

day our men and women in uniform, and their families, offer courageous service that deserves to be recognized.

My hope is that as we honor Sergeant Giunta for gallantry above and beyond the call of duty, we may by extension offer to every member of our Armed Forces and their families our profound gratitude on behalf of the country, his country, our country, and the United States House of Representatives.

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I would just like to say what an honor it is for me to be part of the ceremony tomorrow to honor Staff Sergeant Giunta. Really, he is a model for what people in the military today, the service that they give, the humility that he possesses in the statements that Mr. LOEBSACK made about the fact that in his acceptance he talked about this was not an award and Medal of Honor for him, but for all of his comrades in arms, and how it should be given to everyone who acted so bravely that day. But that certainly is part of what Staff Sergeant Giunta is all about.

The fact that he is such a humble person, someone who believes in the mission, someone who willingly was there to sacrifice himself to save one of his comrades, I think it is so appropriate that we have this recognition today and that we honor all the people in the service today.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LATHAM) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 49.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. LATHAM. Madam 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 and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

ELECTING CERTAIN MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 53

Resolved, That the following named Members be and are hereby elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

(1) COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET.—Mr. Chaffetz, to rank immediately after Mr. McClintock; and Mr. Guinta.

(2) COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY.—Mr. Brooks.

Mr. HENSARLING (during the reading). Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 366) to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 366

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF PROGRAMS UNDER THE SMALL BUSINESS ACT AND THE SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT ACT OF 1958.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1 of the Act entitled “An Act to extend temporarily certain authorities of the Small Business Administration”, approved October 10, 2006 (Public Law 109-316; 120 Stat. 1742), as most recently amended by section 1 of Public Law 111-251 (124 Stat. 2631), is amended by striking “January 31, 2011” each place it appears and inserting “May 31, 2011”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall take effect on January 30, 2011.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GRAVES) and the gentleman from New York (Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Missouri.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, we have a big job ahead of us in the 112th Congress. Unemployment remains above 9 percent, and millions of people are out of work. Entrepreneurs are struggling to create jobs and grow their businesses amid threats of higher taxes and more unmanageable Federal mandates. Our economic recovery has been erratic at best. Hard work lies ahead to reduce

the uncertainty, to create new jobs and restore confidence in our economy.

Today, we are discussing a simple extension of programs overseen by the Small Business Administration through May 31, 2011. Enacting this legislation is a critical first step towards giving small business owners some certainty while we continue to fully examine all of SBA's programs and make necessary changes to improve SBA services. Enacting this legislation will give our new majority the opportunity to explore new and innovative ideas to improve the services offered by the SBA.

I am humbled and honored to serve our country's entrepreneurs as the chairman of the Small Business Committee, and I look forward to working with Ranking Member VELÁZQUEZ to enact a more permanent reauthorization in a timely manner. The two of us have had an excellent working relationship over the past 2 years, and I have no doubt this is going to continue in the future.

Madam Speaker, we are all eager to get the work done on restoring America's faith in government and reducing the uncertainty that prevails throughout our economic sectors. We can take this first step by approving this temporary extension and laying the groundwork for a full reauthorization that will bring these programs into the 21st century.

I urge my colleagues to vote “yes” on this bill before us.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, the role of small businesses is critical to creating new jobs. With the economy continuing to face challenges on several fronts, we need small firms more than ever. Time and again, they have generated the ideas and know-how that spark job growth. However, entrepreneurs face challenging economic headwinds. Small businesses continue facing obstacles accessing capital, and sales remain flat. Given these realities, we need to make sure that small firms have the resources and tools to start up or expand.

The legislation we are considering today does this and extends the authorization of the several important Small Business Administration programs. Through these initiatives, firms can secure financing, receive training, or compete more effectively for Federal contracts.

While we must keep these programs operational, it is unfortunate that we are doing so through another temporary extension. Last Congress, the House passed 14 bills updating all of SBA's financing and entrepreneurial development programs. However, while the Senate was able to report a few measures out of committee, they were unable to actually pass any legislation affecting these programs through the Chamber. As a result, we are here