berkley	DeLauro	Heinrich
Berman	DelBene	Hensarling
Biggert	Denham	Herger
Bilbray	Dent	Herrera Beutler
Bilirakis	DesJarlais	Higgins
Bishop (GA)	Deutch	Himes
Bishop (NY)	Diaz-Balart	Hinche y
Bishop (UT)	Dicks	Hinojosa
Black	Dingell	Hirono
Blackburn	Doggett	Hochul
Blumenauer	Dold	Holden
Bonamici	Donnelly (IN)	Holt
Bonner	Doyle	Honda
Boren	Dreier	Hoyer
Boswell	Duffy	Huelskamp
Boustany	Duncan (SC)	Huizenga (MI)
Brady (PA)	Duncan (TN)	Hultgren
Brady (TX)	Edwards	Hunter
Braley (IA)	Ellison	Hurt
Broun (GA)	Ellmers	Israel
Brown (FL)	Emerson	Issa
Buchanan	Engel	Jackson Lee
Bucshon	Eshoo	(TX)
Buerkle	Farenthold	Jenkins
Burgess	Farr	Johnson (GA)
Butterfield	Fattah	Johnson (OH)
Calvert	Fincher	Johnson, E. B.
Camp	Fitzpatrick	Jordan
Campbell	Flake	Kaptur
Canseco	Fleischmann	Keating
Cantor	Fleming	Kelly
Capito	Flores	Kildee
Capps	Forbes	Kind
Capuano	Fortenberry	King (IA)
Carnahan	Fox x	King (NY)
Carney	Frank (MA)	Kingston
Carson (IN)	Franks (AZ)	Kinzinger (IL)
Carter	Frelinghuysen	Kline
Cassidy	Fudge	Kucinich
Castor (FL)	Gardner	Labrador
Chabot	Garrett	Lamborn
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