

Collins (NY) Johnson (LA)  
Comer Johnson (OH)  
Comstock Johnson, Sam  
Conaway Jordan  
Cook Joyce (OH)  
Costello (PA) Katko  
Cramer Kelly (MS)  
Crawford Kelly (PA)  
Culberson King (IA)  
Davidson King (NY)  
Davis, Rodney Kinzinger  
Denham Knight  
Dent Kustoff (TN)  
DeSantis Labrador  
DesJarlais LaHood  
Donovan LaMalfa  
Duffy Lamborn  
Duncan (SC) Lance  
Dunn Latta  
Emmer Lewis (MN)  
Farenthold Long  
Ferguson Loudermilk  
Fitzpatrick Love  
Fleischmann Lucas  
Flores Luetkemeyer  
Fortenberry MacArthur  
Fox Marchant  
Franks (AZ) Marino  
Frelinghuysen Marshall  
Gaetz Mast  
Gallagher McCarthy  
Garrett McCaul  
Gibbs McClintock  
Gohmert McHenry  
Goodlatte McMorris  
Gosar Rodgers  
Gowdy McSally  
Granger Meadows  
Graves (GA) Messer  
Graves (LA) Mitchell  
Graves (MO) Mooleenaar  
Grothman Mooney (WV)  
Guthrie Mullin  
Harper Murphy (PA)  
Harris Newhouse  
Hartzler Noem  
Hensarling Nunes  
Herrera Beutler Olson  
Hice, Jody B. Palazzo  
Higgins (LA) Palmer  
Hill Paulsen  
Holding Pearce  
Hollingsworth Perry  
Hudson Pittenger  
Huizenga Poliquin  
Hultgren Posey  
Hunter Ratcliffe  
Hurd Yoder  
Issa Reed  
Jenkins (KS) Reichert  
Jenkins (WV) Renacci  
Rice (SC) Zeldin

## NOES—201

Adams Cooper  
Aguilar Correa  
Amash Costa  
Barragán Courtney  
Bass Crist  
Beatty Crowley  
Bera Cuellar  
Beyer Cummings  
Bishop (GA) Curbelo (FL)  
Blumenauer Davis, Danny  
Blunt Rochester DeFazio  
Bonamici DeGette  
Boyle, Brendan Delaney  
F. DeLauro  
Brady (PA) DelBene  
Brown (MD) Demings  
Brownley (CA) DeSaulnier  
Bustos Deutch  
Butterfield Diaz-Balart  
Capuano Dingell  
Carbajal Doggett  
Cárdenas Doyle, Michael  
Carson (IN) F.  
Cartwright Duncan (TN)  
Castor Ellison  
Castro (FL) Engel  
Chu, Judy Eshoo  
Cicilline Espallat  
Clark (MA) Esty  
Clarke (NY) Evans  
Clay Faso  
Cleaver Foster  
Clyburn Frankel (FL)  
Cohen Fudge  
Connolly Gabbard  
Conyers Gallego

Roby  
Roe (TN)  
Rogers (KY)  
Rohrabacher  
Rokita  
Rooney, Francis  
Rooney, Thomas J.  
Roskam  
Ross  
Rothfus  
Rouzer  
Royce (CA)  
Rutherford  
Sanford  
Scalise  
Schweikert  
Scott, Austin  
Sensenbrenner  
Sessions  
Shimkus  
Shuster  
Simpson  
Smith (MO)  
Smith (NE)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX)  
Smucker  
Stefanik  
Stewart  
Stivers  
Taylor  
Tenney  
Thompson (PA)  
Thornberry  
Tiberi  
Tipton  
Trott  
Turner  
Upton  
Valadao  
Wagner  
Walberg  
Walden  
Walker  
Walorski  
Walters, Mimi  
Weber (TX)  
Webster (FL)  
Wenstrup  
Westerman  
Williams  
Wilson (SC)  
Wittman  
Womack  
Woodall  
Yoder  
Yoho  
Young (AK)  
Young (IA)  
Zeldin

Lee  
Levin  
Lewis (GA)  
Lieu, Ted  
Lipinski  
LoBiondo  
Loebach  
Lofgren  
Lowenthal  
Lowey  
Lujan Grisham, M.  
Luján, Ben Ray  
Lynch  
Maloney,  
Carolyn B.  
Maloney, Sean  
Massie  
McCollum  
McEachin  
McGovern  
McKinley  
McNerney  
Meehan  
Meeks  
Meng  
Moore  
Moulton  
Murphy (FL)  
Nadler  
Napolitano  
Neal  
Nolan

Norcross  
O'Halleran  
O'Rourke  
Pallone  
Panetta  
Pascarella  
Payne  
Pelosi  
Perlmutter  
Peters  
Peterson  
Pingree  
Pocan  
Poe (TX)  
Polis  
Price (NC)  
Quigley  
Raskin  
Rice (NY)  
Rogers (AL)  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Rosen  
Roybal-Allard  
Ruiz  
Ruppersberger  
Russell  
Ryan (OH)  
Sánchez  
Sarbanes  
Schakowsky  
Schiff  
Schneider  
Schrader

Scott (VA)  
Scott, David  
Serrano  
Sewell (AL)  
Shea-Porter  
Sherman  
Sires  
Slaughter  
Smith (WA)  
Soto  
Speier  
Suozi  
Swalwell (CA)  
Takano  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Tonko  
Torres  
Tsongas  
Vargas  
Veasey  
Vela  
Velázquez  
Visclosky  
Walz  
Wasserman  
Schultz  
Waters, Maxine  
Watson Coleman  
Welch  
Wilson (FL)  
Yarmuth

Will the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BYRNE) kindly take the chair.

□ 1854

## IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 725) to amend title 28, United States Code, to prevent fraudulent joinder, with Mr. BYRNE (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, a request for a recorded vote on amendment No. 2 printed in House Report 115-27 offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. CARTWRIGHT) had been postponed.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, proceedings will now resume on those amendments printed in House Report 115-27 on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

Amendment No. 1 by Mr. SOTO of Florida.

Amendment No. 2 by Mr. CARTWRIGHT of Pennsylvania.

The Chair will reduce to 2 minutes the minimum time for any electronic vote in this series.

## AMENDMENT NO. 1 OFFERED BY MR. SOTO

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SOTO) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

## RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIR. This will be a 2-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 189, noes 233, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 149]

## AYES—189

Adams	Castor (FL)	DeGette
Aguilar	Castro (TX)	Delaney
Barragán	Chu, Judy	DeLauro
Bass	Cicilline	DeBene
Beatty	Clark (MA)	Demings
Bera	Clarke (NY)	DeSaulnier
Beyer	Clay	Deuch
Bishop (GA)	Cleaver	Dingell
Blumenauer	Clyburn	Doggett
Blunt Rochester	Cohen	Doyle, Michael
Bonamici	Connolly	F.
Boyle, Brendan	Conyers	Ellison
F.	Cooper	Engel
Brady (PA)	Correa	Eshoo
Brown (MD)	Costa	Espallat
Brownley (CA)	Courtney	Esty
Bustos	Crist	Evans
Butterfield	Crowley	Foster
Capuano	Cuellar	Frankel (FL)
Carbajal	Cummings	Fudge
Cárdenas	Curbelo (FL)	Gabbard
Carson (IN)	Davis, Danny	Gallego
Cartwright	DeFazio	Garamendi

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY COMMITTEE ON RULES REGARDING AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR H.R. 1259 AND H.R. 1367

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, this morning, the Rules Committee issued announcements outlining the amendment processes for two measures likely to be on the floor next week.

An amendment deadline has been set for Monday, March 13 at 3 p.m. for H.R. 1259, the VA Accountability First Act of 2007; and H.R. 1367, to improve the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to hire and retain physicians and other employees.

The text of these measures is available on the Rules Committee website.

Feel free to contact me or my staff.

## INNOCENT PARTY PROTECTION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 175 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 725.

Gonzalez (TX) Lowey Ruiz Ruppersberger  
 Gottheimer Lujan Grisham, M. Ryan (OH)  
 Green, Al Lujan, Ben Ray Sanchez  
 Grijalva Gutierrez Sarbanes  
 Hanabusa Maloney, Schakowsky  
 Hastings Carolyn B. Schiff  
 Heck Maloney, Sean Schneider  
 Higgins (NY) McCollum Schrader  
 Himes McEachin Scott (VA)  
 Hoyer McGovern Scott, David  
 Huffman McNerney Serrano  
 Jackson Lee Meeks Sewell (AL)  
 Jayapal Meng Shea-Porter  
 Jeffries Moore Sherman  
 Johnson (GA) Moulton Sires  
 Johnson, E. B. Murphy (FL) Slaught  
 Jones Nadler Smith (WA)  
 Kaptur Kaplitanano Soto  
 Keating Neal Speier  
 Kelly (IL) Nolan Suozzi  
 Kennedy Norcross Swalwell (CA)  
 Khanna O'Halleran Takano  
 Kihuen O'Rourke Thompson (CA)  
 Kildee Pallone Thompson (MS)  
 Kilmer Panetta Tonko  
 Kind Pascrell Torres  
 Krishnamoorthi Payne Tsongas  
 Kuster (NH) Pelosi Vargas  
 Langevin Perlmutter Veasey  
 Larsen (WA) Peters Vela  
 Larson (CT) Peterson Velázquez  
 Lawrence Pingree Visclosky  
 Lawson (FL) Pocan Walz  
 Lee Polis Wasserman  
 Levin Price (NC) Schultz  
 Lewis (GA) Quigley Waters, Maxine  
 Lieu, Ted Raskin Watson Coleman  
 Lipinski Rice (NY) Welch  
 Loeb sack Ros-Lehtinen Wilson (FL)  
 Lofgren Rosen Yarmuth  
 Lowenthal Roybal-Allard

## NOES—233

Abraham Diaz-Balart Joyce (OH)  
 Aderholt Donovan Katko  
 Allen Duffy Kelly (MS)  
 Amash Duncan (SC) Kelly (PA)  
 Amodei Duncan (TN) King (IA)  
 Arrington Dunn King (NY)  
 Babin Emmer Kinzinger  
 Bacon Farenthold Knight  
 Banks (IN) Faso Kustoff (TN)  
 Barr Ferguson Labrador  
 Barton Fitzpatrick LaHood  
 Bergman Fleischmann LaMalfa  
 Biggs Flores Lamborn  
 Bilirakis Fortenberry Lance  
 Bishop (MI) Foxx Latta  
 Bishop (UT) Franks (AZ) Lewis (MN)  
 Black Frelinghuysen LoBiondo  
 Blackburn Gaetz Long  
 Blum Gallagher Loudermilk  
 Bost Garrett Love  
 Brady (TX) Gibbs Lucas  
 Brat Gohmert Luetkemeyer  
 Bridenstine Goodlatte MacArthur  
 Brooks (AL) Gosar Marchant  
 Brooks (IN) Gowdy Marino  
 Buchanan Granger Marshall  
 Budd Graves (GA) Massie  
 Bucshon Graves (LA) Mast  
 Budd Graves (MO) McCarthy  
 Burgess Green, Gene McCaul  
 Byrne Griffith McClintock  
 Calvert Grothman McHenry  
 Carter (GA) Guthrie McKinley  
 Carter (TX) Harper McMorris  
 Chabot Harris Rodgers  
 Chaffetz Hartzler McSally  
 Cheney Hensarling Meadows  
 Coffman Herrera Beutler Meehan  
 Cole Hice, Jody B. Messer  
 Collins (GA) Higgins (LA) Mitchell  
 Collins (NY) Hill Moolenaar  
 Comer Holding Mooney (WV)  
 Comstock Hollingsworth Mullin  
 Conaway Hudson Murphy (PA)  
 Cook Huizenga Newhouse  
 Costello (PA) Hultgren Noem  
 Cramer Hunter Nunes  
 Crawford Hurd Olson  
 Culberson Issa Palazzo  
 Davidson Jenkins (KS) Palmer  
 Davis, Rodney Jenkins (WV) Paulsen  
 Denham Johnson (LA) Pearce  
 Dent Johnson (OH) Perry  
 DeSantis Johnson, Sam Pittenger  
 DesJarlais Jordan Poe (TX)

Poliquin Scalise Upton  
 Posey Schweikert Valadao  
 Ratcliffe Scott, Austin Wagner  
 Reed Sensenbrenner Walberg  
 Reichert Sessions Walden  
 Renacci Shimkus Walker  
 Rice (SC) Shuster Walorski  
 Roby Simpson Walters, Mimi  
 Roe (TN) Smith (MO) Weber (TX)  
 Rogers (AL) Smith (NE) Webster (FL)  
 Rogers (KY) Smith (NJ) Wenstrup  
 Rohrabacher Smith (TX) Westerman  
 Rokita Smucker Williams  
 Rooney, Francis Stefanik Wilcox (SC)  
 Rooney, Thomas Stewart Wittman  
 J. Stivers Womack  
 Roskam Taylor Woodall  
 Ross Tenney Yoder  
 Rothfus Thompson (PA) Yoho  
 Rouzer Thornberry Young (AK)  
 Royce (CA) Tiberi Young (IA)  
 Russell Tipton Zeldin  
 Rutherford Trott  
 Sanford Turner

## NOT VOTING—7

Barletta Richmond Titus  
 Davis (CA) Rush  
 Matsui Sinema

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR  
 The Acting CHAIR (during the vote).  
 There is 1 minute remaining.

□ 1859

So the amendment was rejected.  
 The result of the vote was announced  
 as above recorded.

## AMENDMENT NO. 2 OFFERED BY MR.

## CARTWRIGHT

The Acting CHAIR. The unrecorded  
 business is the demand for a recorded  
 vote on the amendment offered by the  
 gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr.  
 CARTWRIGHT) on which further pro-  
 ceedings were postponed and on which  
 the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the  
 amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amend-  
 ment.

## RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote  
 has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIR. This will be a 2-  
 minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic de-  
 vice, and there were—ayes 187, noes 229,  
 not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 150]

## AYES—187

Adams Clark (MA) Doyle, Michael  
 Aguilar Clarke (NY) F.  
 Barragán Clay Ellison  
 Bass Cleaver Engel  
 Beatty Clyburn Eshoo  
 Bera Cohen Espallat  
 Beyer Connolly Esty  
 Bishop (GA) Conyers Evans  
 Blumenauer Cooper Foster  
 Blunt Rochester Correa  
 Bonamici Fudge Frankel (FL)  
 Boyle, Brendan Courtney Gabbard  
 F. Crist Gallego  
 Brady (PA) Crowley Garamendi  
 Brown (MD) Cuellar Gonzalez (TX)  
 Brownley (CA) Cummings Gottheimer  
 Bustos Curbelo (FL) Green, Al  
 Butterfield Davis, Danny Griffith  
 Capuano DeFazio Grijalva  
 Carbajal DeGette Hanabusa  
 Cárdenas Delaney Hastings  
 Carson (IN) DeLauro Heck  
 Cartwright DelBene Higgs (NY)  
 Castor (FL) Demings Himes  
 Castro (TX) DeSaulnier Hoyer  
 Chu, Judy Deutch Huffman  
 Cicilline Dingell Jackson Lee

Jayapal McCollum Sarbanes  
 Jeffries McEachin Schakowsky  
 Johnson (GA) McGovern Schiff  
 Johnson, E. B. McNerney Schneider  
 Jones Meeks Schrader  
 Kaptur Meng Scott (VA)  
 Keating Moore Scott, David  
 Kelly (IL) Moulton Serrano  
 Kennedy Murphy (FL) Sewell (AL)  
 Khanna Nadler Shea-Porter  
 Kihuen Napolitano Sherman  
 Kildee Neal Sires  
 Kilmer Nolan Slaught  
 Kind Norcross Smith (WA)  
 Krishnamoorthi O'Halleran Soto  
 Kuster (NH) O'Rourke Speaker  
 Langevin Pallone Suozzi  
 Larsen (WA) Panetta Swalwell (CA)  
 Larson (CT) Pascrell Takano  
 Lawrence Payne Thompson (CA)  
 Lawson (FL) Perlmutter Thompson (MS)  
 Lee Peters Tonko  
 Levin Peterson Torres  
 Lewis (GA) Pingree Tsongas  
 Lieu, Ted Pocan Vargas  
 Lipinski Polis Veasey  
 Loeb sack Posey Vela  
 Lofgren Price (NC) Velázquez  
 Lowenthal Quigley Visclosky  
 Lowey Raskin Walz  
 Lujan Grisham, Rice (NY) Wasserman  
 M. Ros-Lehtinen Schultz  
 Luján, Ben Ray Rosen Waters, Maxine  
 Lynch Roybal-Allard Watson Coleman  
 Maloney, Ruiz Welch  
 Carolyn B. Ruppersberger Wilson (FL)  
 Maloney, Sean Sánchez Yarmuth

## NOES—229

Abraham Dunn Lance  
 Aderholt Emmer Latta  
 Allen Farenthold Lewis (MN)  
 Amash Faso LoBiondo  
 Amodei Ferguson Long  
 Arrington Fitzpatrick Loudermilk  
 Babin Fleischmann Love  
 Bacon Flores Lucas  
 Banks (IN) Fortenberry Luetkemeyer  
 Barr Foxx MacArthur  
 Barton Franks (AZ) Marchant  
 Bergman Frelinghuysen Marino  
 Biggs Gaetz Marshall  
 Bilirakis Gallagher Massie  
 Bishop (MI) Garrett Mast  
 Bishop (UT) Gibbs McCarthy  
 Black Gohmert McCaul  
 Blackburn Goodlatte McClintock  
 Blum Gosar McHenry  
 Bost Gowdy McKinley  
 Brady (TX) Granger McMorris  
 Brat Graves (GA) Rodgers  
 Bridenstine Graves (LA) McSally  
 Brooks (AL) Graves (MO) Meadows  
 Brooks (IN) Grothman Meehan  
 Buchanan Guthrie Messer  
 Buck Harper Mitchell  
 Bucshon Harris Moolenaar  
 Budd Hartzler Mooney (WV)  
 Burgess Hensarling Mullin  
 Byrne Herrera Beutler Murphy (PA)  
 Calvert Hice, Jody B. Newhouse  
 Carter (GA) Higgins (LA) Noem  
 Carter (TX) Hill Nunes  
 Chabot Holding Olson  
 Chaffetz Hollingsworth Palazzo  
 Cheney Hudson Palmer  
 Coffman Huizenga Paulsen  
 Cole Hultgren Pearce  
 Collins (GA) Hunter Perry  
 Collins (NY) Hurd Pittenger  
 Comer Issa Poe (TX)  
 Comstock Jenkins (KS) Poliquin  
 Conaway Jenkins (WV) Ratcliffe  
 Cook Johnson (LA) Reed  
 Costello (PA) Johnson (OH) Reichert  
 Cramer Johnson, Sam Renacci  
 Crawford Jordan Rice (SC)  
 Culberson Joyce (OH) Roby  
 Davidson Katko Roe (TN)  
 Davis, Rodney Kelly (MS) Rogers (AL)  
 Denham Kelly (PA) Rogers (KY)  
 Dent King (NY) Rohrabacher  
 DeSantis Kinzinger Rokita  
 DesJarlais Knight Rooney, Francis  
 Diaz-Balart Kustoff (TN) Rooney, Thomas  
 Donovan Labrador J.  
 Duffy LaHood Roskam  
 Duncan (SC) LaMalfa Ross  
 Duncan (TN) Lamborn Rothfus

Rouzer	Smucker	Walker
Royce (CA)	Stefanik	Walorski
Russell	Stewart	Walters, Mimi
Rutherford	Stivers	Weber (TX)
Sanford	Taylor	Webster (FL)
Scalise	Tenney	Wenstrup
Schweikert	Thompson (PA)	Westerman
Scott, Austin	Thornberry	Williams
Sensenbrenner	Tiberi	Wilson (SC)
Sessions	Tipton	Wittman
Shimkus	Trott	Womack
Shuster	Turner	Woodall
Simpson	Upton	Yoder
Smith (MO)	Valadao	Yoho
Smith (NE)	Wagner	Young (AK)
Smith (NJ)	Walberg	Young (IA)
Smith (TX)	Walden	Zeldin

## NOT VOTING—13

Barletta	King (IA)	Ryan (OH)
Davis (CA)	Matsui	Sinema
Doggett	Pelosi	Titus
Green, Gene	Richmond	
Gutiérrez	Rush	

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR (during the vote).  
There is 1 minute remaining.

□ 1902

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated against:

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 150.

The Acting CHAIR. There being no further amendments, under the rule, the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WOMACK) having assumed the chair, Mr. BYRNE, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 725) to amend title 28, United States Code, to prevent fraudulent joinder, and, pursuant to House Resolution 175, he reported the bill back to the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

## MOTION TO RECOMMIT

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I have a motion to recommit at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is the gentlewoman opposed to the bill?

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. I am opposed in its current form.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion to recommit.

The Clerk read as follows:

Ms. Kuster of New Hampshire moves to recommit the bill H.R. 725 to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with the following amendment:

Add, at the end of the bill, the following:

**SEC. 3. PROTECTING AMERICANS' RIGHT TO HOLD GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO ETHICAL STANDARDS.**

Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this Act may be construed to apply to a civil action pertaining to ethics in government.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from California is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, this is the final amendment to the bill, which will not kill the bill or send it back to committee. If adopted, the bill will immediately proceed to final passage, as amended.

Today, our country is in an era where appropriate ethics and conduct by elected officials is of the utmost importance.

I think we can agree that many representatives and others in government have failed to live up to the expectations of the American people.

We all have immense responsibility to advocate for our constituents, and it is so important that our work and the work of those in this administration reflect our genuine desire to do well on the part of those we represent.

I have heard from literally thousands of my constituents in New Hampshire who are concerned about the President's reluctance to fully give up control of his businesses, his refusal to publicly disclose his tax returns, and the connections between Russia and those in his campaign and the administration. This pattern of nondisclosure and hidden interests in the administration could put our public welfare and, indeed, our national security at stake.

Citizens must have all the legal tools at their disposal to push back against improper ethics and crony capitalism at all levels of government, including the highest levels of the Federal Government.

This also includes instances in which a business could face unfair competition because conflicts of interest in government provide unfair support to their competitors.

Unfortunately, the bill before us today makes it harder for those who may have been wronged by established and well-funded interests to get a fair shot in court.

My amendment simply states that nothing in this legislation shall be construed to apply to any civil action related to ethics in government. Private citizens trying to hold government officials to high ethical standards should not have barriers like this legislation thrown in their way.

Going forward, I hope that as Republicans and Democrats we can work together to promote legislation and efforts that increase transparency in government, rather than making it more difficult for citizens to hold the government accountable.

I ask that my colleagues support this important motion to recommit.

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

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Chairman, I claim the time in opposition.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I am not sure how this bill applies to government ethics at all.

This bill is a simple bill that tells trial lawyers not to sue innocent local people in businesses just so they can forum shop. It tells them that all they have got to do is show a plausible case before they can proceed and that they have got to proceed in good faith.

It has nothing to do with what the amendment proposes. This is to protect innocent folks from being sucked into lawsuits by trial lawyers.

I urge my colleagues to oppose this amendment and support the underlying legislation.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to recommit.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to recommit.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

## RECORDED VOTE

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the minimum time for any electronic vote on the question of passage.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 187, noes 233, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 151]

## AYES—187

Adams	DeLauro	Kind
Aguilar	DelBene	Krishnamoorthi
Barragán	Demings	Kuster (NH)
Bass	DeSaulnier	Langevin
Beatty	Deutch	Larsen (WA)
Bera	Dingell	Larson (CT)
Beyer	Doggett	Lawrence
Bishop (GA)	Doyle, Michael	Lawson (FL)
Blumenauer	F.	Lee
Blunt Rochester	Ellison	Levin
Bonamici	Engel	Lewis (GA)
Boyle, Brendan	Eshoo	Lieu, Ted
F.	Españillat	Lipinski
Brady (PA)	Esty	Loeb sack
Brown (MD)	Evans	Lofgren
Brownley (CA)	Foster	Lowenthal
Bustos	Frankel (FL)	Lowey
Butterfield	Fudge	Lujan Grisham,
Capuano	Gabbard	M.
Carbajal	Gallego	Luján, Ben Ray
Cárdenas	Garamendi	Lynch
Carson (IN)	Gonzalez (TX)	Maloney,
Cartwright	Gottheimer	Carolyn B.
Castor (FL)	Green, Al	Maloney, Sean
Castro (TX)	Grijalva	McCollum
Chu, Judy	Gutiérrez	McEachin
Cicilline	Hanabusa	McGovern
Clark (MA)	Hastings	McNerney
Clarke (NY)	Heck	Meeks
Clay	Higgins (NY)	Meng
Cleaver	Himes	Moore
Clyburn	Hoyer	Moulton
Cohen	Huffman	Murphy (FL)
Connolly	Jackson Lee	Nadler
Conyers	Jayapal	Napolitano
Cooper	Jeffries	Neal
Correa	Johnson (GA)	Nolan
Costa	Johnson, E. B.	Norcross
Courtney	Jones	O'Halleran
Crist	Kaptur	O'Rourke
Crowley	Keating	Pallone
Cuellar	Kelly (IL)	Panetta
Cummings	Kennedy	Pascarell
Davis, Danny	Khanna	Payne
DeFazio	Kihuen	Pelosi
DeGette	Kildee	Perlmutter
Delaney	Kilmer	Peters

Peterson  
Pingree  
Pocan  
Polis  
Price (NC)  
Quigley  
Raskin  
Rice (NY)  
Rosen  
Roybal-Allard  
Ruiz  
Ruppersberger  
Ryan (OH)  
Sánchez  
Sarbanes  
Schakowsky  
Schiff

Schneider  
Schrader  
Scott (VA)  
Scott, David  
Serrano  
Sewell (AL)  
Shea-Porter  
Sherman  
Sires  
Slaughter  
Smith (WA)  
Soto  
Speier  
Suozzi  
Swalwell (CA)  
Takano  
Thompson (CA)

Thompson (MS)  
Tonko  
Torres  
Tsongas  
Vargas  
Veasey  
Vela  
Velázquez  
Visclosky  
Walz  
Wasserman  
Schultz  
Waters, Maxine  
Watson Coleman  
Welch  
Wilson (FL)  
Yarmuth

## NOES—233

Abraham  
Aderholt  
Allen  
Amash  
Amodeli  
Arrington  
Babin  
Bacon  
Banks (IN)  
Barr  
Barton  
Bergman  
Biggs  
Bilirakis  
Bishop (MI)  
Bishop (UT)  
Black  
Blackburn  
Blum  
Bost  
Brady (TX)  
Brat  
Bridenstine  
Brooks (AL)  
Brooks (IN)  
Buchanan  
Buck  
Bucshon  
Budd  
Burgess  
Byrne  
Calvert  
Carter (GA)  
Carter (TX)  
Chabot  
Chaffetz  
Cheney  
Coffman  
Cole  
Collins (GA)  
Collins (NY)  
Comer  
Comstock  
Conaway  
Cook  
Costello (PA)  
Cramer  
Crawford  
Culberson  
Curbelo (FL)  
Davidson  
Davis, Rodney  
Denham  
Dent  
DeSantis  
DesJarlais  
Diaz-Balart  
Donovan  
Duffy  
Duncan (SC)  
Duncan (TN)  
Emmer  
Farenthold  
Faso  
Ferguson  
Fitzpatrick  
Fleischmann  
Flores  
Fortenberry  
Foxy  
Franks (AZ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Gaetz  
Gallagher  
Garrett  
Gibbs  
Gohmert

Goodlatte  
Gosar  
Gowdy  
Granger  
Graves (GA)  
Graves (LA)  
Graves (MO)  
Griffith  
Grothman  
Guthrie  
Harper  
Harris  
Hartzler  
Hensarling  
Herrera Beutler  
Hice, Jody B.  
Higgins (LA)  
Hill  
Holding  
Hollingsworth  
Hudson  
Huizenga  
Hultgren  
Hunter  
Hurd  
Issa  
Jenkins (KS)  
Jenkins (WV)  
Johnson (LA)  
Johnson (OH)  
Johnson, Sam  
Jordan  
Joyce (OH)  
Katko  
Kelly (MS)  
Kelly (PA)  
King (IA)  
King (NY)  
Kinzinger  
Knight  
Kustoff (TN)  
Labrador  
LaHood  
LaMalfa  
Lamborn  
Lance  
Latta  
Lewis (MN)  
LoBiondo  
Long  
Loudermilk  
Love  
Lucas  
Luetkemeyer  
MacArthur  
Marchant  
Marino  
Marshall  
Massie  
Mast  
McCarthy  
McCaul  
McClintock  
McHenry  
McKinley  
McMorris  
Rodgers  
McSally  
Meadows  
Meehan  
Messer  
Mitchell  
Moolenaar  
Mooney (WV)  
Mullin  
Murphy (PA)  
Newhouse  
Noem

Nunes  
Olson  
Palazzo  
Palmer  
Paulsen  
Pearce  
Perry  
Pittenger  
Poe (TX)  
Poliquin  
Posey  
Ratcliffe  
Reed  
Reichert  
Renacci  
Rice (SC)  
Roby  
Roe (TN)  
Rogers (AL)  
Rogers (KY)  
Rohrabacher  
Rokita  
Rooney, Francis  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Roskam  
Ross  
Rothfus  
Rouzer  
Royce (CA)  
Russell  
Rutherford  
Sanford  
Scalise  
Schweikert  
Scott, Austin  
Sensenbrenner  
Shuster  
Simpson  
Smith (MO)  
Smith (NE)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX)  
Smucker  
Stefanik

## NOT VOTING—9

Barletta  
Davis (CA)  
Green, Gene  
Matsui

Richmond  
Rooney, Thomas  
J.  
Rush

Sinema  
Titus

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1914

So the motion to recommit was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

## RECORDED VOTE

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 224, noes 194, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 152]

## AYES—224

Abraham  
Aderholt  
Allen  
Amodeli  
Arrington  
Babin  
Bacon  
Banks (IN)  
Barr  
Barton  
Bergman  
Biggs  
Bilirakis  
Bishop (MI)  
Bishop (UT)  
Black  
Blackburn  
Blum  
Bost  
Brady (TX)  
Brat  
Bridenstine  
Brooks (AL)  
Brooks (IN)  
Buchanan  
Buck  
Bucshon  
Budd  
Burgess  
Byrne  
Calvert  
Carter (GA)  
Carter (TX)  
Chabot  
Chaffetz  
Cheney  
Coffman  
Cole  
Collins (GA)  
Collins (NY)  
Comer  
Comstock  
Conaway  
Cook  
Costello (PA)  
Cramer  
Crawford  
Culberson  
Davidson  
Davis, Rodney  
Denham  
Dent  
DeSantis  
DesJarlais  
Duffy  
Duncan (SC)  
Duncan (TN)  
Emmer  
Farenthold  
Faso  
Ferguson  
Fitzpatrick  
Fleischmann  
Flores  
Fortenberry  
Foxy  
Franks (AZ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Gaetz  
Gallagher  
Garrett  
Gibbs  
Gohmert

Farenthold  
Faso  
Ferguson  
Fitzpatrick  
Fleischmann  
Flores  
Fortenberry  
Foxy  
Franks (AZ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Gaetz  
Gallagher  
Garrett  
Gibbs  
Gohmert

Lance  
Latta  
Lewis (MN)  
LoBiondo  
Long  
Loudermilk  
Love  
Lucas  
Luetkemeyer  
MacArthur  
Marchant  
Marino  
Marshall  
Mast  
McCarthy  
McCaul  
McClintock  
McHenry  
McKinley  
McMorris  
Rodgers  
McSally  
Meadows  
Meehan  
Messer  
Mitchell  
Moolenaar  
Mooney (WV)  
Mullin  
Murphy (PA)  
Newhouse  
Noem

Lance  
Latta  
Lewis (MN)  
LoBiondo  
Long  
Loudermilk  
Love  
Lucas  
Luetkemeyer  
MacArthur  
Marchant  
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McCarthy  
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McClintock  
McHenry  
McKinley  
McMorris  
Rodgers  
McSally  
Meadows  
Meehan  
Messer  
Mitchell  
Moolenaar  
Mooney (WV)  
Mullin  
Murphy (PA)  
Newhouse  
Noem

Royce (CA)  
Rutherford  
Scalise  
Schweikert  
Scott, Austin  
Sensenbrenner  
Sessions  
Shimkus  
Shuster  
Simpson  
Smith (MO)  
Smith (NE)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX)  
Smucker  
Stefanik

Stewart  
Stivers  
Taylor  
Tenney  
Thompson (PA)  
Thornberry  
Tiberi  
Tipton  
Trott  
Turner  
Upton  
Valadao  
Wagner  
Walberg  
Walden  
Walker

## NOES—194

Adams  
Aguilar  
Amash  
Barragán  
Bass  
Beatty  
Bera  
Beyer  
Bishop (GA)  
Blumenauer  
Blunt Rochester  
Bonamici  
Boyle, Brendan  
F.  
Brady (PA)  
Brown (MD)  
Brownley (CA)  
Bustos  
Butterfield  
Capuano  
Carbajal  
Cárdenas  
Carson (IN)  
Cartwright  
Castor (FL)  
Castro (TX)  
Chu, Judy  
Cicilline  
Clarke (NY)  
Clay  
Cleaver  
Clyburn  
Cohen  
Connolly  
Conyers  
Cooper  
Correa  
Costa  
Courtney  
Crist  
Crowley  
Cuellar  
Cummings  
Curbelo (FL)  
Davis, Danny  
DeFazio  
DeGette  
Delaney  
DeLauro  
DelBene  
Demings  
DeSaulnier  
Deutch  
Diaz-Balart  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Doyle, Michael  
F.  
Duncan (TN)  
Ellison  
Engel  
Eshoo  
Españillat  
Esty  
Evans  
Foster  
Frankel (FL)

Fudge  
Gabbard  
Gallego  
Garamendi  
Gonzalez (TX)  
Gottheimer  
Green, Al  
Griffith  
Grijalva  
Gutiérrez  
Hanabusa  
Hastings  
Heck  
Higgins (NY)  
Himes  
Hoyer  
Huffman  
Jackson Lee  
Jayapal  
Jeffries  
Johnson (GA)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Jones  
Kaptur  
Keating  
Kelly (IL)  
Kennedy  
Khanna  
Kihuen  
Kildee  
Kilmer  
Kind  
Krishnamoorthi  
Kuster (NH)  
Langevin  
Larsen (WA)  
Larson (CT)  
Lawrence  
Lawson (FL)  
Lee  
Levin  
Lewis (GA)  
Lieu, Ted  
Lipinski  
Loebach  
Lofgren  
Lowenthal  
Lowey  
Lujan Grisham, M.  
Luján, Ben Ray  
Lynch  
Maloney,  
Carolyn B.  
Massie  
McCollum  
McEachin  
McGovern  
McNerney  
Meeks  
Meng  
Moore  
Moulton  
Murphy (FL)  
Nadler  
Napolitano  
Neal

Nolan  
Norcross  
O'Halleran  
O'Rourke  
Pallone  
Panetta  
Pascarelli  
Payne  
Pelosi  
Perlmutter  
Peters  
Peterson  
Pingree  
Pocan  
Polis  
Price (NC)  
Quigley  
Raskin  
Rice (NY)  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Rosen  
Roybal-Allard  
Ruiz  
Ruppersberger  
Russell  
Ryan (OH)  
Sánchez  
Sanford  
Sarbanes  
Schiff  
Schneider  
Schrader  
Scott (VA)  
Serrano  
Sewell (AL)  
Shea-Porter  
Sherman  
Sires  
Slaughter  
Smith (WA)  
Soto  
Speier  
Suozzi  
Swalwell (CA)  
Takano  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Tonko  
Torres  
Tsongas  
Vargas  
Veasey  
Vela  
Velázquez  
Visclosky  
Walz  
Wasserman  
Schultz  
Waters, Maxine  
Watson Coleman  
Welch  
Wilson (FL)  
Yarmuth

## NOT VOTING—11

Barletta  
Clark (MA)  
Davis (CA)  
Green, Gene  
Maloney, Sean

Matsui  
Richmond  
Rooney, Thomas  
J.  
Rush

Sinema  
Titus

□ 1919

So the bill was passed.  
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 610

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 610.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 637

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 637.

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

There was no objection.

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 2 of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 715a), and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following Member on the part of the House to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission:

Mr. THOMPSON, California

#### RIGHT TO TRY POTENTIALLY LIFESAVING DRUGS

(Mr. BIGGS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, many Americans, including my constituents, fight a terminal illness. Many of them cannot access potentially lifesaving drugs because of the lengthy and bureaucratic Food and Drug Administration's approval process.

Last month Congressman FITZPATRICK and I introduced the Right to Try Act, which is a bill that would provide the option for terminally ill patients to receive drugs that have passed the FDA's basic safety testing but are still working their way through the lengthy government process to receive final approval.

In 2014, my home State of Arizona passed a similar right-to-try law with nearly 80 percent of the vote, thanks to the heroic efforts of my friend, the late Laura Knaperek. She successfully fought to pass right-to-try at the State level even as she was battling a cancer that would ultimately claim her life. I sponsored this bill in memory of Laura and many others who have championed this legislation around the country.

Right-to-try has passed in 33 States, and it needs to be enacted at the Federal level. Our bill gives Americans

that right to try. I am grateful for Congressman FITZPATRICK's partnership on this vital issue. I call upon my colleagues to pass this legislation in the House.

#### HEALTH CARE UNCERTAINTY IN NEW JERSEY

(Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I wish I could say that the Republicans' attack on the poor and vulnerable through this disastrous healthcare bill is a surprise. But, unfortunately, in my home State, Republican leadership has laid out the framework for their very own attack.

Last week, Governor Chris Christie dealt another blow to the welfare of New Jerseyans by seeking to fund his State budget by siphoning money from Horizon, the State's largest healthcare insurer, serving over 900,000 Medicaid members in New Jersey. Horizon's reserve fund exists to protect healthcare consumers in the face of uncertainty. But, Mr. Speaker, New Jerseyans are currently facing tremendous uncertainty due to proposals by Republicans in Congress to roll back Medicaid.

Mr. Speaker, the threats are clear. Governor Christie's proposal would destabilize Horizon and raise consumer premiums just when hundreds of thousands of New Jerseyans may lose Medicaid coverage or have premium subsidies withdrawn at the hands of reckless Federal lawmakers.

In my district alone, 40,600 New Jerseyans currently covered by the ACA's Medicaid expansion now stand to lose their coverage if eliminated. Both Governor Christie's budget raid and the Republican healthcare proposal are prescriptions for disaster. These plans are not only lazy and careless, but are also unworkable strategies that will only result in chaos across the healthcare industry of New Jersey and this country.

#### PENN STATE'S THON FUNDRAISER

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate one of Penn State's finest events, THON, a 46-hour dance marathon. THON began in 1977. It is the largest student-run philanthropy in the world, and it raises money to fight pediatric cancer. THON ran from February 17 to 19 as dancers stood for 46 hours without sleep at Bryce Jordan Center.

THON is a year-round fundraising and awareness campaign for the fight against childhood cancer, with proceeds going directly to Four Diamonds, which benefits the Penn State Children's Hospital in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Four Diamonds ensures that families who are battling pediatric

cancer are not faced with any costs, allowing them to fully focus on the needs of their child. THON 2017 raised more than \$10 million, and since its inception, THON has raised more than \$146 million.

This truly is an event like none other. It shows the power of what Penn State students can do and have been doing to cover the treatment costs for pediatric cancer patients as well as support cancer research. Thank you to all the Penn State students who take part in this spectacular event.

#### FIX HEALTH CARE, DON'T DESTROY IT

(Mr. CRIST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CRIST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of strengthening the Affordable Care Act. Last Saturday, we held a townhall meeting in my home of St. Petersburg, Florida. Over 550 Pinellas County residents showed up, and the message was overwhelming: Work together, fix health care, don't destroy it, put people above politics.

The Republican bill unveiled this week would drive up healthcare costs, strip away important protections, and leave millions without coverage. It is wrong for senior citizens. It is wrong for women. It is wrong for the poor and the disabled. We are judged by how we treat the least among us.

#### HONORING ZELL MILLER

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish the great Georgia Governor and U.S. Senator Zell Miller a happy 85th birthday. He celebrated his milestone on February 24, 2017.

For his undergraduate education, Mr. Miller attended the University of Georgia as well as my alma mater, Young Harris College. He often compared Young Harris to a shoe factory because, as he says, you enter single but you leave as a pair. Fittingly, it is where Mr. Miller met his wife of more than 60 years, Shirley. Also fittingly, it is where I met my wife of 38 years, Amy.

Mr. Miller has dedicated much of his life to serving the public, starting out as the mayor of his small hometown of Young Harris in north Georgia. This outstanding career led him through every level of service, including State senator, Lieutenant Governor, Governor, and United States Senator.

Mr. Miller's dedication to his home State of Georgia and the United States as a whole continues to have lasting effects that are felt to this day. As Governor of Georgia one of Mr. Miller's greatest gifts was the HOPE Scholarship. This fund opens up educational