

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

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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.

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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.