

Baldwin	Gutierrez	Oberstar
Barrow	Harman	Obey
Bean	Hastings (FL)	Oliver
Becerra	Herseth	Ortiz
Berkley	Higgins	Pallone
Berman	Hinchey	Pascarell
Berry	Hinojosa	Pastor
Bishop (GA)	Holden	Payne
Bishop (NY)	Holt	Pelosi
Blumenauer	Honda	Peterson (MN)
Boren	Hookey	Pomeroy
Boswell	Hoyer	Price (NC)
Boucher	Inslee	Rahall
Boyd	Israel	Reyes
Brady (PA)	Jackson (IL)	Ross
Brown (OH)	Jefferson	Rothman
Brown, Corrine	Johnson, E. B.	Royal-Allard
Butterfield	Jones (OH)	Rush
Capps	Kanjorski	Ryan (OH)
Capuano	Kaptur	Sabo
Cardin	Kennedy (RI)	Salazar
Carnahan	Kildee	Sánchez, Linda
Carson	Kilpatrick (MI)	T.
Case	Kind	Sanchez, Loretta
Chandler	Kucinich	Sanders
Cleaver	Langevin	Schiff
Clyburn	Lantos	Schwartz (PA)
Conyers	Larsen (WA)	Scott (GA)
Cooper	Larson (CT)	Scott (VA)
Costa	Lee	Serrano
Costello	Levin	Sherman
Cramer	Lewis (GA)	Skelton
Crowley	Lipinski	Slaughter
Cuellar	Lofgren, Zoe	Smith (WA)
Cummings	Lowey	Snyder
Davis (AL)	Lynch	Solis
Davis (CA)	Maloney	Spratt
Davis (IL)	Markey	Stark
Davis (TN)	Matheson	Strickland
DeFazio	Matsui	Stupak
DeGette	McCarthy	Tanner
Delahunt	McCollum (MN)	Tauscher
DeLauro	McDermott	Taylor (MS)
Dicks	McGovern	Thompson (CA)
Dingell	McIntyre	Thompson (MS)
Doggett	McNulty	Tierney
Doyle	Meehan	Towns
Edwards	Meek (FL)	Udall (CO)
Emanuel	Melancon	Udall (NM)
Engel	Michaud	Van Hollen
Eshoo	Millender-	Velázquez
Etheridge	McDonald	Visclosky
Farr	Miller (NC)	Wasserman
Fattah	Miller, George	Schultz
Filner	Mollohan	Watt
Ford	Moore (KS)	Waxman
Frank (MA)	Moore (WI)	Weiner
Gonzalez	Moran (VA)	Wexler
Gordon	Murtha	Woolsey
Green, Al	Nadler	Wu
Green, Gene	Napolitano	Wynn
Grijalva	Neal (MA)	

NOT VOTING—20

Cardoza	Marshall	Schakowsky
Clay	McKinney	Sweeney
Davis (FL)	Meeks (NY)	Waters
Evans	Miller (FL)	Watson
Gilchrest	Owens	Whitfield
Issa	Oxley	
Jackson-Lee	Rangel	
(TX)	Ruppersberger	

□ 1144

Messrs. STUPAK, BUTTERFIELD, DOGGETT, and CUELLAR 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.

□ 1145

PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE—PRIVILEGED RESOLUTION REQUIRING ETHICS INVESTIGATION OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS BRIBED BY REPUBLICAN LOBBYIST JACK ABRAMOFF

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to rule IX, I rise in regard to a question

of the privileges of the House, and I offer a resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Whereas, it has been two years since credible reports of misconduct by Mr. Jack Abramoff and Members of Congress began appearing regularly in the public record, including reports closely linking Republican Members of Congress with the documented misconduct of Mr. Abramoff;

Whereas, in the first session of the 109th Congress, for the first time in the history of the House of Representatives, the rules of procedure of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct were changed on a partisan basis, the Chairman of the Committee and two of his Republican Colleagues were dismissed from the Committee, the newly appointed Chairman of the Committee improperly and unilaterally fired non-partisan staff, and the Chairman attempted to appoint supervisory staff without a vote of the Committee in direct contravention of the intent of the bi-partisan procedures adopted in 1997;

Whereas, because of these actions, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct conducted no investigative activities in the first session of the 109th Congress and has not yet conducted such activities;

Whereas, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and the Senate Committee on Finance have both undertaken investigations of Mr. Jack Abramoff's activities, yet no House Committee has begun any such investigation;

Whereas, on March 29th, 2006, Mr. Jack Abramoff was sentenced to 5 years and 10 months in prison after pleading guilty to conspiracy and wire fraud;

Whereas, a Justice Department press release reported that Mr. Jack Abramoff “corruptly provid[ ed] things of value to public officials . . . including, but not limited to, a lavish trip to Scotland to play golf on worldfamous courses, tickets to sporting events and other entertainment, regular meals at Abramoff's upscale restaurant, and campaign contributions for [a] Representative, his political action committee, his campaign committee, and other political committees on behalf of [that] Representative.” (Department of Justice press release, January 3, 2006);

Whereas, Mr. Jack Abramoff's plea agreement states that he and his colleagues “provided things of value to public officials in exchange for a series of official acts and influence . . . including agreements to support and pass legislation (and) agreements to place statements in the Congressional Record.” (Abramoff Plea Agreement);

Whereas, on November 5, 2005, in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, a former Congressional staff member and business partner of Mr. Jack Abramoff pled guilty to conspiracy to violate Federal laws and admitted that, beginning in January, 2000, he offered and provided things of value to public officials, including Members of Congress and staff, in exchange for a series of official acts;

Resolved, That the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct shall immediately initiate an investigation of the misconduct by Members of Congress and their staff implicated in the scandals associated with Mr. Jack Abramoff's criminal activity.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution constitutes a question of the privileges of the House.

MOTION TO TABLE OFFERED BY MR. BISHOP OF UTAH

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I move to table the resolution.

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

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

RECORDED VOTE

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 216, noes 193, answered “present” 7, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 76]

AYES—216

Aderholt	Garrett (NJ)	Norwood
Akin	Gibbons	Nunes
Alexander	Gillmor	Nussle
Bachus	Gingrey	Osborne
Baker	Gohmert	Otter
Barrett (SC)	Goode	Pearce
Bartlett (MD)	Goodlatte	Pence
Barton (TX)	Granger	Peterson (PA)
Bass	Graves	Petri
Beauprez	Gutknecht	Pickering
Biggart	Hall	Pitts
Bilirakis	Harris	Poe
Bishop (UT)	Hart	Pombo
Blackburn	Hastings (WA)	Porter
Blunt	Hayes	Price (GA)
Boehlert	Hayworth	Pryce (OH)
Boehner	Hefley	Putnam
Bonilla	Hensarling	Radanovich
Bonner	Herger	Ramstad
Bono	Hobson	Regula
Boozman	Hoekstra	Rehberg
Boustany	Hostettler	Reichert
Bradley (NH)	Hulshof	Renzi
Brown (SC)	Hunter	Reynolds
Brown-Waite,	Hyde	Rogers (AL)
Ginny	Inglis (SC)	Rogers (KY)
Burgess	Istook	Rogers (MI)
Burton (IN)	Jenkins	Rohrabacher
Buyer	Jindal	Ros-Lehtinen
Calvert	Johnson (CT)	Royce
Camp (MI)	Johnson (IL)	Ryan (WI)
Campbell (CA)	Johnson, Sam	Ryun (KS)
Cannon	Keller	Saxton
Cantor	Kelly	Schmidt
Capito	Kennedy (MN)	Schwarz (MI)
Carter	King (IA)	Schwarz
Castle	King (NY)	Sensenbrenner
Chabot	Kingston	Sessions
Choccola	Kirk	Shadegg
Coble	Kline	Shaw
Cole (OK)	Knollenberg	Sherwood
Conaway	Kolbe	Shimkus
Crenshaw	Kuhl (NY)	Shuster
Cubin	LaHood	Simmons
Culberson	Latham	Simpson
Davis (KY)	LaTourette	Smith (NJ)
Davis, Jo Ann	Lewis (CA)	Smith (TX)
Davis, Tom	Lewis (KY)	Sodrel
Deal (GA)	Linder	Stearns
DeLay	LoBiondo	Sullivan
Dent	Lucas	Tancredto
Diaz-Balart, L.	Lungren, Daniel	Taylor (NC)
Diaz-Balart, M.	E.	Terry
Doolittle	Mack	Thomas
Drake	Manzullo	Thornberry
Dreier	Marchant	Tiahrt
Duncan	McCauley (TX)	Tiberi
Ehlers	McCotter	Turner
Emerson	McCrery	Upton
English (PA)	McHenry	Walden (OR)
Everett	McHugh	Walsh
Feeney	McKeon	Wamp
Ferguson	McMorris	Weldon (FL)
Fitzpatrick (PA)	Mica	Weldon (PA)
Flake	Miller (MI)	Weller
Foley	Miller, Gary	Westmoreland
Forbes	Moran (KS)	Whitfield
Fortenberry	Murphy	Wicker
Fossella	Musgrave	Wilson (NM)
Fox	Myrick	Wilson (SC)
Franks (AZ)	Neugebauer	Wolf
Frelinghuysen	Ney	Young (AK)
Gallely	Northup	Young (FL)

NOES—193

Abercrombie	Baca	Bean
Ackerman	Baird	Becerra
Allen	Baldwin	Berkley
Andrews	Barrow	Berman

Berry	Hinojosa	Pascarell
Bishop (GA)	Holden	Pastor
Bishop (NY)	Holt	Payne
Blumenauer	Honda	Pelosi
Boren	Hoolley	Peterson (MN)
Boswell	Hoyer	Platts
Boucher	Inslee	Pomeroy
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Brady (PA)	Jackson (IL)	Rahall
Brown (OH)	Jefferson	Reyes
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Butterfield	Kanjorski	Rothman
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Etheridge	Melancon	Tierney
Farr	Michaud	Towns
Fattah	Millender-	Udall (CO)
Filner	McDonald	Udall (NM)
Ford	Miller (NC)	Van Hollen
Frank (MA)	Miller, George	Velázquez
Gerlach	Moore (KS)	Visclosky
Gonzalez	Moore (WI)	Wasserman
Gordon	Moran (VA)	Schultz
Green (WI)	Murtha	Waters
Green, Al	Nadler	Watt
Grijalva	Napolitano	Waxman
Gutierrez	Neal (MA)	Weiner
Harman	Oberstar	Wexler
Hastings (FL)	Olver	Woolsey
Herseth	Ortiz	Wu
Higgins	Owens	Wynn
Hinchev	Pallone	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—7

Doyle	Jones (OH)	Roybal-Allard
Green, Gene	Mollohan	
Jones (NC)	Paul	

NOT VOTING—16

Brady (TX)	Issa	Oxley
Cardoza	Jackson-Lee	Rangel
Clay	(TX)	Ruppersberger
Davis (FL)	Meeks (NY)	Sweeney
Evans	Miller (FL)	Watson
Gilchrest	Obey	

□ 1208

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, earlier today, I mistakenly cast my vote against tabling the privileged motion offered by Minority Leader NANCY PELOSI. In fact, I intended to vote in favor of tabling the motion and would like my intentions to be reflected in the RECORD.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 609.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

COLLEGE ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 742 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. 609.

□ 1209

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. 609) to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965, with Mr. CHOCOLA (Acting Chairman) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Wednesday, March 29, 2006, amendment No. 3 printed in House Report 109-399 by the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) had been disposed of and proceedings pursuant to House Resolution 741 had been completed.

Pursuant to House Resolution 742, no further general debate shall be in order.

Pursuant to House Resolution 742, no further amendment is in order except those printed in House Report 109-401. Each amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 OFFERED BY MRS. BIGGERT

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment No. 1 printed in House Report 109-401 offered by Mrs. BIGGERT: Page 230, after line 10, insert the following new subsection:

(d) HOMELESS YOUTH.—Section 480(d) is further amended—

- (1) by redesignating paragraphs (6) and (7) as paragraphs (7) and (8), respectively; and
- (2) by inserting after paragraph (5) the following new paragraph:

“(6) has been verified as both a homeless child or youth and an unaccompanied youth, as such terms are defined in section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a), during the school year

in which the application for financial assistance is submitted, by—

“(A) a local educational agency liaison for homeless children and youths, as designated under section 722(g)(1)(J)(ii) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11432(g)(1)(J)(ii));

“(B) a director of a homeless shelter, transitional shelter, or independent living program; or

“(C) a financial aid administrator;”.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to House Resolution 742, the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. BIGGERT) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Illinois.

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Chairman, I rise to introduce an amendment that would make the dream of a college education more accessible to youth who are homeless and on their own.

While many young people experience homelessness as part of a family, so many youth in homeless situations are on their own. These children are unaccompanied for reasons that are extremely diverse and usually heartbreaking. In many cases they have run away to escape physical or sexual abuse. Others have been abandoned by their parents.

Due to their severe poverty, these homeless students are extremely unlikely to be able to access post-secondary education without Federal student aid. But in order to determine student eligibility for aid, the FAFSA requires them to provide financial information and a signature from their parent or guardian.

While these requirements are logical for most applicants, they create insurmountable barriers for unaccompanied homeless youth. So the very children who are most in need of financial assistance are the least likely to receive it.

My amendment removes these barriers by allowing unaccompanied homeless youth to be considered independent students. To ensure that there is no fraud or abuse, the living situation of the student must be verified by one of the following individuals: a McKinney-Vento Act school district liaison, a shelter director, or a financial aid administrator.

This independent student status will ensure that unaccompanied homeless youth are not required to provide their parental income information and parental signature, information they simply do not have and cannot get. The amendment thus opens the doors of higher education to some of our Nation's most vulnerable youth.

I should add, Mr. Chairman, that this amendment was scored by the CBO as having no budgetary impact.

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Chairman, will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. BIGGERT. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Chairman, I want to thank the gentlewoman, a good member of her committee, for her work. I think this makes the bill better, and I hope all of our Members can support this amendment.