We also support the committee’s decision to defer action on more controversial measures until the GAO conduct a comprehensive review of those proposals. We thank you again for your leadership on this issue and your efforts to protect the rights of injured federal employees.

Sincerely,

ANDREW J. HEINHART,
President,
JENNIFER L. COMER,
Executive Director.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
LETTER CARRIERS,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN KLINE AND RANKING MEMBER MILLER: I write on behalf of the nearly 300,000 members of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) to express our support for the Federal Workers’ Compensation Modernization and Improvement Act of 2011 (H.R. 2465) as the House considers this bill in the coming weeks.

This bipartisan legislation makes several sensible benefit improvements to the Federal Employees’ Compensation Act (FECA), while maintaining the basic benefits paid to employees who suffer debilitating injury or illness as a result of their public service. The bill would increase the amount payable for funeral expenses from $800 to a more reasonable $3,000. It also increases the maximum compensation to employees for serious disfigurement of the head, neck or face to $50,000 from a long-outdated $3,500.

H.R. 2465 is a positive step towards fully addressing the many underlying issues with FECA. We would like to express our appreciation for your concern demonstrated to-date, and postal workers injured on the job in drafting this bill. Our organization urges the House to give speedy and favorable consideration to this bill, and is prepared to work with the committee on further common-sense FECA reforms.

Sincerely,

FREDRIC V. ROLANDO,
President.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CHAFFETZ) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2465, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule 1, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 5 o’clock and 3 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

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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 AS FOLLOWS:

H. R. 3012, de novo;
H. R. 2182, by the yeas and nays;
H. R. 1801, by the yeas and nays.

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

FAIRNESS FOR HIGH-SKILLED IMMIGRANTS ACT OF 2011

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill (H.R. 3012) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the per-country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants, to increase the per-country numerical limitation for family-sponsored immigrants, 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 gentleman from Utah (Mr. CHAFFETZ) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being necessary to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic de-

[Vote No. 869]

Yeas—389


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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule 1, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 5 o’clock and 3 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

[Recess]

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