

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 57 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Chair, I rise to speak in strong support of H.R. 1140, the Rights for Transportation Security Officers Act of 2020, which will create civil service protections for TSA employees that are long overdue.

H.R. 1140, mandates the conversion of all covered employees and positions within the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to the provisions of title 5, United States Code.

The bill represents a longstanding priority for Chairman THOMPSON, the bill's author, and my own as a former chair of the Homeland Security Committee's Subcommittee on Transportation Security to extend the rights and protections afford to all federal government employees to TSA personnel.

Several versions of the bill have been introduced over the past decade, but this Congress is the first time the bill has received overwhelming, bipartisan support, with 236 co-sponsors including 10 Republicans.

The legislation curtails TSA's broad authorities to create and control its personnel systems, instead requiring TSA to abide by the provisions of title 5 which regulate personnel systems for most Federal agencies.

The bill would provide TSA employees with the workforce protections and benefits available to most other Federal workers.

The bill sets forth transition rules to protect the rate of pay and other rights of TSA employees during a transition to title 5.

The bill also requires the Secretary of Homeland Security to consult with the appropriate labor organizations to carry out the transition.

This bill does not affect prohibitions against disloyalty and asserting the right to strike against the federal government.

The bill also extends the timeline for the transition from 60 days to a more realistic 180 days, and it contains language to protect employees with grievances or disciplinary actions pending during the transition.

On the morning of September 11, 2001, nearly 3,000 people were killed in a series of coordinated terrorist attacks in New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

The attacks resulted in the creation of the Transportation Security Administration, which was designed to prevent similar attacks in the future by removing the responsibility for transportation security from private entities.

The Aviation and Transportation Security Act, passed by the 107th Congress and signed on November 19, 2001, established TSA just 2 months following the September 11, 2001 attacks.

The urgent need to provide a response to the available security threat was facing meant that much of the work to provide administrative structure and integration measures that would have woven in the civil service protections now be added did not occur at that time.

The TSA's mission is to protect the nation's transportation systems to ensure freedom of movement for people and commerce.

The work of the TSA is a frontline Department of Homeland Security and it is not easy—it can in fact be very dangerous.

Like many of my colleagues, I recall the shooting incident at LAX that killed Gerardo Hernandez, who became the first TSA officer killed in the line of duty; and the machete attack at the Louis Armstrong New Orleans

International Airport that resulted in injuries to Senior Transportation Security Officer Carol Richel.

These incidents only highlight the difficult work that the men and women of the TSA must perform each day to keep our nation's airports and flights safe.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) supports several key parts of the U.S. coronavirus response.

The TSA is responsible for: enforcing the travel restrictions for all flights that are carrying individuals who have recently traveled from China, notifying passengers and travelers of risks of contracting the virus, and coordinating with air carriers and airports to discuss government actions and seek input (TSA).

Allegations about mismanagement, wasteful procedures, retaliation against whistleblowers, low morale, and security gaps within the Agency are causes for concern.

TSA has consistently struggled with low morale across the workforce, ranking 303 out of 305 government agencies in 2016.

Low morale has a nexus to the high turnover rate within the ranks of Transportation Security Officers (TSOs).

TSOs represent 70 percent of the TSA workforce, yet have been denied full collective bargaining rights, whistleblower protections, and opportunities to effectively raise issues in dispute to an independent third party, such as the Merit Systems Protection Board.

Additionally, TSOs are subject to a pay and performance system that does not track with the General Services (GS) wage system, the primary wage system for Federal workers.

It is past time to make the changes provided by H.R. 1140, so the TSA workforce is treated equally to other federal employees with the power to advance and expand their opportunities as government employees.

Finally I am excited to support the Mucarsel-Powell amendment regarding infectious disease preparation and protection for TSOs, and the Cisneros Amendment that is very important which requires the DHS to prioritize hiring veterans including disabled veterans and others associated with veterans.

I ask my colleagues to join me in voting for H.R. 1140.

□ 1015

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BROWN of Maryland) at 10 o'clock and 15 minutes a.m.

RIGHTS FOR TRANSPORTATION SECURITY OFFICERS ACT OF 2020

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 877 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. 1140.

Will the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. NEGUSE) kindly take the chair.

□ 1015

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. 1140) to enhance the security operations of the Transportation Security Administration and stability of the transportation security workforce by applying the personnel system under title 5, United States Code, to employees of the Transportation Security Administration who provide screening of all passengers and property, and for other purposes, with Mr. NEGUSE (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, amendment No. 9, printed in House Report 116-411 offered by the gentleman from Florida (Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL) 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 116-411 on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

Amendment No. 7 by Mr. CISNEROS of California.

Amendment No. 9 by Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL of Florida.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 7 OFFERED BY MR. CISNEROS

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. CISNEROS) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes 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 vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 399, noes 1, not voting 35, as follows:

[Roll No. 87]

AYES—399

Abraham	Boyle, Brendan	Chu, Judy
Adams	F.	Cicilline
Aderholt	Brady	Cisneros
Aguilar	Brindisi	Clark (MA)
Allen	Brooks (AL)	Clarke (NY)
Allred	Brooks (IN)	Clay
Amodei	Brown (MD)	Cleaver
Armstrong	Brownley (CA)	Cline
Arrington	Buchanan	Cloud
Axne	Buck	Clyburn
Babin	Bucshon	Cohen
Bacon	Budd	Cole
Baird	Burchett	Collins (GA)
Balderson	Burgess	Comer
Banks	Bustos	Conaway
Barr	Butterfield	Connolly
Barragan	Byrne	Cook
Bass	Calvert	Cooper
Beatty	Carbajal	Correa
Bergman	Carson (IN)	Costa
Biggs	Carter (GA)	Courtney
Bilirakis	Carter (TX)	Cox (CA)
Bishop (NC)	Cartwright	Craig
Bishop (UT)	Case	Crawford
Blumenauer	Casten (IL)	Crenshaw
Blunt Rochester	Castor (FL)	Crist
Bonamici	Castro (TX)	Crow
Bost	Chabot	Cuellar

Cunningham Katko Phillips Waltz Wenstrup Womack Byrne Granger McEachin
 Curtis Keating Pingree Wasserman Westerman Woodall Calvert Graves (GA) McGovern
 Davids (KS) Keller Plaskett Schultz Weston Wright Carbajal Graves (LA) McHenry
 Davidson (OH) Kelly (IL) Pocan Watkins Wild Cárdenas Graves (MO) McKinley
 Davis (CA) Kelly (MS) Porter Watson Coleman Williams Carson (IN) Green, Al (TX) Mc Nerney
 Davis, Danny K. Kelly (PA) Posey Weber (TX) Wilson (FL) Young Carter (GA) Griffith Meadows
 Dean Kennedy Pressley Webster (FL) Wilson (SC) Yoho Carter (TX) Guest
 DeFazio Khanna Price (NC) Welch Wittman Zeldin Cartwright Guthrie Meng
 DeGette Kildee Quigley Amash Case Hagedorn Meuser
 DeLauro Kim Radewagen NOES—1 Casten (IL) Harder (CA) Miller
 Delgado Kind Raskin Amash Castor (FL) Harris Mitchell
 Demings King (IA) Ratcliffe Not Voting—35 Castro (TX) Hartzler Moolenaar
 DeSaulnier King (NY) Reed Chabot Hastings Mooney (WV)
 DesJarlais Kinzinger Reschenthaler Bera Herrera Beutler Newhouse Ciocilline Hayes Moore
 Deutch Kirkpatrick Rice (NY) Beyer Jackson Lee Rodgers (WA) Cisneros Heck Morelle
 Diaz-Balart Krishnamoorthi Rice (SC) Bishop (GA) Jayapal Rooney (FL) Clark (MA) Hern, Kevin Moulton
 Dingell Kuster (NH) Richmond Cárdenas Johnson (TX) Rose, John W. Clarke (NY) Hice (GA) Mucarsel-Powell
 Doggett Kustoff (TN) Rigglesman Cheney Kilmer Roy Cleaver Clay Higgins (LA) Murphy (FL)
 Doyle, Michael LaHood Lamb Roby Cleaver Doyle Higgins (NY) Hill (AR) Murphy (NC)
 F. Lamb Roe, David P. Dine Larsen (WA) Scott, David Hill (AR) Nadler
 Duncan Lamborn Rogers (AL) Gonzalez-Colón Lawrence Sires Cloud Himes Napolitano
 Dunn Langevin Rogers (KY) Green (TN) Lewis Smith (WA) Clyburn Holding Neal
 Emmer Larson (CT) Rose (NY) Green (TN) Lucas Timmons Cohen Hollingsworth Neguse
 Engel Latta Rouda Grijalva Marchant Veasey Cole Horn, Kendra S. Norcross
 Escobar Lawson (FL) Rouzer Hayes Mullin Waters Collins (GA) Horsford Norman
 Eshoo Lee (CA) Roybal-Allard Comer Conaway Hoyer Houlihan Norton
 Espaillat Lee (NV) Ruiz Ruppertsberger Connolly Hudson Hoyer Nunes
 Estes Lesko Ruppertsberger Cook Huffman O'Halleran
 Evans Levin (CA) Rush Cook Huffman Ocasio-Cortez
 Ferguson Levin (MI) Rutherford Cooper Huizenga Olson
 Finkenauer Lieu, Ted Ryan Correa Hurd (TX) Omar
 Fitzpatrick Lipinski Sablan Costa Jackson Lee Palazzo
 Fleischmann Loeb sack San Nicolas Jeffries Pallone
 Fletcher Lofgren Sánchez Johnson (GA) Palmer
 Flores Long Sarbanes Johnson (LA) Panetta
 Fortenberry Loudermilk Johnson (OH) Pappas
 Foster Lowenthal Johnson (SD) Pascrell
 Foxx (NC) Lowey Jordan Payne
 Frankel Luetkemeyer Schiff Joy (OH) Pence
 Fudge Luján Schneider Cuellar Joyce (PA) Perlmutter
 Fulcher Luria Schradler Cunningham Kaptur Perry
 Gabbard Lynch Schweikert Curtis Katko Peters
 Gaetz Malinowski Scott (VA) Davids (KS) Keating Peterson
 Gallagher Maloney, Scott, Austin Keller Phillips
 Gallego Carolyn B. Sensenbrenner Kelly (IL) Pingree
 Garamendi Maloney, Sean Serrano Kelly (MS) Plaskett
 Garcia (IL) Marshall Sewell (AL) Davis, Danny K. Kelly (PA) Pocan
 Garcia (TX) Massie Sherman Porter
 Gianforte Mast Sherrill Khanna Posey
 Gibbs Matsui Sherrill DeFazio Khanna Posey
 Gohmert McAdams Shimkus DeGette Kildee Pressley
 Golden McBath Simpson DeLauro Kim Price (NC)
 Gomez McCarthy Slotkin Delgado Kind Quigley
 Gonzalez (OH) McCaul Smith (MO) Demings King (IA) Radewagen
 Gonzalez (TX) McClintock Smith (NE) DeSaulnier King (NY) Raskin
 Gooden McCollum Smith (NJ) DesJarlais Kinzinger Reed
 Gosar McEachin Smucker Deutch Kirkpatrick Reschenthaler
 Gottheimer McGovern Soto Diaz-Balart Kuster (NH) Rice (NY)
 Granger McHenry Pocan Dingell Kustoff (TN) Rice (SC)
 Graves (GA) McKinley Mc Nerney Doggett Richmond Richmond
 Graves (LA) Mc Nerney Doyle, Michael LaHood Rigglesman
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 Harder (CA) Moore Suozzi Lee (NV) Ruiz
 Harris Morelle Swallow (CA) Evans Lesko Ruppertsberger
 Hartzler Moulton Takano Fergusson Levin (CA) Rush
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 Hill (AR) Neguse Titus Long Sarbanes
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 Holding Norman Tonko Fortenberry Scalise
 Hollingsworth Norton Torres (CA) Scanlon
 Horn, Kendra S. Nunes Torres Small Schakowsky
 Horsford O'Halleran (NM) Frankel Lowey Schiff
 Hoyer Ocasio-Cortez Trahan Schradler Schneider
 Hudson Olson Trone Turner Underwood Luján
 Huffman Omar Underwood Allen Beatty Brindisi Luria
 Huffman Palazzio Upton Allred Bergman Brooks (AL) F. Brooks (IN) Brooks (IN)
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 Hurd (TX) Palmer Vargus Amodei Brownley (CA) Buchanan
 Jeffries Panetta Vela Bilirakis Buchanan
 Johnson (GA) Pappas Velázquez Bishop (GA) Buck
 Johnson (LA) Pascrell Vislosky Axne Bishop (NC) Bucshon
 Johnson (OH) Payne Wagner Bishop (UT) Budd
 Johnson (SD) Pence Walberg Blumenthal Burchett
 Jordan Perlmutter Walden Blunt Rochester Burgess
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NOES—1

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 NOT VOTING—35

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Messrs. OLSON, DUNCAN, and Mrs. LESKO changed their vote from “no” to “aye.”

So the amendment was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

Mrs. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 87.

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Chair, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 87.

Mr. BERA. Mr. Chair, I missed the following vote due to a committee hearing. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 87.

AMENDMENT NO. 9 OFFERED BY MS. MUCARSEL-POWELL

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes 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 403, noes 0, not voting 32, as follows:

[Roll No. 88]

AYES—403

Abraham Barr Boyle, Brendan
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 Aguilar Beatty Brindisi
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 Allred Bergman Brooks (IN)
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 Amodei Biggs Brownley (CA)
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 Arrington Bishop (GA) Buck
 Axne Bishop (NC) Bucshon
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 Carter (GA) Griffith Meadows
 Carter (TX) Guest
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 Case Hagedorn Meuser
 Casten (IL) Harder (CA) Miller
 Castor (FL) Harris Mitchell
 Castro (TX) Hartzler Moolenaar
 Chabot Hastings Mooney (WV)
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 Comer Houlihan Norton
 Conaway Hoyer Nunes
 Connolly Hudson O'Halleran
 Cook Huffman Ocasio-Cortez
 Cooper Huizenga Olson
 Correa Hurd (TX) Omar
 Costa Jackson Lee Palazzo
 Courtney Jeffries Pallone
 Cox (CA) Johnson (GA) Palmer
 Craig Johnson (LA) Panetta
 Crawford Johnson (OH) Pappas
 Crenshaw Johnson (SD) Pascrell
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 Cunningham Kaptur Perry
 Curtis Katko Peters
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 Davidson (OH) Keller Phillips
 Davis (CA) Kelly (IL) Pingree
 Davis, Danny K. Kelly (MS) Plaskett
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 Finkenauer Levin (MI) Rutherford
 Fitzpatrick Lieu, Ted Ryan
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 Flores Lofgren Sánchez
 Fortenberry Long Sarbanes
 Foster Loudermilk Scalise
 Foxx (NC) Lowenthal Scanlon
 Frankel Lowey Schakowsky
 Fudge Lucas Schiff
 Fulcher Luetkemeyer Schneider
 Gabbard Luján Schradler
 Gaetz Luria Schweikert
 Gallagher Lynch Scott (VA)
 Gallego Malinowski Scott, Austin
 Garamendi Maloney, Sensenbrenner
 Garcia (IL) Carolyn B. Sewell (AL)
 Garcia (TX) Marshall Shalala
 Gianforte Mast Sherman
 Gibbs Massie Sherrill
 Gohmert Mast Shimkus
 Golden Matsui Simpson
 Gomez McAdams Slotkin
 Gonzalez (OH) McBath Smith (MO)
 Gonzalez (TX) McCarthy Smith (NE)
 Gooden McCaul Smith (NJ)
 Gosar McClintock Smucker
 Gottheimer McCollum Soto

Spanberger	Tlaib	Wasserman
Spano	Tonko	Schultz
Speier	Torres (CA)	Watkins
Stanton	Torres Small	Watson Coleman
Staubert	(NM)	Weber (TX)
Stefanik	Trahan	Webster (FL)
Steil	Trone	Welch
Steube	Turner	Wenstrup
Stevens	Underwood	Westerman
Stewart	Upton	Wexton
Stivers	Van Drew	Wild
Suozzi	Vargas	Williams
Swalwell (CA)	Vela	Wilson (SC)
Takano	Velázquez	Wittman
Taylor	Visclosky	Womack
Thompson (CA)	Wagner	Woodall
Thompson (MS)	Walberg	Wright
Thompson (PA)	Walden	Yarmuth
Thornberry	Walker	Yoho
Tipton	Walorski	Young
Titus	Waltz	Zeldin

NOT VOTING—32

Cheney	Johnson (TX)	Rose, John W.
Chu, Judy	Kilmer	Roy
DelBene	Larsen (WA)	Schrier
González-Colón	Lawrence	Scott, David
(PR)	Lewis	Serrano
Green (TN)	Marchant	Sires
Grijalva	Mullin	Smith (WA)
Grothman	Newhouse	Timmons
Haaland	Ratchiffe	Veasey
Herrera Beutler	Rodgers (WA)	Waters
Jayapal	Rooney (FL)	Wilson (FL)

□ 1058

So the amendment was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Chair, had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 88.

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Chair, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 88.

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

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. NEGUSE) having assumed the chair, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, 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. 1140) to enhance the security operations of the Transportation Security Administration and stability of the transportation security workforce by applying the personnel system under title 5, United States Code, to employees of the Transportation Security Administration who provide screening of all passengers and property, and for other purposes, and, pursuant to House Resolution 877, he reported the bill, as amended by that resolution, back to the House with sundry further amendments adopted in the Committee of the Whole.

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

Is a separate vote demanded on any further amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole? If not, the Chair will put them en gros.

The amendments were agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, I have a motion to recommit at the desk.

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

Mrs. LESKO. I am in its current form.

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

The Clerk read as follows:

Mrs. Lesko moves to recommit the bill H.R. 1140 to the Committee on Homeland Security with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with the following amendment:

Add at the end of section 4 the following:

(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—During the transition period and after the conversion date, the Secretary shall ensure that the Transportation Security Administration continues to prevent the hiring of individuals who have been convicted of a sex crime, an offense involving a minor, a crime of violence, or terrorism.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Arizona is recognized for 5 minutes in support of her motion.

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, I first want to say that the vast majority of TSA officers are good, hardworking professionals, but there are some bad actors.

On February 6, 2020, the State of California announced the arrest and prosecution of a former TSA screener, resulting from an FBI investigation. According to the criminal complaint, the TSA screener used “fraud or deceit to falsely imprison a woman going through security” while stationed as a travel document checker at Los Angeles International Airport in June 2019.

The screener insisted that the woman passenger needed extra screening in a private elevator, where he told the passenger to reveal her “full breasts” and to “lift her pants and underwear.” The victim in the case stated that she complied with the TSO’s instructions out of fear.

Fortunately, this offender was immediately fired by the TSA. However, under this bill, H.R. 1140, if it passed, this predator could be on the Federal payroll for months or even years.

But this is not an isolated incident. In addition to the sexual predator at LAX, in the last 5 years alone, a screener in Boston was caught luring teenage girls into posing for nude photos; a screener at LaGuardia molested a female college student in the airport bathroom; and two screeners in Denver plotted to grope attractive men.

My amendment is simple. It would enhance aviation security and protect the flying public by preventing the TSA from hiring any candidate with a history of sexual misconduct, offenses involving minors, or terrorism.

This amendment is identical to an amendment offered by my Democratic colleague, Ms. UNDERWOOD, which was not offered here today. The Underwood amendment was made in order by the Rules Committee. The rule was sup-

ported by every Democrat in the House.

Republicans strongly support the Underwood amendment. We were disappointed we did not have an opportunity to vote on it earlier.

The Underwood amendment preserves the authority TSA currently has to prevent the hiring of candidates with a history of sexual misconduct, offenses involving minors, or terrorism.

The Underwood amendment is so important because current law bars a litany of criminals from working in sensitive roles at airports. The amendment simply ensures that current safeguards remain in place.

There is no reason that someone with a conviction for sexual assault or terrorism should be a TSA employee. To be clear, the Underwood amendment, my amendment, would prevent the hiring of sexual predators like Harvey Weinstein.

We have two options today: adopt the Underwood amendment and keep sexual predators off the Federal payroll, or reject it and reward sexual predators with a paycheck from the taxpayers.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support the motion to recommit, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. DEMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this motion to recommit.

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

Mrs. DEMINGS. Mr. Speaker, 47,000 Transportation Security officers just heard the comments of my colleague, Mrs. LESKO, and many of them we will see today as we cast our votes and fly home to our districts. I am sure many people on this House floor will say, “Thank you for your service,” to the 47,000 men and women who do the jobs to keep the flying public safe every day.

The behavior that Mrs. LESKO cited from LAX, that is offensive to, I am sure, everyone in this room. But let me be clear: There is nothing in this bill that will allow the TSA to hire individuals who have been convicted of sex crimes or offenses against a minor, a crime of violence, or terrorism.

And let me be clear. In the example, also, that she cited, there is nothing that would have precluded this person from being hired in the first place. The behavior took place after the person was hired.

This is a red herring. We decided not to offer this amendment because it simply isn’t necessary.

TSA conducts rigorous background checks and will continue to do so.

Now, let me say this: I was assigned to the Orlando International Airport as a police captain during 9/11, and I did not come today to play political games, and neither did the 242 cosponsors of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, let me make this clear. A vote for this motion to recommit is a vote against the Transportation Security officers. They are the frontline

workers who worked through a government shutdown, without being paid, to keep America safe. They are still showing up today, each of them interacting with thousands of passengers even as we face a public health crisis.

Today, you have a choice: move this bill forward and provide TSOs the basic rights and benefits they deserve, or deny them those rights. It is just that simple.

Mr. Speaker, today, we have a bipartisan solution that will allow us to ensure that the workforce gets the same compensation, benefits, and protections as are available to most other Federal employees. It is about time that the TSA Federal workforce be treated like Federal employees.

This is the time not to just say, “We appreciate you,” but to show them how much we appreciate them.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote against this motion and in support of the bill on final passage.

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 yeas appeared to have it.

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, this 5-minute vote on the motion to recommit will be followed by a 5-minute vote on passage of the bill, if ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 227, nays 175, not voting 27, as follows:

[Roll No. 89]

YEAS—227

Abraham	Cline	Gianforte
Aderholt	Cloud	Gibbs
Allen	Cole	Gohmert
Amodei	Collins (GA)	Golden
Armstrong	Comer	Gonzalez (OH)
Arrington	Conaway	Gooden
Axne	Cook	Gosar
Babin	Cox (CA)	Gottheimer
Bacon	Craig	Granger
Baird	Crawford	Graves (GA)
Balderson	Crenshaw	Graves (LA)
Banks	Crist	Graves (MO)
Barr	Crow	Griffith
Bergman	Cunningham	Grothman
Biggs	Curtis	Guest
Bilirakis	Davidson (OH)	Guthrie
Bishop (NC)	Davis, Rodney	Hagedorn
Bishop (UT)	Delgado	Harder (CA)
Bost	DesJarlais	Harris
Brady	Deutch	Hartzler
Brindisi	Diaz-Balart	Hern, Kevin
Brooks (AL)	Duncan	Hice (GA)
Brooks (IN)	Dunn	Higgins (LA)
Buchanan	Emmer	Hill (AR)
Buck	Estes	Holding
Bucshon	Ferguson	Hollingsworth
Budd	Finkenauer	Horn, Kendra S.
Burchett	Fitzpatrick	Houlihan
Burgess	Fleischmann	Hudson
Bustos	Flores	Huizenga
Byrne	Fortenberry	Hurd (TX)
Calvert	Fox (NC)	Johnson (LA)
Carter (GA)	Frankel	Johnson (OH)
Carter (TX)	Fulcher	Johnson (SD)
Chabot	Gaetz	Jordan
Cisneros	Gallagher	Joyce (OH)

Joyce (PA)	Moulton	Smucker	Velázquez	Wasserman	Welch
Katko	Mucarsel-Powell	Spanberger	Visclosky	Schultz	Xeston
Keller	Murphy (FL)	Spano		Watson Coleman	Yarmuth
Kelly (MS)	Murphy (NC)	Stauber			
Kelly (PA)	Norman	Stefanik			
Kim	Nunes	Steil	Cheney	Lawrence	Roy
King (IA)	Olson	Steube	DelBene	Lewis	Schrier
King (NY)	Palazzo	Stewart	Green (TN)	Marchant	Scott, David
Kinzinger	Palmer	Stivers	Grijalva	Mullin	Sires
Kuster (NH)	Pence	Taylor	Herrera Beutler	Newhouse	Smith (WA)
Kustoff (TN)	Perry	Thompson (PA)	Jayapal	Ratcliffe	Timmons
LaHood	Peters	Thornberry	Johnson (TX)	Rodgers (WA)	Veasey
LaMalfa	Peterson	Tipton	Kilmer	Rooney (FL)	Waters
Lamb	Phillips	Torres Small	Larsen (WA)	Rose, John W.	Wilson (FL)
Lamborn	Porter	(NM)			
Latta	Posey	Turner			
Lee (NV)	Reed	Underwood			
Lesko	Rescenthaler	Upton			
Lipinski	Rice (SC)	Van Drew			
Long	Riggleman	Wagner			
Loudermilk	Roby	Walberg			
Lucas	Roe, David P.	Walden			
Luetkemeyer	Rogers (AL)	Walker			
Luria	Rogers (KY)	Walorski			
Marshall	Rose (NY)	Waltz			
Massie	Rouda	Watkins			
Mast	Rouzer	Weber (TX)			
McAdams	Rutherford	Webster (FL)			
McBath	Scalise	Wenstrup			
McCarthy	Schradler	Westerman			
McCaul	Schweikert	Wild			
McClintock	Scott, Austin	Williams			
McHenry	Sensenbrenner	Wilson (SC)			
McKinley	Sherrill	Wittman			
Meadows	Shimkus	Womack			
Meuser	Simpson	Woodall			
Miller	Slotkin	Wright			
Mitchell	Smith (MO)	Yoho			
Moolenaar	Smith (NE)	Young			
Mooney (WV)	Smith (NJ)	Zeldin			

NAYS—175

Adams	Evans	Moore
Aguilar	Fletcher	Morelle
Allred	Foster	Nadler
Amash	Fudge	Napolitano
Barragán	Gabbard	Neal
Bass	Gallego	Neguse
Beatty	Garamendi	Norcross
Bera	Garcia (IL)	O'Halleran
Beyer	Garcia (TX)	Ocasio-Cortez
Bishop (GA)	Gomez	Omar
Blumenauer	Gonzalez (TX)	Pallone
Blunt Rochester	Green, Al (TX)	Panetta
Bonamici	Haaland	Pappas
Boyle, Brendan	Hastings	Pascarell
F.	Hayes	Payne
Brown (MD)	Heck	Perlmutter
Brownley (CA)	Higgins (NY)	Pingree
Butterfield	Himes	Pocan
Carbajal	Horsford	Pressley
Cárdenas	Hoyer	Price (NC)
Carson (IN)	Huffman	Quigley
Cartwright	Jackson Lee	Raskin
Case	Jeffries	Rice (NY)
Casten (IL)	Johnson (GA)	Richmond
Castor (FL)	Kaptur	Roybal-Allard
Castro (TX)	Keating	Ruiz
Chu, Judy	Kelly (IL)	Ruppersberger
Cicilline	Kennedy	Rush
Clark (MA)	Khanna	Ryan
Clarke (NY)	Kildee	Sánchez
Clay	Kind	Sarbanes
Cleaver	Kirkpatrick	Scanlon
Clyburn	Krishnamoorthi	Schakowsky
Cohen	Langevin	Schiff
Connolly	Larson (CT)	Schneider
Cooper	Lawson (FL)	Scott (VA)
Correa	Lee (CA)	Serrano
Costa	Levin (CA)	Sewell (AL)
Courtney	Levin (MI)	Shalala
Cuellar	Lieu, Ted	Sherman
Davids (KS)	Loeback	Soto
Davis (CA)	Lofgren	Speier
Davis, Danny K.	Lowenthal	Stanton
Dean	Lowe	Stevens
DeFazio	Luján	Suozzi
DeGette	Lynch	Swalwell (CA)
DeLauro	Malinowski	Takano
Demings	Maloney,	Thompson (CA)
DeSaulnier	Carolyn B.	Thompson (MS)
Dingell	Maloney, Sean	Titus
Doggett	Matsui	Tlaib
Doyle, Michael	McCollum	Tonko
F.	McEachin	Torres (CA)
Engel	McGovern	Trahan
Escobar	McNerney	Trone
Eshoo	Meeke	Vargas
Espallat	Meng	Vela

NOT VOTING—27

Cheney	Lawrence	Roy
DelBene	Lewis	Schrier
Green (TN)	Marchant	Scott, David
Grijalva	Mullin	Sires
Herrera Beutler	Newhouse	Smith (WA)
Jayapal	Ratcliffe	Timmons
Johnson (TX)	Rodgers (WA)	Veasey
Kilmer	Rooney (FL)	Waters
Larsen (WA)	Rose, John W.	Wilson (FL)

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Mr. COHEN changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. DEUTCH and Ms. FRANKEL changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the motion to recommit was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the instructions of the House in the motion to recommit, I report the bill, H.R. 1140, back to the House with an amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi.

Add at the end of section 4 the following:

(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—During the transition period and after the conversion date, the Secretary shall ensure that the Transportation Security Administration continues to prevent the hiring of individuals who have been convicted of a sex crime, an offense involving a minor, a crime of violence, or terrorism.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the amendment.

The amendment was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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.

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 yeas appeared to have it.

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 230, nays 171, not voting 28, as follows:

[Roll No. 90]

YEAS—230

Adams	Brindisi	Clark (MA)
Aguilar	Brown (MD)	Clarke (NY)
Allred	Brownley (CA)	Clay
Axne	Bustos	Cleaver
Bacon	Butterfield	Clyburn
Barragán	Carbajal	Cohen
Bass	Cárdenas	Connolly
Beatty	Carson (IN)	Cooper
Bera	Cartwright	Correa
Beyer	Case	Costa
Bishop (GA)	Casten (IL)	Courtney
Blumenauer	Castor (FL)	Cox (CA)
Blunt Rochester	Castro (TX)	Craig
Bonamici	Chu, Judy	Crist
Boyle, Brendan	Cicilline	Crow
F.	Cisneros	Cuellar

Cunningham King (NY)
 Davids (KS) Kirkpatrick
 Davis (CA) Krishnamoorthi
 Davis, Danny K. Kuster (NH)
 Davis, Rodney Lamb
 Dean Langevin
 DeFazio Larson (CT)
 DeGette Lawson (FL)
 DeLauro Lee (CA)
 Delgado Lee (NV)
 Demings Levin (CA)
 DeSaulnier Levin (MI)
 Deutch Lieu, Ted
 Dingell Lipinski
 Doggett Loeback
 Doyle, Michael Lofgren
 F. Lowenthal
 Engel Lowey
 Escobar Luján
 Eshoo Luria
 Espallat Lynch
 Evans Malinowski
 Finkenauer Maloney,
 Fitzpatrick Carolyn B.
 Fletcher Maloney, Sean
 Foster Mast
 Frankel Matsui
 Fudge McAdams
 Gabbard McBeth
 Gallego McCollum
 Garamendi McEachin
 Garcia (IL) McGovern
 Garcia (TX) McKinley
 Golden McNERNEY
 Gomez Meeks
 Gonzalez (OH) Meng
 Gonzalez (TX) Moore
 Gottheimer Morelle
 Green, Al (TX) Moulton
 Haaland Mucarsel-Powell
 Harder (CA) Murphy (FL)
 Hastings Nadler
 Hayes Napolitano
 Heck Neal
 Higgins (NY) Neguse
 Himes Norcross
 Horn, Kendra S. O'Halleran
 Horsford Ocasio-Cortez
 Houlahan Omar
 Hoyer Pallone
 Huffman Panetta
 Jackson Lee Pappas
 Jeffries Pascrell
 Johnson (GA) Payne
 Joyce (OH) Perlmutter
 Kaptur Peters
 Keating Peterson
 Kelly (IL) Phillips
 Kennedy Pingree
 Khanna Pocan
 Kildee Porter
 Kim Pressley
 Kind Price (NC)

NAYS—171

Abraham Cole
 Aderholt Collins (GA)
 Allen Comer
 Amash Conaway
 Amodei Cook
 Armstrong Crawford
 Arrington Crenshaw
 Babin Curtis
 Baird Davidson (OH)
 Balderson DesJarlais
 Banks Diaz-Balart
 Barr Duncan
 Bergman Dunn
 Biggs Emmer
 Bilirakis Estes
 Bishop (NC) Ferguson
 Bishop (UT) Fleischmann
 Bost Flores
 Brady Fortenberry
 Brooks (AL) Foxx (NC)
 Brooks (IN) Fulcher
 Buchanan Gaetz
 Buck Gallagher
 Bucshon Gianforte
 Budd Gibbs
 Burchett Gohmert
 Burgess Gooden
 Byrne Gosar
 Calvert Granger
 Carter (GA) Graves (GA)
 Carter (TX) Graves (LA)
 Chabot Graves (MO)
 Cline Griffith
 Cloud Grothman

Luettkemeyer Riggleman
 Marshall Roby
 Massie Roe, David P.
 McCarthy Rogers (AL)
 McCaul Rogers (KY)
 McClintock Rouzer
 McHenry Rutherford
 Meadows Scalise
 Meuser Schweikert
 Miller Scott, Austin
 Mitchell Sensenbrenner
 Moolenaar Shimkus
 Mooney (WV) Simpson
 Murphy (NC) Smith (MO)
 Norman Smith (NE)
 Nunes Smucker
 Olson Spano
 Palazzo Stefanik
 Palmer Steil
 Pence Steube
 Posey Stewart
 Resenthaler Stivers
 Rice (SC) Taylor

NOT VOTING—28
 Cheney Lewis
 DelBene Marchant
 Green (TN) Mullin
 Soto Newhouse
 Herrera Beutler Perry
 Jayapal Ratcliffe
 Johnson (TX) Rodgers (WA)
 Kilmer Rooney (FL)
 Larsen (WA) Rose, John W.
 Lawrence Roy

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So the bill was passed.
 The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.
 A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. LAWRENCE. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, on March 5, 2020, I was not able to cast my votes during the vote series due to a family emergency. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted:

1. YES on Amendment No. 7, CISNEROS (D-CA)—Requires the Secretary of Homeland Security to prioritize the hiring of veterans and related preference eligible individuals, including disabled veterans and widows or widowers of veterans, for positions within the Transportation Security Administration;

2. YES on Amendment No. 9, MUCARSEL-POWELL (D-FL) [on behalf of SCHRIER (D-WA)]—Would ensure the Administrator of TSA in coordination with the Director of CDC and NIAID shall ensure that TSA employees are provided the proper guidance regarding prevention and protections against coronavirus, including guidance and resources;

3. NO on Republican Motion to Recommit; and

4. YES on Final Passage of H.R. 1140—Rights for Transportation Security Officers Act of 2020.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote due to extenuating circumstances. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 87, “yea” on rollcall No. 88, “nay” on rollcall No. 89, and “yea” on rollcall No. 90.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I was not present at votes on Thursday, March 5, as I was travelling back to Washington state to meet with coronavirus response leaders. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on Roll Call No. 87 (Cisneros Amendment), “yea” on Roll Call No. 88 (Mucarsel-Powell/Schrier Amendment), “nay” on Roll Call No. 89 (Motion to Recommit), and “yea” on Roll Call No. 90 (Final passage of H.R. 1140) be-

cause the bill strengthens workplace rights for Transportation Security Officers, improving job conditions, and enhancing the security of the traveling public.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, from Monday, March 2, to Thursday, March 5, I was not able to make the recorded votes below. Had I been present, I would have voted: “yea” on rollcall No. 90, “yea” on rollcall No. 89, “yea” on rollcall No. 88, “yea” on rollcall No. 87, “yea” on rollcall No. 86, “yea” on rollcall No. 85, “yea” on rollcall No. 84, “yea” on rollcall No. 83, “yea” on rollcall No. 82, “yea” on rollcall No. 81, “yea” on rollcall No. 80, and “yea” on rollcall No. 79.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to indicate I was unavoidably detained in a committee hearing and unable to register my vote for the Cisneros amendment protecting veterans and having a focus of hiring veterans under the legislation H.R. 1140, Rights for Transportation Security Officers Act of 2020, I ask that my vote of “aye” be placed in the RECORD at the appropriate place.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Miss Kaitlyn Roberts, one of his secretaries.

ADJOURNMENT FROM THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020, TO MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next, when it shall convene at noon for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business. The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MALINOWSKI). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), who is the majority leader of the House, for the purpose of inquiring about the schedule for next week.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, the House will meet at 12 p.m. for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business with votes postponed until 6:30 p.m.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, the House will meet at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate and 12 p.m. for legislative business.

On Thursday, Mr. Speaker, the House will meet at 9 a.m. for legislative business, with last votes of the week expected no later than 3 p.m.