

Mr. Speaker, I will admit to my colleagues we worked hard on this bill. It is a bipartisan effort. It was one that employed a lot of people with a lot of thoughts and ideas. We worked with the Senate, we worked with the administration, a lot of work, but what we have done is produce a package that is threat-based. It is based on those experts who see the threat that is aimed against the United States, and they are numerous. They are numerous. They are not in our largest cities, but along our border, but, Mr. Speaker, we have worked together to make sure that in a bipartisan fashion this was addressed, and I am pleased and proud today to say that this is a threat-based bill, based upon what the experts tell us is facing the United States today.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to highlight the retirement of a very important person in the administration. He is a former commissioner of U.S. Customs; and under Homeland Security, he has been commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Judge Robert Bonner from Los Angeles, California, who has served this great Nation for a number of years as a Federal judge and once again in the U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Judge Bonner will be leaving in just about a month from his service to the administration; and Judge Bonner has been a man of not only substance and vision but a person who has offered Members of Congress his best advice on how best to deal with the threats against this Nation.

So I would like to highlight not only the service to this country that the Members of Congress have done in this appropriations bill but also working with the administration, with such fine people as Judge Bonner.

Mr. Speaker, I will confess to my colleagues that this bill that we have here today is aimed at averting and stopping the next terrorist attack that comes aimed at this country. I hope that we have put the best minds to this and that we are prepared.

I am prepared to tell my colleagues right now I support this rule and the underlying legislation.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I will ultimately support the underlying legislation under the Conference Report, but I recognize that it has many shortfalls that will affect this nation's ability to respond to a new and substantial set of circumstances—namely the aftermath of Katrina and Rita. I speak not only from the standpoint of a Representative of an area that experienced compound effects of both Katrina and Rita, but I speak as mother, wife, and a person who understands the pains of economic hardship.

A restrictive rule in a situation such as this will only limit the effectiveness of this legislation. Hurricane Katrina has been a natural disaster of unprecedented proportions. The effects of Katrina, now compounded with the effects of hurricane Rita, have been difficult to predict and even more difficult to prevent. Thousands of people are displaced, hungry, and without hope. Authorities at every level of government are virtually writing the book on

how to respond to a disaster of this proportion and scope. In my district alone, there are 15,000 displaced children who need homes, schooling, food, jobs, and subsistence items. New information is coming in by the hour on damage that was done to our infrastructure, the numbers of displaced people, and the paltry resources available.

I applaud the Conferees for giving agencies such as ICE an appropriation of \$3.175 billion—which was a \$216 million increase over the FY05 level of \$2.95 billion. Furthermore, of the \$4.6 billion allocated to TSA, \$2.54 billion is allocated to cover passenger and baggage screener workforce. The number of TSA screeners is capped at 45,000—which will constrain our efforts to compensate for the effects of the two hurricanes. Within this account, privatized screening operations are funded at \$140 million. The conferees also extended liability protection to airports with private and TSA screeners for “any act of negligence, gross negligence, or intentional wrongdoing” committed by a Federal or private screener—which will be a good element.

Unfortunately, the underlying bill is not exactly on-point or up-to-date vis-a-vis Hurricane Rita. Many of the problems that we face are new, late breaking, and developing in front of our eyes. We need as unrestrictive a rule as possible in order to best address the issues contained with this legislation. In fact we have still not given full attention to the value of growing and promoting citizen Corps—established neighborhood groups that were established in the original homeland security legislation that would help train neighborhoods in securing their communities.

This measure is of critical importance for the constituents of my district. We can do better.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WALDEN of Oregon). 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:

S. 1786, by the yeas and nays;

H. Res. 276, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 3894, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. The remaining votes in this series will be 5-minute votes.

AUTHORIZING SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION TO MAKE EMERGENCY AIRPORT IMPROVE- MENT PROJECT GRANTS-IN-AID FOR REPAIRS AND COSTS RUL- LATED TO DAMAGE FROM HUR- RICANES KATRINA AND RITA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the Senate bill, S. 1786.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1786, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 420, nays 0, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 509]

YEAS—420

Abercrombie	Cubin	Hefley
Ackerman	Cuellar	Hensarling
Aderholt	Culberson	Herger
Akin	Cummings	Herseth
Alexander	Cunningham	Higgins
Allen	Davis (AL)	Hinchee
Andrews	Davis (CA)	Hinojosa
Baca	Davis (FL)	Hobson
Bachus	Davis (IL)	Hoekstra
Baird	Davis (KY)	Holden
Baker	Davis (TN)	Holt
Baldwin	Davis, Jo Ann	Honda
Barrett (SC)	Davis, Tom	Hooley
Barrow	Deal (GA)	Hostettler
Bartlett (MD)	DeFazio	Hoyer
Barton (TX)	DeGette	Hulshof
Bass	DeLauro	Hunter
Bean	DeLay	Hyde
Beauprez	Dent	Inglis (SC)
Becerra	Diaz-Balart, L.	Inslee
Berkley	Diaz-Balart, M.	Israel
Berman	Dicks	Issa
Berry	Dingell	Istook
Biggart	Doggett	Jackson (IL)
Billirakis	Doolittle	Jackson-Lee
Bishop (GA)	Doyle	(TX)
Bishop (NY)	Drake	Jefferson
Bishop (UT)	Dreier	Jenkins
Blackburn	Duncan	Jindal
Blumenauer	Edwards	Johnson (CT)
Blunt	Ehlers	Johnson (IL)
Boehlert	Emanuel	Johnson, E. B.
Boehner	Emerson	Johnson, Sam
Bonilla	Engel	Jones (NC)
Bonner	English (PA)	Jones (OH)
Bono	Eshoo	Kanjorski
Boozman	Etheridge	Kaptur
Boren	Evans	Keller
Boucher	Everett	Kelly
Boustany	Farr	Kennedy (MN)
Boyd	Fattah	Kennedy (RI)
Bradley (NH)	Feeney	Kildee
Brady (PA)	Ferguson	Kilpatrick (MI)
Brady (TX)	Filner	Kind
Brown (OH)	Fitzpatrick (PA)	King (IA)
Brown (SC)	Flake	King (NY)
Brown, Corrine	Foley	Kingston
Brown-Waite,	Forbes	Kirk
Ginny	Ford	Kline
Burgess	Fortenberry	Knollenberg
Burton (IN)	Fossella	Kolbe
Butterfield	Fox	Kucinich
Buyer	Frank (MA)	Kuhl (NY)
Calvert	Franks (AZ)	LaHood
Camp	Frelinghuysen	Langevin
Cannon	Gallely	Lantos
Cantor	Garrett (NJ)	Larsen (WA)
Capito	Gerlach	Larson (CT)
Capps	Gibbons	Latham
Capuano	Gilchrest	LaTourette
Cardin	Gillmor	Leach
Cardoza	Gingrey	Lee
Carnahan	Gohmert	Levin
Carson	Gonzalez	Lewis (CA)
Carter	Goode	Lewis (GA)
Case	Goodlatte	Lewis (KY)
Castle	Gordon	Lipinski
Chabot	Granger	LoBiondo
Chandler	Graves	Lofgren, Zoe
Chocoma	Green (WI)	Lowe
Clay	Green, Al	Lucas
Cleaver	Green, Gene	Lungren, Daniel
Clyburn	Grijalva	E.
Coble	Gutierrez	Lynch
Cole (OK)	Gutknecht	Mack
Conaway	Hall	Maloney
Conyers	Harman	Manzullo
Cooper	Harris	Marchant
Costa	Hart	Markey
Costello	Hastings (WA)	Marshall
Cramer	Hayes	Matheson
Crenshaw	Hayworth	Matsui