

where he served his constituents for six terms.

Congressman Dymally served on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs where he was the Chair of the Subcommittee on International Operations. Dymally also became the only other black to chair the Subcommittee on Africa, succeeding former Detroit Representative Charles Diggs who held the post 20 years earlier than that. In his first year he traveled to 20 African countries. He launched the drive to increase the number of minority business investments on the continent and paid particular attention to the United States policies toward assistance levels to African and the Caribbean nations. In addition to his position on the Foreign Affairs Committee, Mervyn also served on the Post Office and Civil Service Committee and the Committee on the District of Columbia, chairing its Subcommittee on Judiciary and Education. While in Congress, Dymally sponsored legislation advocating several human rights issues. One of his crowning achievements was the passage of legislation authorizing relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction in war-torn Liberia.

When Mervyn retired in 1992, he was praised for leadership in raising the Congress' awareness of the suffering and misery in Africa and his ability to devise new initiatives for remedies.

Since his retirement from Congress Mervyn was quoted as saying, "In retirement I am busier now than ever." Indeed he is. Since leaving Congress, Mr. Speaker, he has traveled extensively to Africa and to the Caribbean. His duties as President of the Grace Home for Waiting Children and Chairman of the Caribbean Action Lobby keep the time on his schedule at a premium.

Former Congressman Dymally is also a distinguished professor at the Central State University in Ohio and is also the President of the Dymally International Group, a consulting and financial advisory firm.

If these activities were not enough to keep him busy, former Congressman Dymally serves as Honorary Counsel to the Republic of Benin, West Africa, and Vice President of the Pacific Century Institute.

At every step in his career Mervyn has made his family proud. He has demonstrated to us what hard work and dedication to one's belief can accomplish. He dedicated his life to serving the people of the State of California and was the pride of his native Trinidad.

In an age of 30-second sound bites, Mervyn rarely held press conferences and often steered clear of glitzy words. He was a diligent and capable advocate for the needs of his constituents and will also be known as an industrious, savvy politician. Designating the post office located in Compton, California, as the Mervyn Dymally Post Office Building is a honor befitting his service to his community and to the State of California.

I would like to thank his wife, Alice, his children, Mark and Lynn Dymally, and his grandchildren, Maya, Christian and Cameron, for sharing him with us. I would also like to thank the members of the California delegation and other members for joining me in cosponsoring this legislation and paying tribute to one of California's political giants and one of the most distinguished statesmen I have ever known and had the privilege of knowing, the gentleman of California, Congressman Mervyn Dymally.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

We have no further speakers, and so I commend once again the chairman of this subcommittee for the outstanding work that he and the ranking member, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATAH), did. It has been a pleasure working with them and other members of the committee throughout this past session, and we look forward to another great time beginning in January.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, let me return the fine and very gracious compliment of the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS). I, too, thoroughly enjoyed working with him and with his colleagues on the minority side, but also I think it really speaks well of our colleagues on both sides. It has been a pleasure, and, with the vagaries of democracy aside, I am looking forward perhaps to working with him in the future.

So with that, Mr. Speaker, and a final word of praise to the gentlewoman from California who sponsored this very worthy measure, I would urge our colleagues to support this bill.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2348.

The question was taken.

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GUTKNECHT). Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I 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 5 of rule I, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order: H.R. 4616 by the yeas and nays and H.R. 2348 by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 4616.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4616, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were— yeas 425, nays 0, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 491]
YEAS—425

Abercrombie	Coble	Gejdenson
Ackerman	Coburn	Gekas
Aderholt	Collins	Gephardt
Allen	Combest	Gibbons
Andrews	Condit	Gilchrest
Archer	Conyers	Gillmor
Armey	Cook	Gilman
Bachus	Costello	Gonzalez
Baesler	Cox	Goode
Baker	Coyne	Goodlatte
Baldacci	Cramer	Goodling
Ballenger	Crane	Gordon
Barcia	Crapo	Goss
Barr	Cubin	Graham
Barrett (NE)	Cummings	Granger
Barrett (WI)	Cunningham	Green
Bartlett	Danner	Gutierrez
Barton	Davis (FL)	Gutknecht
Bass	Davis (IL)	Hall (OH)
Bateman	Davis (VA)	Hall (TX)
Becerra	Deal	HAMILTON
Bentsen	DeFazio	Hansen
Bereuter	DeGette	Harman
Berman	Delahunt	Hastert
Berry	DeLauro	Hastings (FL)
Bilbray	DeLay	Hastings (WA)
Bilirakis	Deutsch	Hayworth
Bishop	Diaz-Balart	Hefley
Blagojevich	Dickey	Hefner
Bliley	Dicks	Hergert
Blumenuauer	Dingell	Hill
Blunt	Dixon	Hilleary
Boehrlert	Doggett	Hilliard
Boehner	Dooley	Hinchee
Bonilla	Doolittle	Hinojosa
Bonior	Doyle	Hobson
Bono	Dreier	Hoekstra
Borski	Duncan	Holden
Boswell	Dunn	Hoolley
Boucher	Edwards	Horn
Boyd	Ehlers	Horstetter
Brady (PA)	Ehrlich	Houghton
Brady (TX)	Emerson	Hoyer
Brown (CA)	Engel	Hulshof
Brown (FL)	English	Hunter
Brown (OH)	Ensign	Hutchinson
Bryant	Eshoo	Hyde
Bunning	Etheridge	Inglis
Burr	Evans	Istook
Burton	Everett	Jackson (IL)
Buyer	Ewing	Jackson-Lee
Callahan	Farr	(TX)
Calvert	Fattah	Jefferson
Camp	Fawell	Jenkins
Campbell	Fazio	John
Canady	Filner	Johnson (CT)
Cannon	Foley	Johnson (WI)
Capps	Forbes	Johnson, E. B.
Cardin	Ford	Johnson, Sam
Carson	Fossella	Jones
Castle	Fowler	Kanjorski
Chabot	Fox	Kaptur
Chambliss	Frank (MA)	Kasich
Chenoweth	Franks (NJ)	Kelly
Christensen	Frelinghuysen	Kennedy (MA)
Clay	Frost	Kennedy (RI)
Clayton	Furse	Kildee
Clement	Galleghy	Kilpatrick
Clyburn	Ganske	Kim