

there's evidence that chemical weapons were used in the Syrian civil war. Worries persist that in the chaos of this war, dangerous chemical agents could fall into the hands of terrorists or other rogue operators. The prospect that biological and nuclear weapons could fall into the wrong hands is also very concerning.

Recognizing that effective information-sharing is essential to preventing a WMD attack, H.R. 1542 requires the Department of Homeland Security to support homeland security-focused analysis of terrorist actors and their plans to conduct attacks involving chemical, biological, and nuclear materials against the Nation.

This bill requires DHS to coordinate with other components and the intelligence community and other Federal, State, local, and tribal authorities to provide recommendations on information-sharing mechanisms.

Robust partnership between DHS and local law enforcement is critical to enhancing situational awareness with respect to terrorism prevention, including prevention of a WMD attack.

I'm pleased to support this bipartisan bill and would like to acknowledge that the language under consideration today originated in comprehensive WMD legislation authored by my former committee colleague, Representative BILL PASCRELL of New Jersey.

While I support this measure, I would hope that this Congress could move forward on more comprehensive WMD prevention legislation in the very near future.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I thank the gentleman from Mississippi for his comments, and I also want to recognize, as he does, the great work that was done by Congressman PASCRELL on this issue, as well, here in this House. And when I had the good fortune to begin to do work on the House Homeland Security Committee, it was Congressman PASCRELL who was among those who brought this issue to our attention and the failure or the lack of the ability to see the issues that the Commission put forward be put into place. So I want to thank him for his good work on this issue, as well.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers at this point. So if the gentleman from Mississippi has no further speakers, I'm certainly prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, as I have no further speakers and I am prepared to close, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of H.R. 1542 today. Enactment of this measure will strengthen the partnership between the Department of Homeland Security and our Nation's first preventers against one of the most vexing homeland security threats, weapons of mass destruction.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I thank the gentleman from Mississippi, and I want to thank my colleagues for their support of H.R. 1542. This is a vitally important piece of legislation, as has been identified in the earlier comments of the gentleman from Mississippi, and I echo them myself, particularly this concern, as we engage in a world in which the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, particularly those which are chemical weapons, which we do not know whether they may have fallen into the hands of not only Syria, but Libya, as well, creates a heightened sense of need and awareness on the part of those in our intelligence committees to do all to assure there is collaboration on intelligence that they derive in these areas with the partners on the Federal, State, and local levels.

So I urge Members to support this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MEEHAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1542.

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. MEEHAN. 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, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

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 5 o'clock and 24 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HOLDING) at 6 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.

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. 1542, by the yeas and nays;

H. Con. Res. 44, by the yeas and nays.

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

WMD INTELLIGENCE AND INFORMATION SHARING ACT OF 2013

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1542) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish weapons of mass destruction intelligence and information sharing functions of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security and to require dissemination of information analyzed by the Department to entities with responsibilities relating to homeland security, and for other purposes, 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 Pennsylvania (Mr. MEEHAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 388, nays 3, not voting 42, as follows:

[Roll No. 375]  
YEAS—388

Aderholt	Collins (NY)	Gibson
Amash	Conaway	Gingrey (GA)
Amodel	Connolly	Gohmert
Andrews	Conyers	Goodlatte
Bachmann	Cook	Gosar
Bachus	Cooper	Gowdy
Barletta	Costa	Granger
Barr	Cotton	Graves (GA)
Barrow (GA)	Courtney	Graves (MO)
Barton	Cramer	Grayson
Bass	Crawford	Green, Al
Beatty	Crenshaw	Green, Gene
Becerra	Crowley	Griffin (AR)
Benishek	Cuellar	Griffith (VA)
Bentivolio	Cummings	Guthrie
Bera (CA)	Daines	Hahn
Bilirakis	Davis, Danny	Hall
Bishop (GA)	Davis, Rodney	Hanabusa
Bishop (NY)	Delaney	Harper
Bishop (UT)	DeLauro	Harris
Black	DeBene	Hartzler
Blackburn	Denham	Hastings (FL)
Blumenauer	Dent	Hastings (WA)
Bonamici	DeSantis	Heck (NV)
Bonner	DesJarlais	Heck (WA)
Boustany	Deutch	Hensarling
Brady (PA)	Diaz-Balart	Himes
Brady (TX)	Dingell	Hinojosa
Bridenstine	Doggett	Holding
Brooks (AL)	Doyle	Honda
Brooks (IN)	Duckworth	Hoyer
Broun (GA)	Duffy	Hudson
Brown (FL)	Duncan (SC)	Huelskamp
Brownley (CA)	Duncan (TN)	Huffman
Buchanan	Edwards	Huizenga (MI)
Burgess	Ellison	Hultgren
Bustos	Enyart	Hurt
Butterfield	Eshoo	Israel
Calvert	Esty	Issa
Camp	Farenthold	Jackson Lee
Cantor	Farr	Jeffries
Capito	Fattah	Jenkins
Capuano	Fincher	Johnson (GA)
Carney	Fitzpatrick	Johnson (OH)
Carson (IN)	Fleischmann	Johnson, E. B.
Cartwright	Fleming	Johnson, Sam
Cassidy	Flores	Jordan
Castor (FL)	Forbes	Joyce
Castro (TX)	Fortenberry	Kaptur
Chabot	Foster	Keating
Chaffetz	Foxx	Kelly (IL)
Chu	Frankel (FL)	Kelly (PA)
Ciicilline	Franks (AZ)	Kennedy
Clarke	Frelinghuysen	Kildee
Clay	Fudge	Kilmer
Cleaver	Gabbard	Kind
Clyburn	Gallego	King (IA)
Coble	Garcia	King (NY)
Coffman	Gardner	Kinzinger (IL)
Cohen	Garrett	Kirkpatrick
Cole	Gerlach	Kline
Collins (GA)	Gibbs	Labrador