

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG) and the gentlewoman from Hawaii (Ms. HANABUSA) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alaska.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, first, let me thank my good friend from Hawaii (Ms. HANABUSA) for coming over here to help manage the bill. I know it was an imposition, but I thank her. It means a great deal to me.

Mr. Speaker, the Swan Lake hydroelectric project is a remote facility in southeast Alaska that provides electric power to nearly 20,000 of my constituents in the cities of Petersburg, Wrangell, Ketchikan, and the surrounding areas.

In 1994, the project's operator began work to raise the dam height by 15 feet, working with the State of Alaska to secure 1,500 acres of land from the Federal Government inside the reservoir's new coverage area. The land was surveyed by the Federal Government and transferred to the State of Alaska in 1997.

In 2012, the project operator discovered an error in the Federal Government's survey and determined an additional 25.8 acres of Federal land would be inundated if the water level were raised. There is no disagreement among the Federal and State agencies concerned that an error occurred. H.R. 219 will fix the error by requiring the Secretary of the Interior to correct the survey and transfer the remaining acreage to the State of Alaska.

This is a commonsense bill that promotes green energy development at zero cost to the Federal Government. Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of the measure, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, it is always an honor to share the floor with my good friend from Alaska.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 219 instructs the Secretary of the Interior, after consulting with the Forest Service, to resurvey the Lost Creek section and other additional lands by the Swan Lake hydroelectric facility so the Interior Department can modify the boundary and convey land necessary for the facility's expansion.

The Swan Lake hydroelectric facility is a tall concrete arch dam at the head of the Carroll Inlet. The project was

authorized by FERC, and operation began in 1984. It is currently operated by a not-for-profit Alaskan Joint Action Agency called the Southeast Alaska Power Agency. These utilities provide an estimated 62 percent of the power consumed by the communities they serve.

The survey that was used to convey land for the expansion project contained a mistake and omitted the Lost Creek section and other additional areas.

□ 1800

More land, however, needs to be conveyed to the State of Alaska to utilize the additional reservoir storage from the recently finished expansion project. Because this bill corrects that mistake, conveys needed land for the facility expansion, and was supported by the U.S. Forest Service, I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that, given the nature of this bill—and we all know that when it comes to Alaska, no one is a better advocate and the strongest proponent of what is right and for the State of Alaska than my good friend, the Representative from Alaska. This is a bill that corrects that mistake, it conveys the needed land for the facility expansion, and it is supported by all the necessary Federal agencies. For that reason, I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

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

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I wish my good friend from Hawaii good luck in the upcoming election. I know it is against the rules, but I am going to say it anyway. The gentlewoman will make a fine Governor as she made a fine Congresswoman; believe me.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 219.

The question was taken.

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

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

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 1 minute 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. MARSHALL) 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 questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

The motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4547, by the yeas and nays; and

Agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, if ordered.

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

STRENGTHENING PROTECTIONS FOR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFICIARIES ACT OF 2018

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4547) to amend titles II, VIII, and XVI of the Social Security Act to improve and strengthen the representative payment program, 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 396, nays 0, not voting 34, as follows:

[Roll No. 51]

YEAS—396

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Abraham | Brat | Collins (NY) |
| Adams | Bridenstine | Comer |
| Aderholt | Brooks (AL) | Comstock |
| Aguilar | Brooks (IN) | Conaway |
| Allen | Brown (MD) | Connolly |
| Amash | Brownley (CA) | Cook |
| Amodei | Buchanan | Cooper |
| Arrington | Buck | Correa |
| Babin | Bucshon | Costa |
| Bacon | Budd | Costello (PA) |
| Banks (IN) | Burgess | Courtney |
| Barletta | Bustos | Cramer |
| Barr | Butterfield | Crawford |
| Barragán | Byrne | Crist |
| Barton | Calvert | Crowley |
| Bass | Capuano | Cuellar |
| Beatty | Carbajal | Culberson |
| Bera | Cárdenas | Curbelo (FL) |
| Bergman | Carson (IN) | Curtis |
| Beyer | Carter (GA) | Davidson |
| Biggs | Carter (TX) | Davis (CA) |
| Bilirakis | Cartwright | Davis, Rodney |
| Bishop (GA) | Castor (FL) | DeFazio |
| Bishop (MI) | Castro (TX) | DeGette |
| Bishop (UT) | Chabot | Delaney |
| Blackburn | Cheney | DeLauro |
| Blumenauer | Chu, Judy | DelBene |
| Blunt Rochester | Ciциlline | Demings |
| Bonamici | Clark (MA) | Denham |
| Bost | Clarke (NY) | Dent |
| Boyle, Brendan | Cleaver | DeSantis |
| F. | Clyburn | DeSaulnier |
| Brady (PA) | Coffman | DesJarlais |
| Brady (TX) | Collins (GA) | Deutch |