

timber industry and conservation leaders have spent countless hours negotiating are sometimes stopped in court. True conservation is on-the-ground stewardship by hardworking individuals directly reliant on the land. It is not done in the courtroom.

At the very least, the American people ought to know how much of their hard-earned tax dollars are going towards these litigants and the information that led to their claims against the Federal agency. The Open Book on Equal Access to Justice Act will provide that much-needed transparency which, hopefully, can limit these lawsuits and help save hundreds of American jobs.

I urge support for H.R. 2919.

Mr. CHABOT. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS).

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. I thank the gentleman from Ohio.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to rise in support of the Open Book on Equal Access to Justice Act, and I thank the gentlelady from Wyoming and the gentleman from Tennessee, my friend on the Judiciary Committee, for their hard work on this. Also, Mr. CHABOT.

There are a lot of times we get to disagree on things, but this is one we can come together and agree on. And that is a good thing for not only our committee, it is good for the American people.

The Equal Access to Justice Act supports one of our Nation's founding principles—equal justice under the law—by making our legal system more accessible for all Americans.

Today's bipartisan legislation simply ensures that Equal Access to Justice programs observe commonsense reporting and transparency requirements. This good government bill will ensure proper oversight of this program by providing both Congress and the public the data they need to make informed decisions.

The original Equal Access to Justice Act rightfully included tracking and reporting requirements concerning payments made under the authority of this law. Taxpayers should not be on the hook for untold amounts of attorneys' fees for special interest groups that sue the Federal Government to change policy without public input.

My constituents simply don't believe their hard-earned money should go to groups that push their agenda through litigation instead of the regular legislative process. Congress has a responsibility to ensure that the Federal Government is truly working on behalf of the Americans who fund it. The Open Book on Equal Access to Justice Act will help ensure that the original law is working as Congress intended.

With greater transparency through reporting, the American people will have greater confidence that their tax dollars are being well spent.

I would like to thank again the sponsors for offering this. I am proud to be an original cosponsor on this.

Mr. CHABOT. Madam Speaker, having no further speakers, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. CHABOT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2919.

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.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 10 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WOMACK) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

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:

Motions to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4292 and H.R. 3584, as amended; and agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, in each case 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.

FOREIGN CULTURAL EXCHANGE JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITY CLARIFICATION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4292) to amend chapter 97 of title 28, United States Code, to clarify the exception to foreign sovereign immunity set forth in section 1605(a)(3) of such title, 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 Ohio (Mr. CHABOT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 388, nays 4, not voting 39, as follows:

[Roll No. 194]

YEAS—388

Amodei	Ellison	LaMalfa
Bachus	Engel	Lamborn
Barber	Enyart	Lance
Barletta	Eshoo	Langevin
Barr	Esty	Larsen (WA)
Barrow (GA)	Farenthold	Larson (CT)
Barton	Farr	Latham
Bass	Fattah	Latta
Beatty	Fincher	Lee (CA)
Becerra	Fitzpatrick	Levin
Benishek	Fleischmann	Lipinski
Bentivolio	Fleming	LoBiondo
Bera (CA)	Flores	Loebsack
Bilirakis	Forbes	Lofgren
Bishop (GA)	Fortenberry	Long
Bishop (NY)	Foster	Lowenthal
Bishop (UT)	Fox	Lowe
Black	Frankel (FL)	Lucas
Blackburn	Franks (AZ)	Luetkemeyer
Bonamici	Frelinghuysen	Lujan Grisham
Boustany	Fudge	(NM)
Brady (PA)	Gabbard	Lujan, Ben Ray
Brady (TX)	Gallego	(NM)
Braley (IA)	Garamendi	Lummis
Bridenstine	Garcia	Lynch
Brooks (AL)	Gardner	Maffei
Broun (GA)	Garrett	Maloney,
Brown (FL)	Gerlach	Carolyn
Brownley (CA)	Gibbs	Maloney, Sean
Buchanan	Gibson	Marchant
Bucshon	Gohmert	Marino
Burgess	Goodlatte	Massie
Bustos	Gosar	Matheson
Byrne	Gowdy	Matsui
Calvert	Graves (GA)	McCarthy (CA)
Camp	Graves (MO)	McCarthy (NY)
Cantor	Grayson	McCaul
Capito	Green, Al	McClintock
Capps	Green, Gene	McCollum
Capuano	Griffith (VA)	McDermott
Cárdenas	Grijalva	McGovern
Carney	Grimm	McHenry
Carter	Guthrie	McIntyre
Cartwright	Hahn	McKeon
Cassidy	Hall	McKinley
Castor (FL)	Hanabusa	McMorris
Castro (TX)	Hanna	Rodgers
Chabot	Harper	McNerney
Chaffetz	Harris	Meadows
Chu	Hartzler	Meehan
Ciçilline	Hastings (FL)	Meeks
Clark (MA)	Hastings (WA)	Meng
Clarke (NY)	Heck (NV)	Mica
Clay	Heck (WA)	Michaud
Cleaver	Hensarling	Miller (FL)
Clyburn	Herrera Beutler	Miller (MI)
Coffman	Higgins	Miller, George
Cohen	Himes	Moore
Cole	Hinojosa	Moran
Collins (GA)	Holding	Mullin
Collins (NY)	Holt	Mulvaney
Conaway	Honda	Murphy (PA)
Connolly	Horsford	Nadler
Conyers	Hoyer	Napolitano
Cook	Hudson	Negrete McLeod
Cooper	Huelskamp	Neugebauer
Costa	Huffman	Noem
Cotton	Huizenga (MI)	Nolan
Courtney	Hultgren	Nugent
Cramer	Hunter	Nunes
Crenshaw	Hurt	O'Rourke
Crowley	Israel	Olson
Cuellar	Issa	Owens
Culberson	Jackson Lee	Palazzo
Cummings	Jeffries	Pallone
Daines	Jenkins	Pascrell
Davis (CA)	Johnson (GA)	Pastor (AZ)
Davis, Danny	Johnson (OH)	Paulsen
Davis, Rodney	Johnson, E. B.	Pearce
DeFazio	Johnson, Sam	Pelosi
DeGette	Jolly	Perlmutter
Delaney	Jordan	Perry
DeLauro	Kaptur	Peters (CA)
DelBene	Keating	Peters (MI)
Denham	Kelly (IL)	Peterson
Dent	Kelly (PA)	Petri
DeSantis	Kennedy	Pingree (ME)
DesJarlais	Kildee	Pitts
Diaz-Balart	Kilmer	Pocan
Dingell	Kind	Poe (TX)
Doggett	King (IA)	Polis
Doyle	Kinzinger (IL)	Pompeo
Duckworth	Kirkpatrick	Posey
Duncan (SC)	Kline	Price (GA)
Duncan (TN)	Kuster	Price (NC)
Edwards	Labrador	Quigley