

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

I am waiting for one other speaker; so, while we are waiting, let me at least partially close.

I, first of all, thank Chairman ROYCE's staff for their hard work on this very important bill. I thank Tom Sheehy, Ed Burrier, Tom Hill, and Doug Anderson, and on my staff, Jason Steinbaum, Doug Campbell, Eric Jacobstein, Janice Kaguyutan, Sajit Gandhi, Jennifer Hendrixson White, and Mark Iozzi. We can only do as well as the wonderful staff that we have, and it is really appreciated, I know, by Chairman ROYCE and by me.

As was said before, Mr. Speaker, every single year, Congress passes a defense authorization. It happens without fail, and it should. It is a vitally important piece of legislation, and we have an obligation to give our women and men in uniform the support and the resources they need.

□ 1800

The work of our diplomats is very different, but it is also critical to our national security. These dedicated public servants help to project stability, enhance security, and diffuse crises before they start.

From a dollars-and-cents perspective, it makes a lot more sense to prevent crises than to try to stop them after they are burning out of control. We need diplomacy to succeed so that using our military remains the last resort in our foreign policy. This legislation will help ensure that our diplomacy does succeed.

I hope this bill gets across the finish line soon; I hope the Senate does its job; and I hope we make a State Department authorization a yearly priority for the Foreign Affairs Committee, for the Congress, and for the American people.

I urge a "yes" vote on this bill.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT).

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I am a big fan of Chairman ROYCE's work, and I appreciate all the work of the committee in these difficult areas.

Sometimes in trying to bring together a big authorization bill like this, language gets inserted that can be problematic. On page 105, for example, section 713, "Recruitment and retention of individuals who have lived, worked, or studied in predominantly Muslim countries or communities," we know that one of our problems when we were trying to deal with radical Islam is, number one, our President doesn't recognize radical Islam, although some of the best experts who are radical Islamists say, yes, it exists, and Muslim friends like President el-Sisi acknowledge it is a problem.

For example, here in subsection C, it says: "The Secretary shall make every effort to recruit and retain individuals that have lived, worked, or studied in

predominantly Muslim countries or communities, including individuals who have studied at Islamic institutions of higher learning."

I know this was not submitted by a Muslim—far from it—but although we desperately need people who have lived and studied in this area, to tell the Secretary of State that the Secretary shall make every effort to get people like this is the way our enemies take advantage of us. We should not be telling the Secretary to make every effort.

As a former chief justice, that is the kind of thing—you have to say, well, he didn't make every effort or she didn't make every effort. We should not be coercing the State Department to hire people who—if they are not appropriate or have Muslim ties, they should not be pushed into the State Department.

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, let me say in response that we should hire, in the State Department, people who do have some experience. We should have some people there with some experience with Muslim culture and Muslim countries, with that kind of a background. But that said, we want to work with the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) on implementation of this bill to make certain that these concerns are handled.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. FRANKEL).

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman ROYCE and Ranking Member ENGEL, first, for the great bipartisan work. I really appreciate being on this committee.

I want to tell you a story that one of our Ambassadors told me that I thought was amazing. I won't say her name or where she was, but she told me she was overseas. The security that they hired was so poor that they actually had to hire criminals; and her security guard not only robbed her and her family, but killed their dog. That is just an example of some of the quality of security that we had for our Ambassadors, who deserve absolutely our utmost protection.

So I just want to thank both the chairman and the ranking member for working with me to get this provision in this bill that now is going to let our State Department get well-qualified security for Embassies, which they deserve to have.

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

I want to thank the gentlewoman from Florida for her contribution to this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, as chairman, I also want to thank our ranking member, Mr. ENGEL. I want to thank all my committee colleagues for their contributions to this bill. I think we should take the opportunity to thank our counterparts, Senator CORKER and Senator CARDIN, in the Senate for working with us to bring the first State authorization bill to the President's desk in over 15 years.

Today, the Department is considering how to deploy diplomats in high-

threat, high-risk places like South Sudan, like the Central African Republic, Yemen, Libya. It is our responsibility to make sure that U.S. personnel at these posts have every available means of protection, and this bill authorizes the Department to make critical upgrades in Embassy security.

This bill also mandates that the Department uses leverage at the United Nations to make improvements that have been ignored for too long. In just the last year, we have heard horrific stories of peacekeepers sexually abusing and exploiting those they are sent to protect. Sadly, these are not the first instances of such predatory behavior, but the United Nations has failed to take steps to stop it.

Oversight is necessary at any agency. It took 5 years for the Department's inspector general position to be filled, and this bill makes sure that the Department's watchdog has all the tools it needs to perform its mandate.

This bill deserves our support. The other body should move quickly so that these critical reforms can be signed into law by the President.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. ROYCE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 1635, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the yeas have it.

Mr. GOHMERT. 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 6 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HARDY) at 6 o'clock and 30 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. 5015, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 6427, by the yeas and nays;

S. 1635, 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.

COMBAT-INJURED VETERANS TAX FAIRNESS ACT OF 2016

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5015) to restore amounts improperly withheld for tax purposes from severance payments to individuals who retired or separated from service in the Armed Forces for combat-related injuries, and for other purposes, as amended, 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 Texas (Mr. BRADY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 392, nays 0, not voting 41, as follows:

[Roll No. 601]

YEAS—392

Abraham	Clyburn	Foster
Adams	Coffman	Fox
Aderholt	Cohen	Frankel (FL)
Aguilar	Cole	Franks (AZ)
Allen	Collins (GA)	Frelinghuysen
Amash	Collins (NY)	Fudge
Amodei	Comer	Gabbard
Ashford	Comstock	Gallego
Babin	Conaway	Garamendi
Barletta	Connolly	Garrett
Barr	Conyers	Gibbs
Barton	Cook	Gibson
Bass	Cooper	Gohmert
Beatty	Costa	Goodlatte
Benishek	Costello (PA)	Gosar
Bera	Courtney	Gowdy
Beyer	Cramer	Graham
Bilirakis	Crawford	Granger
Bishop (GA)	Crenshaw	Graves (GA)
Bishop (MI)	Crowley	Graves (LA)
Bishop (UT)	Cuellar	Graves (MO)
Black	Culberson	Grayson
Blackburn	Cummings	Green, Al
Blum	Curbelo (FL)	Green, Gene
Blumenauer	Davidson	Griffith
Bonamici	Davis (CA)	Grijalva
Bost	Davis, Danny	Grothman
Boustany	Davis, Rodney	Guinta
Boyle, Brendan	DeFazio	Guthrie
F.	DeGette	Gutiérrez
Brady (PA)	Delaney	Hanabusa
Brady (TX)	DeLauro	Hardy
Brat	Denham	Harper
Brooks (AL)	Dent	Hartzler
Brooks (IN)	DeSantis	Hastings
Brownley (CA)	DeSaulnier	Heck (NV)
Buchanan	DesJarlais	Heck (WA)
Buck	Deutch	Hensarling
Bucshon	Diaz-Balart	Herrera Beutler
Burgess	Dingell	Higgins
Bustos	Doggett	Hill
Butterfield	Dold	Himes
Byrne	Donovan	Hinojosa
Calvert	Doyle, Michael	Holding
Capps	F.	Hoyer
Capuano	Duckworth	Hudson
Cárdenas	Duncan (SC)	Huelskamp
Carson (IN)	Duncan (TN)	Huffman
Carter (GA)	Ellison	Huizenga (MI)
Carter (TX)	Emmer (MN)	Hultgren
Cartwright	Engel	Hurd (TX)
Castor (FL)	Eshoo	Israel
Castro (TX)	Esty	Issa
Chabot	Evans	Jackson Lee
Chaffetz	Farenthold	Jeffries
Cicilline	Fitzpatrick	Jenkins (KS)
Clark (MA)	Fleischmann	Jenkins (WV)
Clarke (NY)	Fleming	Johnson (GA)
Clay	Flores	Johnson (OH)
Cleaver	Fortenberry	Johnson, E. B.

Johnson, Sam	Moore	Scott, Austin
Jones	Moulton	Scott, David
Jordan	Mullin	Sensenbrenner
Joyce	Murphy (FL)	Serrano
Kaptur	Murphy (PA)	Sessions
Katko	Nadler	Sewell (AL)
Keating	Neal	Sherman
Kelly (IL)	Neugebauer	Shimkus
Kelly (MS)	Noem	Shuster
Kelly (PA)	Nolan	Simpson
Kennedy	Norcross	Sinema
Kind	Nugent	Sires
King (IA)	Nunes	Slaughter
King (NY)	O'Rourke	Smith (MO)
Kinzinger (IL)	Olson	Smith (NE)
Kline	Palazzo	Smith (NJ)
Knight	Pallone	Smith (TX)
Kuster	Palmer	Smith (WA)
Labrador	Pascrell	Speier
LaHood	Paulsen	Stefanik
Lamborn	Payne	Stewart
Lance	Pearce	Stivers
Langevin	Pelosi	Swalwell (CA)
Larsen (WA)	Perlmutter	Takano
Larson (CT)	Perry	Thompson (CA)
Latta	Peters	Thompson (MS)
Lawrence	Peterson	Thompson (PA)
Levin	Pingree	Thornberry
Lewis	Pittenger	Tiberi
Lieu, Ted	Pitts	Tipton
Lipinski	Pocan	Titus
LoBiondo	Poliquin	Tonko
Loeb sack	Polis	Torres
Lofgren	Pompeo	Trot
Long	Posey	Tsongas
Loudermilk	Price (NC)	Turner
Love	Price, Tom	Upton
Lowenthal	Quigley	Valadao
Lowe y	Rangel	Van Hollen
Lucas	Ratcliffe	Vargas
Luetkemeyer	Reed	Veasey
Lujan Grisham	Renacci	Vela
(NM)	Ribble	Velázquez
Luján, Ben Ray	Rice (NY)	Visclosky
(NM)	Rice (SC)	Wagner
Lummis	Rigell	Walberg
Lynch	Roby	Walden
MacArthur	Roe (TN)	Walker
Maloney,	Rogers (AL)	Walorski
Carolyn	Rogers (KY)	Walters, Mimi
Maloney, Sean	Rokita	Walz
Marino	Rooney (FL)	Wasserman
Massie	Ros-Lehtinen	Schultz
Matsui	Roskam	Bishop (GA)
McCarthy	Ross	Bishop (MI)
McCaul	Rothfus	Bishop (UT)
McClintock	Rouzer	Black
McCollum	Roybal-Allard	Blackburn
McGovern	Royce	Blum
McHenry	Ruiz	Blumenauer
McKinley	Ruppersberger	Bonamici
McMorris	Russell	Wenstrup
Rodgers	Ryan (OH)	Westerman
McNerney	Salmon	Williams
McSally	Sánchez, Linda	Wilson (FL)
Meadows	T.	Wilson (SC)
Meehan	Sanford	Womack
Meeks	Sarbanes	Woodall
Meng	Scalise	Yoder
Messer	Schakowsky	Yoho
Mica	Schiff	Young (AK)
Miller (FL)	Schrader	Young (IA)
Moolenaar	Schweikert	Young (IN)
Mooney (WV)	Scott (VA)	Zeldin
		Zinke

NOT VOTING—41

Becerra	Harris	Mulvaney
Bridenstine	Hice, Jody B.	Napolitano
Brown (FL)	Honda	Newhouse
Brown	Hunter	Poe (TX)
Chu, Judy	Hurt (VA)	Reichert
Clawson (FL)	Jolly	Richardson
DelBene	Kildee	Rohrabacher
Duffy	Kilmer	Rush
Edwards	Kirkpatrick	Sanchez, Loretta
Ellmers (NC)	LaMalfa	Stutzman
Farr	Lee	Westmoreland
Fincher	Marchant	Wittman
Forbes	McDermott	Yarmuth
Hanna	Miller (MI)	

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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.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CREATING FINANCIAL PROSPERITY FOR BUSINESSES AND INVESTORS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6427) to improve the operation of United States capital markets, 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 New Jersey (Mr. GARRETT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 391, nays 2, not voting 40, as follows:

[Roll No. 602]

YEAS—391

Abraham	Comer	Gohmert
Adams	Comstock	Goodlatte
Aderholt	Conaway	Gosar
Aguilar	Connolly	Gowdy
Allen	Conyers	Graham
Amash	Cook	Granger
Amodei	Cooper	Graves (GA)
Ashford	Costa	Graves (LA)
Babin	Courtney	Graves (MO)
Barletta	Cramer	Grayson
Barr	Crawford	Green, Al
Barton	Crenshaw	Green, Gene
Bass	Crowley	Griffith
Beatty	Cuellar	Grijalva
Benishek	Culberson	Grothman
Bera	Cummings	Guinta
Beyer	Curbelo (FL)	Guthrie
Billirakis	Davidson	Gutiérrez
Bishop (GA)	Davis (CA)	Hanabusa
Bishop (MI)	Davis, Danny	Hardy
Bishop (UT)	Davis, Rodney	Harper
Black	DeFazio	Harris
Blackburn	DeGette	Hartzler
Blum	Delaney	Hastings
Blumenauer	DeLauro	Heck (NV)
Bonamici	Denham	Heck (WA)
Bost	Dent	Hensarling
Boustany	DeSantis	Herrera Beutler
Boyle, Brendan	DeSaulnier	Higgins
F.	DesJarlais	Hill
Brady (PA)	Deutch	Himes
Brady (TX)	Diaz-Balart	Hinojosa
Brat	Dingell	Holding
Brooks (AL)	Brooks (AL)	Hoyer
Brooks (IN)	Brooks (IN)	Hudson
Brownley (CA)	Brownley (CA)	Huelskamp
Buchanan	Buchanan	Huffman
Buck	Buck	Huizenga (MI)
Bucshon	Bucshon	Hultgren
Burgess	Burgess	Hurd (TX)
Bustos	Bustos	Israel
Butterfield	Butterfield	Issa
Byrne	Byrne	Jackson Lee
Calvert	Calvert	Jeffries
Capps	Capps	Jenkins (KS)
Cárdenas	Cárdenas	Jenkins (WV)
Carson (IN)	Carson (IN)	Johnson (GA)
Carter (GA)	Carter (GA)	Johnson (OH)
Carter (TX)	Carter (TX)	Johnson, E. B.
Cartwright	Cartwright	Johnson, Sam
Castor (FL)	Castor (FL)	Jones
Castro (TX)	Castro (TX)	Jordan
Chabot	Chabot	Joyce
Chaffetz	Chaffetz	Kaptur
Cicilline	Cicilline	Katko
Clark (MA)	Clark (MA)	Keating
Clarke (NY)	Clarke (NY)	Kelly (IL)
Clay	Clay	Kelly (MS)
Cleaver	Cleaver	Kelly (PA)
Clyburn	Clyburn	Kennedy
Coffman	Coffman	Kind
Cohen	Cohen	King (IA)
Cole	Cole	King (NY)
Collins (GA)	Collins (GA)	Kinzingler (IL)
Collins (NY)	Collins (NY)	Kline