

NAYS—95

Ackerman	Gonzalez	Pascrell
Andrews	Grijalva	Pelosi
Baca	Gutierrez	Peters
Bass (CA)	Hastings (FL)	Pingree (ME)
Becerra	Hinchey	Polis
Brady (PA)	Hinojosa	Price (NC)
Brown (FL)	Holt	Rangel
Capps	Honda	Reyes
Clarke (MI)	Hoyer	Richmond
Clarke (NY)	Jackson Lee	Roybal-Allard
Clay	(TX)	Rush
Cleaver	Johnson (GA)	Sarbanes
Clyburn	Johnson, E. B.	Schakowsky
Cohen	Kaptur	Schwartz
Connolly (VA)	Kildee	Scott (VA)
Conyers	Larsen (WA)	Scott, David
Cooper	Larson (CT)	Serrano
Courtney	Levin	Sires
Crowley	Lewis (GA)	Smith (WA)
Davis (IL)	Lujan	Stark
DeGette	Markey	Thompson (CA)
DeLauro	Matsui	Thompson (MS)
Deutch	McCollum	Towns
Dingell	McDermott	Van Hollen
Doyle	McGovern	Velázquez
Edwards	Meeks	Visclosky
Ellison	Miller (NC)	Wasserman
Engel	Moore	Schultz
Eshoo	Nadler	Waters
Farr	Napolitano	Watt
Fattah	Neal	Yarmuth
Frank (MA)	Olver	
Fudge	Pallone	

NOT VOTING—24

Akin	Hirono	Platts
Brady (TX)	Jackson (IL)	Rivera
Campbell	Johnson (IL)	Ross (AR)
Filner	Johnson, Sam	Ryan (WI)
Forbes	Labrador	Shuler
Gallely	Lee (CA)	Speier
Granger	Lewis (CA)	Tiberi
Green, Al	Lynch	Tsongas

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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 amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the use of public funds for political party conventions."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall 586, I was away from the Capitol due to prior commitments to my constituents. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

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PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS FIRST SPONSOR OF H.R. 5839

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 5839, a bill originally introduced by Representative GEOFF DAVIS of Kentucky, for the purposes of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PALAZZO). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE ADDED AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2994

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to be added as a cosponsor to H.R. 2994, the Marine and Hydrokinetic Renewable Energy Promotion Act. The original sponsor is no longer in Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oregon?

There was no objection.

VULNERABLE VETERANS HOUSING REFORM ACT OF 2012

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6361) to exclude from consideration as income under the United States Housing Act of 1937 payments of pension made under section 1521 of title 38, United States Code, to veterans who are in need of regular aid and attendance, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6361

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Vulnerable Veterans Housing Reform Act of 2012".

SEC. 2. EXCLUSION FROM INCOME.

Paragraph (4) of section 3(b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(4)) is amended—

(1) by striking "and any amounts" and inserting "; any amounts";

(2) by striking "or any deferred" and inserting "; any deferred"; and

(3) by inserting after "prospective monthly amounts" the following: "; and any expenses related to aid and attendance as detailed under section 1521 of title 38, United States Code".

SEC. 3. UTILITY ALLOWANCES AND DATA.

Section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(D) UTILITY ALLOWANCE.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—In determining the monthly assistance payment for a family under subparagraphs (A) and (B), the amount allowed for tenant-paid utilities shall not exceed the appropriate utility allowance for the family unit size as determined by the public housing agency regardless of the size of the dwelling unit leased by the family.

"(ii) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN FAMILIES.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), upon request by a family that includes a person with disabilities, an elderly family, or a family that includes any person who is less than 18 years of age, the public housing agency shall approve a utility allowance that is higher than the applicable amount on the utility allowance schedule, except that in the case of a family that includes a person with disabilities, the agency shall approve such higher amount only if a higher utility allowance is needed as a reasonable accommodation to make the program accessible to and usable by the family member with a disability.

"(iii) AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ALLOWANCE.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), in the case of any family not described in clause (ii), a public housing agency may, at the re-

quest of the family, approve a utility allowance that is higher than the applicable amount on the utility allowance schedule. In making such a determination, the agency shall consider (I) the amount of the increase in utility costs for the family, and (II) the difficulty for the family in relocating."; and (2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(21) UTILITY DATA.—

"(A) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary shall, to the extent that data can be collected cost effectively, regularly publish such data regarding utility consumption and costs in local areas as the Secretary determines will be useful for the establishment of allowances for tenant-paid utilities for families assisted under this subsection.

"(B) USE OF DATA.—The Secretary shall provide such data in a manner that—

"(i) avoids unnecessary administrative burdens for public housing agencies and owners; and

"(ii) protects families in various unit sizes and building types, and using various utilities, from high rent and utility cost burdens relative to income."

SEC. 4. PILOT PROGRAM FOR GRANTS FOR REHABILITATION AND MODIFICATION OF HOMES OF DISABLED AND LOW-INCOME VETERANS.

(a) GRANT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a pilot program to award grants to qualified organizations to rehabilitate and modify the primary residence of eligible veterans.

(2) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall work in conjunction with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish and oversee the pilot program and to ensure that such program meets the needs of eligible veterans.

(3) MAXIMUM GRANT.—A grant award under the pilot program to any one qualified organization shall not exceed \$1,000,000 in any one fiscal year, and such an award shall remain available until expended by such organization.

(b) APPLICATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Each qualified organization that desires a grant under the pilot program shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and, in addition to the information required under paragraph (2), accompanied by such information as the Secretary may reasonably require.

(2) CONTENTS.—Each application submitted under paragraph (1) shall include—

(A) a plan of action detailing outreach initiatives;

(B) the approximate number of veterans the qualified organization intends to serve using grant funds;

(C) a description of the type of work that will be conducted, such as interior home modifications, energy efficiency improvements, and other similar categories of work; and

(D) a plan for working with the Department of Veterans Affairs and veterans service organizations to identify veterans and serve their needs.

(3) PREFERENCES.—In awarding grants under the pilot program, the Secretary shall give preference to a qualified organization—

(A) with experience in providing housing rehabilitation and modification services for disabled veterans; or

(B) that proposes to provide housing rehabilitation and modification services for eligible veterans who live in rural areas (the Secretary, through regulations, shall define the term "rural areas").

(c) CRITERIA.—In order to receive a grant award under the pilot program, a qualified organization shall meet the following criteria: