

King (IA) Norwood
 King (NY) Nunes
 Kingston Nussle
 Kirk Osborne
 Kline Otter
 Knollenberg Oxley
 Kolbe Paul
 Kuhl (NY) Pearce
 LaHood Pence
 Latham Peterson (PA)
 LaTourette Petri
 Leach Pickering
 Lewis (CA) Pitts
 Lewis (KY) Platts
 Linder Pombo
 LoBiondo Porter
 Lucas Price (GA)
 Lungren, Daniel Pryce (OH)
 E. Putnam
 Mack Radanovich
 Manzullo Ramstad
 Marchant Regula
 McCaul (TX) Rehberg
 McCotter Reichert
 McCrery Renzi
 McHenry Reynolds
 McHugh Rogers (AL)
 McKeon Rogers (KY)
 Mica Rogers (MI)
 Miller (FL) Rohrabacher
 Miller (MI) Ros-Lehtinen
 Miller, Gary Royce
 Moran (KS) Ryan (WI)
 Murphy Ryan (KS)
 Musgrave Saxton
 Myrick Schmidt
 Neugebauer Schwarz (MI)
 Ney Sensenbrenner
 Northup Sessions

Shadegg
 Shaw
 Shays
 Sherwood
 Shimkus
 Shuster
 Simmons
 Simpson
 Smith (NJ)
 Smith (TX)
 Sodrel
 Souder
 Stearns
 Sullivan
 Sweeney
 Tancredo
 Taylor (NC)
 Terry
 Thomas
 Thornberry
 Tiahrt
 Tiberi
 Turner
 Upton
 Walden (OR)
 Walsh
 Wamp
 Weldon (FL)
 Weldon (PA)
 Westmoreland
 Whitfield
 Wicker
 Wilson (NM)
 Wilson (SC)
 Wolf
 Young (AK)
 Young (FL)

Towns
 Udall (CO)
 Udall (NM)
 Van Hollen
 Velazquez
 Visclosky
 Wasserman
 Schultz
 Waters
 Watson
 Watt
 Waxman
 Weiner
 Wexler
 Woolsey
 Wu
 Wynn
 Feeney
 Ferguson
 Flake
 Foley
 Forbes
 Fortenberry
 Foss
 Frank (MA)
 Franks (AZ)
 Frelinghuysen
 Gallegly
 Garrett (NJ)
 Gerlach
 Gibbons
 Gilchrest
 Gillmor
 Gingrey
 Gohmert
 Gonzalez
 Goode
 Goodlatte
 Gordon
 Granger
 Green (WI)
 Green, Al
 Grijalva
 Gutierrez
 Hall
 Harman
 Harris
 Hastings (WA)
 Hayes
 Hayworth
 Hensarling
 Herger
 Herseth
 Higgins
 Hinchey
 Hobson
 Hoekstra
 Holden
 Honda
 Hooley
 Hoyer
 Hunter
 Hyde
 Inglis (SC)
 Inslie
 Israel
 Issa
 Istook
 Jackson (IL)
 Jefferson
 Jenkins
 Jindal
 Johnson (CT)
 Johnson (IL)
 Johnson, Sam
 Jones (NC)
 Jones (OH)
 Kanjorski
 Kaptur
 Keller
 Kelly
 Kennedy (MN)
 Kennedy (RI)
 Kildee
 Kilpatrick (MI)
 Kind
 King (IA)
 King (NY)
 Kingston
 Kirk
 Kline
 Knollenberg
 Kolbe
 Kuhl (NY)
 LaHood
 Langevin
 Lantos
 Larson (CT)
 LaTourette
 Leach
 Lee

NOT VOTING—23

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
 The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote) (Mr. LATHAM). There are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1151

Messrs. FRANK of Massachusetts, SCOTT of Virginia, RANGEL, and MOLLOHAN changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the resolution was agreed to.
 The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:
 Miss. McMORRIS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 486 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

NAYS—189

Abercrombie
 Ackerman
 Allen
 Andrews
 Baca
 Baird
 Baldwin
 Barrow
 Bean
 Becerra
 Berkeley
 Berman
 Berry
 Bishop (GA)
 Bishop (NY)
 Blumenauer
 Boren
 Boucher
 Boyd
 Brady (PA)
 Brown (OH)
 Butterfield
 Capps
 Capuano
 Cardin
 Cardoza
 Carnahan
 Carson
 Case
 Chandler
 Clay
 Cleaver
 Clyburn
 Cooper
 Costa
 Costello
 Cramer
 Crowley
 Cuellar
 Cummings
 Davis (AL)
 Davis (CA)
 Davis (FL)
 Davis (TN)
 DeFazio
 DeGette
 Delahunt
 DeLauro
 Dicks
 Dingell
 Doggett
 Doyle
 Edwards
 Emanuel
 Engel
 Eshoo
 Etheridge
 Evans

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The question is on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 346, nays 59, answered “present” 1, not voting 27, as follows:

[Roll No. 487]
 YEAS—346

Abercrombie
 Ackerman
 Aderholt
 Akin
 Alexander
 Allen
 Andrews
 Baca
 Bachus
 Baker
 Barrett (SC)
 Bartlett (MD)
 Barton (TX)
 Bass
 Bean
 Beauprez
 Berkeley
 Biggert
 Bilirakis
 Bishop (GA)
 Bishop (NY)
 Bishop (UT)
 Blackburn
 Blumenauer
 Boehlert
 Boehner
 Bonilla
 Bonner
 Bono
 Boozman
 Boren
 Boucher
 Boyd
 Bradley (NH)
 Brown (OH)
 Brown (SC)
 Brown-Waite,
 Akin
 Burgess
 Burton (IN)
 Butterfield
 Buyer
 Calvert
 Cannon
 Capps
 Cardin
 Cardoza
 Carnahan
 Carson
 Carter
 Case
 Castle
 Chabot
 Chocola
 Clay
 Cleaver
 Clyburn
 Coble
 Cole (OK)
 Conaway
 Cooper
 Costa
 Cramer
 Crenshaw
 Crowley
 Cubin
 Cuellar
 Culberson
 Cummings
 Cunningham
 Davis (AL)
 Davis (CA)
 Davis (FL)
 Davis (KY)
 Davis (TN)
 Davis, Jo Ann
 Davis, Tom
 Deal (GA)
 DeGette
 Delahunt
 DeLauro
 Dent
 Diaz-Balart, L.
 Diaz-Balart, M.
 Dicks
 Dingell
 Doggett
 Doyle
 Drake
 Dreier
 Duncan
 Ehlers
 Emanuel
 Emerson
 Engel
 Eshoo
 Etheridge
 Everett
 Farr

Levin
 Lewis (CA)
 Lewis (GA)
 Lewis (KY)
 Linder
 Lipinski
 Lofgren, Zoe
 Lowey
 Lucas
 Lungren, Daniel
 E.
 Lynch
 Mack
 Maloney
 Manzullo
 Marchant
 Markey
 Matsui
 McCarthy
 McCaul (TX)
 McCollum (MN)
 McCrery
 McHenry
 McHugh
 McIntyre
 McKeon
 McKinney
 McMorris
 Meehan
 Meeks (NY)
 Melancon
 Menendez
 Mica
 Michaud
 Miller (FL)
 Miller (MI)
 Miller (NC)
 Miller, Gary
 Mollohan
 Moore (KS)
 Moore (WI)
 Moran (VA)
 Murphy
 Musgrave
 Myrick
 Nadler
 Napolitano
 Neal (MA)
 Neugebauer
 Ney
 Northup
 Norwood
 Nunes
 Nussle
 Terry
 Osborne
 Otter
 Owens
 Oxley
 Pallone
 Pascrell
 Pastor
 Payne
 Pearce
 Pelosi
 Pence
 Peterson (PA)
 Petri
 Pickering
 Pitts
 Platts
 Pombo
 Pomeroy
 Porter
 Price (GA)
 Price (NC)
 Pryce (OH)
 Putnam
 Radanovich
 Rahall
 Rangel
 Regula
 Rehberg
 Reichert

NAYS—59

Baird
 Baldwin
 Barrow
 Becerra
 Berry
 Brady (PA)
 Capito
 Capuano
 Chandler
 Costello
 DeFazio
 English (PA)
 Evans
 Filner
 Fitzpatrick (PA)
 Ford
 Fossella
 Graves
 Gutknecht
 Hart
 Hastings (FL)
 Holt
 Hulshof
 Johnson, E. B.
 Kucinich
 Larsen (WA)
 Latham
 LoBiondo
 Marshall
 Matheson
 McCotter
 McDermott
 McGovern
 McNulty
 Meek (FL)
 Miller, George
 Moran (KS)
 Oberstar
 Oliver

Peterson (MN)	Sweeney	Udall (CO)
Ramstad	Tanner	Udall (NM)
Sanchez, Loretta	Taylor (MS)	Velázquez
Schakowsky	Thompson (CA)	Visclosky
Sherwood	Thompson (MS)	Waters
Slaughter	Tiahrt	Wu
Stupak	Tiberi	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Tancredo

NOT VOTING—27

Berman	DeLay	Millender-
Blunt	Doolittle	McDonald
Boswell	Edwards	Murtha
Boustany	Fattah	Ortiz
Brady (TX)	Green, Gene	Paul
Brown, Corrine	Hefley	Poe
Camp	Hinojosa	Rush
Cantor	Hostettler	Sabo
Conyers	Jackson-Lee	Weller
Davis (IL)	(TX)	

□ 1159

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PRIVILEGED REPORT ON RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Mr. COBLE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-230) on the resolution (H. Res. 420) directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents in the possession of the Attorney General relating to the disclosure of the identity and employment of Ms. Valerie Plame, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

SCHOOL READINESS ACT OF 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Pursuant to House Resolution 455 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 2123.

□ 1202

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 consideration of the bill (H.R. 2123) to reauthorize the Head Start Act to improve the school readiness of disadvantaged children, and for other purposes, with Mr. LATHAM in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered as having been read the first time.

Under the rule, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BOEHNER) and the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BOEHNER).

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of this bill to reform and reauthorize the Head Start early childhood program.

I want to commend the chairman of the Subcommittee on Education Reform, the author of this bill and my good friend, the gentleman from Delaware (Mr. CASTLE). I also want to recognize the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) and the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) for their work to strengthen the Head Start program.

The School Readiness Act will introduce greater competition into the Head Start program and use that competition to leverage reforms that will result in a better program for the children Head Start was created to serve.

This bill will strengthen school readiness and increase the role of all 50 States and local communities in Head Start. It will protect children and taxpayers against the abuse and mismanagement of Head Start funds, and it will make Head Start more transparent and more accountable to parents and taxpayers.

I am pleased at the approach that this bill takes to solve the school readiness gap between Head Start children and their peers when they reach kindergarten.

There is no question that most Head Start children are better off in the program than they would have been without it. That is not in dispute here. But there is evidence that some Head Start centers could be doing an even better job of providing preschoolers with the academic foundation they need in order to succeed in school.

This bill will strengthen Head Start's academic standards by emphasizing cognitive development and the results of scientifically based research and topics critical to children's school readiness. It will also improve teacher quality by ensuring a greater number of Head Start teachers have degrees and are adequately trained in early childhood development, particularly in teaching the fundamentals.

I am particularly pleased about how the bill will improve coordination between Head Start and State and local early childhood education programs. We are going to improve program integration in all 50 States by encouraging cooperation and program coordination from the ground up.

The bill also addresses weaknesses in the Head Start financial oversight structure that have allowed the mismanagement and outright abuse of Federal funds meant for disadvantaged children. Local media outlets across the Nation have documented more than a dozen instances of financial mismanagement involving millions of dollars and thousands of children. This lack of program integrity and financial accountability is unacceptable. The Federal Government is investing nearly \$7 billion per year in Head Start, and every dime should be going to support disadvantaged children.

The GAO, the Government Accountability Office, in a report that we requested, found that the financial management weaknesses in Head Start are

resulting in diminished services for children. Unfortunately, there is currently no system in place to assure parents and taxpayers that these types of abuses will be prevented. This is unfair to parents and children. It is unfair to taxpayers. And it is unfair to the many high-quality, hard-working, law abiding people who operate Head Start centers across the country who should not be associated with the deeds of these bad actors.

Head Start is an important program entrusted with a vitally important mission. The vast majority of those in Head Start are honest individuals dedicated to making sure the poorest of our Nation's children have a chance to succeed.

The School Readiness Act takes critical steps to support quality Head Start programs and the children they serve by encouraging quality through competition, strengthening transparency and disclosure, and improving the financial oversight structure to protect children and taxpayers.

I would like to address one more issue that is the subject of great debate today. In numerous Federal programs across the country, faith-based institutions that want to lend a helping hand and providing critical social services are allowed to do so without changing the fundamental character of their organization. Former President Bill Clinton, for example, signed four bills into law that explicitly protected the hiring rights for faith-based organizations when participating in Federal programs.

The Head Start program unfortunately provides no such protections to these organizations. To the contrary, faith-based organizations are forced to relinquish their protected right to hire individuals who share their beliefs or they are not allowed to participate in the program at all. For many faith-based organizations, it is their very nature to offer help and support the neediest among us. Their efforts in response to Hurricane Katrina serve as just one more example.

Their mission defined by their faith is to serve their community. Yet, when they seek to participate in federally funded programs for this purpose, they must forfeit the identity that drives them to serve.

Today I urge Members to support an amendment that I will be offering on behalf of the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. BOUSTANY) to restore the hiring protections in the Head Start program so that faith-based institutions can participate fully without giving up their mission and character that make them such an effective partner for programs like Head Start that serve those in need.

Once again, I would like to thank the author of the bill, the gentleman from Delaware (Mr. CASTLE), for his hard work on behalf of the nearly one million children served each year by the Head Start program. We have got a strong bill that will help give disadvantaged children the head start they need