

The Small Business Committee has been working to improve and revitalize these efforts through a number of bills. The committee has taken steps to provide an overhaul and improvements to ensure our Federal Government is adapting to the current economy.

With 15 bills passed out of the House, these reforms have been a collaborative and bipartisan effort to assist small firms. Four of these bills were sponsored by Members of the minority, and nearly all of these bills have passed with over 300 votes in the House. I will also note that 10 different members of the committee, six of whom are serving their first term in Congress, have been the sponsors of these bills.

These reforms include major changes to SBA programs which affect millions of small businesses. The bills that have been passed are designed to improve small business contracting programs, as well as providing needed updates to the SBA disaster program that failed so many Americans during Hurricane Katrina.

The committee and the House have also reported legislation which streamlines the SBA access to capital initiatives and increases the outreach of entrepreneurial programs. With these bills passed out of this Chamber, we are prepared to take the final step to pass a comprehensive reauthorization to the SBA and its programs.

We will continue working with the Senate to get these reforms signed into law. This extension will provide time for the Senate to move their own changes and allow us to work out any differences.

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At a time when the economy is in an uncertain state, it is important that these programs continue to serve small firms as Congress crafts these reforms. I look forward to working with Ranking Member CHABOT to move ahead on these efforts. Our common goal is to ensure the SBA can adequately and efficiently respond to the needs of entrepreneurs. Our Nation's main job creators, small businesses, deserve nothing less.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CHABOT. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I would urge my colleagues to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4252, legislation to extend the authorization for programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act, as well as any program operated by the Small Business Administration for which Congress has already appropriated funds. This extension will last until May 23, 2008. I want to thank the distinguished chairwoman of the Small Business Committee, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, for working with me in her usual gracious manner.

With the current extension set to expire December 15, which isn't very far away, obviously, the extension is cru-

cial to ensuring programs designed to help our small businesses are able to continue to operate. Working in a bipartisan effort with Chairwoman VELÁZQUEZ, the committee has reported 14 bills, most of which have been overwhelmingly bipartisan, and all of which have passed the House of Representatives.

While we have worked at a rather furious pace in an effort to formally reauthorize SBA programs, the other legislative body has had difficulties coming to the same bipartisan consensus. So without passage of this temporary legislation today, we find ourselves at risk of shortchanging the government contracting and capital programs for small businesses and impeding the management of the SBA.

Even with deliberations completed in the House, we operate in a bicameral legislative system. Time is needed for the legislative process in both bodies to function and, if necessary, for the two bodies to meet in conference to iron out any disagreements and to ensure that the SBA and its programs are best promoting the health of America's entrepreneurs who, after all, employ an awful lot of people in this country. The work cannot be expected to be done in a deliberative, thoughtful, and bipartisan manner with the looming deadline of midnight December 15 hanging over our heads.

Again, Madam Speaker, I want to thank my friend from New York for her very hard work on this legislation, and I urge all my colleagues to join us in supporting H.R. 4252, this bill.

I yield back the balance of my time. Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4252.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, which the Chair will put de novo.

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

Pursuant to clause 1, rule 1, the Journal stands approved.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 3791, by the yeas and nays;  
H.R. 2517, by the yeas and nays;  
H. Res. 822, by the yeas and nays.  
Postponed votes on H.R. 3505, H.R. 4253, and H.R. 2085 will be taken tomorrow.

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

#### SECURING ADOLESCENTS FROM EXPLOITATION-ONLINE 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. 3791, 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. CONYERS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3791, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 409, nays 2, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 1131]

YEAS—409

Abercrombie	Cantor	Emanuel
Ackerman	Capito	Emerson
Aderholt	Capps	Engel
Akin	Capuano	English (PA)
Alexander	Cardoza	Eshoo
Allen	Carnahan	Etheridge
Altmire	Carney	Everett
Andrews	Carter	Fallin
Arcuri	Castle	Farr
Baca	Castor	Fattah
Bachmann	Chabot	Ferguson
Bachus	Chandler	Finer
Baker	Clarke	Flake
Baldwin	Clay	Forbes
Barrett (SC)	Cleaver	Fortenberry
Barrow	Clyburn	Fossella
Bartlett (MD)	Coble	Foxx
Barton (TX)	Cohen	Frank (MA)
Bean	Conaway	Franks (AZ)
Becerra	Conyers	Frelinghuysen
Berkley	Cooper	Galleghy
Berman	Costa	Garrett (NJ)
Berry	Costello	Gerlach
Biggert	Courtney	Giffords
Bilbray	Cramer	Gilchrest
Bilirakis	Crenshaw	Gillibrand
Bishop (GA)	Crowley	Gingrey
Bishop (NY)	Cuellar	Gohmert
Blackburn	Culberson	Gonzalez
Blumenauer	Cummings	Goode
Blunt	Davis (AL)	Goodlatte
Boehner	Davis (CA)	Gordon
Bonner	Davis (IL)	Granger
Bono	Davis (KY)	Graves
Boozman	Davis, David	Green, Al
Boren	Davis, Lincoln	Green, Gene
Boswell	Davis, Tom	Grijalva
Boucher	Deal (GA)	Gutierrez
Boustany	DeFazio	Hall (NY)
Boyd (FL)	DeGette	Hall (TX)
Boyda (KS)	Delahunt	Hare
Brady (PA)	Dent	Harman
Brady (TX)	Diaz-Balart, L.	Hastings (FL)
Braley (IA)	Diaz-Balart, M.	Hastings (WA)
Brown (SC)	Dicks	Hayes
Brown, Corrine	Dingell	Heller
Brown-Waite,	Doggett	Hensarling
Ginny	Donnelly	Hergert
Buchanan	Doolittle	Herseth Sandlin
Burgess	Doyle	Higgins
Burton (IN)	Drake	Hill
Butterfield	Dreier	Hinchee
Buyer	Duncan	Hirono
Calvert	Edwards	Hobson
Camp (MI)	Ehlers	Hodes
Campbell (CA)	Ellison	Hoekstra
Cannon	Ellsworth	Holden