

make mistakes, and they're not a threat to national security, and they can be good productive people. They can work in our ports.

And I am concerned that murder is one of the automatic disqualifiers. I am also concerned that the other list of crimes that have waiting periods of 5 to 7 years, they have nothing to do, in my mind, with terrorism or port security.

And I am all for a system where the Secretary or even in law the Congress of the United States says, you know what, if you committed a crime of violence we're going to take an extra look at you; but to be automatically disqualified, either forever or for a considerable period of time, I think disturbs me.

I intend to vote against the motion. I respect the gentlelady's opinion and why she's brought this motion, but sadly, I can't agree with it.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, you know, the appeals and waivers process was put in place for a reason, and that is why it is there, and that's why you've got the look-back provision and why it is stated as such.

Again, I will reemphasize the point. We don't want to do something that is going to weaken a tool that is in the TSA toolbox for being certain that we have the necessary security at our ports; that we know who is there and we know the reasons they are there, that we know that they have the appropriate clearances for being there.

And with all due respect to the chairman and the chairwoman who have worked on this legislation, our wording here, acceding to the language that passed over in the Senate, 94-2, would be certain that we have in statute something that is going to give our citizens the security that we have done our job.

It is the responsibility of this body to be certain that we have this national security interest at heart for the people of this good Nation, and certainly this language is one step in so doing.

And at this time, Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman from Mississippi has no further speakers and is ready to yield back, then I will do so. But I want to be certain I have the right to close on this.

Mr. Speaker, I will reserve at this point.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I have one additional speaker. I yield 1 minute to the gentlelady from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE).

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. I thank the chairman. To my good friend from Tennessee, let us be very clear that homeland security is a bipartisan issue.

What the chairman has indicated is that we are yielding to the Secretary of Homeland Security for a slight opportunity to be able to modify, if you will, in his reasoned judgment, that deals with securing America. We are not ignoring sedition and treason. I want my colleagues to know that.

But the individuals that will now be subjected to the TWIC card, which costs 137 dollars and 700,000 people will be processed the first year, and 1.5 million persons the second year, these are our neighbors, individuals who have been working in this capacity who have nothing in their background that would suggest that they are terrorists.

The gentlelady's motion would literally shut down America's ports. Commerce would come to a standstill. As my good friend from Ohio has said, people rehabilitate. Give the Secretary the opportunity to use his judgment and to use his discretion to be able to secure America on the real causes of sedition and treason.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to instruct.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct offered by the gentlewoman from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN).

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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

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:

Suspension of the rules on H.R. 980, by the yeas and nays;

Adoption of House Resolution 547, de novo;

Motion to instruct on H.R. 1, by the yeas and nays.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE COOPERATION ACT OF 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 980, 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 Michigan (Mr. KILDEE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 980, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 314, nays 97, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 633]

YEAS—314

Abercrombie	Eshoo	McCrery
Ackerman	Etheridge	McDermott
Allen	Farr	McGovern
Altmire	Fattah	McHugh
Andrews	Ferguson	McIntyre
Arcuri	Filner	McKeon
Baca	Fortenberry	McNerney
Bachmann	Fossella	McNulty
Baird	Frank (MA)	Meek (FL)
Baldwin	Frelinghuysen	Meeks (NY)
Barrow	Galleghy	Michaud
Bean	Gerlach	Miller (MI)
Becerra	Giffords	Miller (NC)
Berkley	Gilchrest	Miller, George
Berman	Gillibrand	Mitchell
Berry	Gonzalez	Mollohan
Biggert	Gordon	Moore (KS)
Blibray	Graves	Moore (WI)
Bilirakis	Grijalva	Moran (VA)
Bishop (GA)	Gutierrez	Murphy (CT)
Bishop (NY)	Hall (NY)	Murphy, Patrick
Bishop (UT)	Hare	Murphy, Tim
Blumenauer	Harman	Murtha
Bonner	Hastert	Nadler
Bono	Hastings (FL)	Napolitano
Boren	Heller	Neal (MA)
Boswell	Herseht Sandlin	Oberstar
Boucher	Higgins	Obey
Boustany	Hill	Olver
Boyd (FL)	Hinchesy	Pallone
Boyda (KS)	Hirono	Pascarell
Brady (PA)	Hobson	Pastor
Bralley (IA)	Hodes	Pearce
Brown-Waite,	Hoekstra	Perlmutter
Ginny	Holden	Peterson (MN)
Buchanan	Holt	Petri
Burton (IN)	Honda	Platts
Butterfield	Hoolley	Poe
Buyer	Hoyer	Pomeroy
Camp (MI)	Hulshof	Porter
Capito	Hunter	Price (NC)
Capps	Inslee	Pryce (OH)
Capuano	Israel	Rahall
Cardoza	Jackson (IL)	Ramstad
Carnahan	Jackson-Lee	Rangel
Carney	(TX)	Regula
Castle	Jefferson	Rehberg
Castor	Johnson (GA)	Reichert
Chandler	Johnson, E. B.	Renzi
Clarke	Jones (NC)	Reyes
Clay	Jones (OH)	Reynolds
Cleaver	Kagen	Rodriguez
Clyburn	Kanjorski	Rogers (KY)
Cohen	Kaptur	Rogers (MI)
Cole (OK)	Keller	Ros-Lehtinen
Conyers	Kennedy	Roskam
Cooper	Kildee	Ross
Costa	Kilpatrick	Rothman
Costello	Kind	Roybal-Allard
Courtney	King (NY)	Ruppersberger
Cramer	Kirk	Rush
Crenshaw	Klein (FL)	Ryan (OH)
Crowley	Klaine (MN)	Ryan (WI)
Cuellar	Knollenberg	Salazar
Cummings	Kuhl (NY)	Sanchez, Linda
Davis (AL)	LaHood	T.
Davis (CA)	Lampson	Sanchez, Loretta
Davis (IL)	Langevin	Sarbanes
Davis (KY)	Lantos	Saxton
Davis, David	Larsen (WA)	Schakowsky
Davis, Lincoln	Larson (CT)	Schiff
Davis, Tom	Latham	Schmidt
DeFazio	LaTourette	Schwartz
DeGette	Lee	Scott (GA)
Delahunt	Levin	Scott (VA)
DeLauro	Lewis (CA)	Serrano
Dent	Lewis (KY)	Shays
Diaz-Balart, L.	Lipinski	Shea-Porter
Diaz-Balart, M.	LoBiondo	Sherman
Dicks	Loeb sack	Shimkus
Dingell	Lofgren, Zoe	Shuler
Doggett	Lowey	Shuster
Donnelly	Lynch	Sires
Doyle	Mahoney (FL)	Skelton
Duncan	Maloney (NY)	Slaughter
Ehlers	Markey	Smith (NJ)
Ellison	Marshall	Smith (WA)
Ellsworth	Matheson	Snyder
Emanuel	Matsui	Solis
Emerson	McCarthy (NY)	Souder
Engel	McCollum (MN)	Space
English (PA)	McCotter	Spratt