

credit unions while minimizing losses to the National Credit Union Administration Share Insurance Fund (NCUSIF). Fewer willing merger partners mean fewer opportunities to avert losses to the NCUSIF by merging a troubled credit union. Credit union mergers have traditionally been effective in accomplishing both objectives while preserving the continuity of credit union service to the target credit union's members.

Banks and their insurers do not have the same concerns because their existing capital definition under relevant law is broader. The FASB rule, in combination with their broader statutory definition of capital, would not result in similar problems for banks and thrifts because they are allowed to include virtually all components of "equity" in their capital.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BACHUS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1042.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) 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 3 o'clock and 14 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

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

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

Votes will be taken in the following order:

S. 643, by the yeas and nays.

H.R. 2326, by the yeas and nays.

This will be a 15-minute vote followed by a 15-minute vote.

AMENDING AGRICULTURAL CREDIT ACT TO REAUTHORIZE STATE MEDIATION PROGRAMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the Senate bill, S. 643.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by

the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. LUCAS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 643, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 371, nays 2, not voting 60, as follows:

[Roll No. 241]
YEAS—371

Abercrombie	Davis, Tom	Jefferson
Ackerman	Deal (GA)	Jindal
Aderholt	DeFazio	Johnson (CT)
Akin	DeGette	Johnson (IL)
Alexander	DeLauro	Johnson, E. B.
Allen	DeLay	Johnson, Sam
Andrews	Dent	Jones (NC)
Baca	Diaz-Balart, L.	Jones (OH)
Bachus	Diaz-Balart, M.	Kanjorski
Baird	Dicks	Kaptur
Baldwin	Doggett	Kelly
Barrett (SC)	Doolittle	Kennedy (MN)
Barrow	Doyle	Kildee
Bartlett (MD)	Drake	Kind
Barton (TX)	Dreier	King (IA)
Bass	Duncan	King (NY)
Bean	Edwards	Kingston
Beauprez	Emanuel	Kirk
Becerra	Emerson	Kline
Berman	Engel	Kolbe
Berry	English (PA)	Kucinich
Biggert	Eshoo	Kuhl (NY)
Bilirakis	Etheridge	Langevin
Bishop (GA)	Evans	Lantos
Bishop (NY)	Everett	Larson (CT)
Bishop (UT)	Farr	Latham
Blackburn	Feeney	LaTourette
Blumenauer	Ferguson	Leach
Blunt	Filner	Levin
Boehlert	Fitzpatrick (PA)	Lewis (CA)
Boehner	Foley	Lewis (KY)
Bonilla	Forbes	Linder
Bonner	Ford	Lipinski
Bono	Fortenberry	LoBiondo
Boozman	Fox	Lofgren, Zoe
Boren	Frank (MA)	Lowe
Boucher	Franks (AZ)	Lucas
Boustany	Frelinghuysen	Lungren, Daniel
Boyd	Gallegly	E.
Bradley (NH)	Garrett (NJ)	Lynch
Brady (PA)	Gerlach	Mack
Brady (TX)	Gibbons	Maloney
Brown (OH)	Gilchrest	Manzullo
Brown (SC)	Gillmor	Marchant
Brown, Corrine	Gingrey	Markey
Brown-Waite,	Gohmert	Marshall
Ginny	Gonzalez	Matheson
Burgess	Goode	Matsui
Burton (IN)	Goodlatte	McCarthy
Butterfield	Gordon	McCaul (TX)
Calvert	Granger	McCollum (MN)
Camp	Graves	McCotter
Cannon	Green, Al	McCreery
Cantor	Green, Gene	McDermott
Capps	Grijalva	McGovern
Capuano	Gutknecht	McHenry
Cardin	Hall	McHugh
Carnahan	Harman	McIntyre
Carson	Harris	McKeon
Carter	Hart	McKinney
Castle	Hastings (FL)	McMorris
Chabot	Hastings (WA)	McNulty
Chandler	Hayes	Meehan
Chocola	Hayworth	Meeke (NY)
Clay	Hefley	Melancon
Coble	Hensarling	Menendez
Cole (OK)	Herger	Mica
Conaway	Herseth	Michaud
Conyers	Higgin	Millender-
Costa	Hinche	McDonald
Costello	Hobson	Miller (FL)
Cox	Hoekstra	Miller (MI)
Cramer	Holden	Miller (NC)
Crenshaw	Holt	Miller, Gary
Cubin	Honda	Miller, George
Cuellar	Hooley	Mollohan
Culberson	Hostettler	Moore (KS)
Cummings	Hunter	Moran (KS)
Cunningham	Hyde	Moran (VA)
Davis (AL)	Inglis (SC)	Murphy
Davis (CA)	Inslee	Musgrave
Davis (IL)	Israel	Myrick
Davis (KY)	Issa	Napolitano
Davis (TN)	Jackson (IL)	Neugebauer
Davis, Jo Ann	Jackson-Lee	Ney
	(TX)	Northup

Norwood	Roybal-Allard	Taylor (NC)
Nunes	Royce	Terry
Nussle	Ruppersberger	Thomas
Obey	Ryan (OH)	Thompson (CA)
Olver	Ryan (WI)	Thompson (MS)
Ortiz	Ryun (KS)	Thornberry
Osborne	Sabo	Tiahrt
Otter	Salazar	Tiberi
Pallone	Sanders	Tierney
Pastor	Saxton	Turner
Pearce	Schakowsky	Udall (NM)
Pelosi	Schiff	Upton
Pence	Schwartz (PA)	Van Hollen
Peterson (MN)	Schwartz (MI)	Velázquez
Petri	Scott (GA)	Visclosky
Pickering	Scott (VA)	Walden (OR)
Pitts	Sensenbrenner	Walsh
Platts	Serrano	Wamp
Poe	Shadegg	Wasserman
Pombo	Shaw	Schultz
Pomeroy	Sherman	Watson
Porter	Sherwood	Watt
Price (GA)	Shuster	Waxman
Price (NC)	Simpson	Weiner
Pryce (OH)	Skelton	Weldon (FL)
Putnam	Slaughter	Weldon (PA)
Rahall	Smith (NJ)	Weller
Ramstad	Smith (TX)	Westmoreland
Rangel	Smith (WA)	Wexler
Regula	Snyder	Whitfield
Rehberg	Sodrel	Wicker
Reichert	Solis	Wilson (NM)
Renzi	Souder	Wilson (SC)
Reyes	Spratt	Wolf
Reynolds	Stearns	Woolsey
Rhodes (AL)	Stupak	Wu
Rogers (KY)	Tancredo	Wynn
Rogers (MI)	Tanner	Young (AK)
Rohrabacher	Tauscher	
Ross	Taylor (MS)	

NAYS—2

Flake

Paul

NOT VOTING—60

Baker	Istook	Radanovich
Berkley	Jenkins	Ros-Lehtinen
Boswell	Keller	Rothman
Buyer	Kennedy (RI)	Rush
Capito	Kilpatrick (MI)	Sánchez, Linda
Cardoza	Knollenberg	T.
Case	LaHood	Sanchez, Loretta
Clyburn	Larsen (WA)	Sessions
Cooper	Lee	Shays
Crowley	Lewis (GA)	Shimkus
Davis (FL)	Meek (FL)	Simmons
Delahunt	Moore (WI)	Stark
Dingell	Murtha	Strickland
Ehlers	Nadler	Sullivan
Fattah	Neal (MA)	Sweeney
Fossella	Oberstar	Towns
Green (WI)	Owens	Udall (CO)
Gutierrez	Oxley	Waters
Hinojosa	Pascrell	Young (FL)
Hoyer	Payne	
Hulshof	Peterson (PA)	

□ 1854

Mr. WATT changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GILCHREST). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 2326.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2326, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 370, nays 0, not voting 63, as follows:

[Roll No. 242]

YEAS—370

Abercrombie	Diaz-Balart, L.	Kind	Pomeroy	Schwarz (MI)	Thornberry
Ackerman	Diaz-Balart, M.	King (IA)	Porter	Scott (GA)	Tiahrt
Aderholt	Dicks	King (NY)	Price (GA)	Scott (VA)	Tiberi
Akin	Doggett	Kingston	Price (NC)	Sensenbrenner	Tierney
Alexander	Doolittle	Kirk	Serrano	Shadegg	Turner
Allen	Doyle	Kline	Putnam	Shaw	Udall (NM)
Andrews	Drake	Kolbe	Rahall	Shays	Upton
Baca	Dreier	Kucinich	Ramstad	Sherman	Van Hollen
Bachus	Duncan	Kuhl (NY)	Rangel	Sherwood	Velázquez
Baird	Edwards	Langevin	Regula	Shuster	Visclosky
Baldwin	Emanuel	Lantos	Rehberg	Simpson	Walden (OR)
Barrett (SC)	Emerson	Larson (CT)	Reichert	Skelton	Walsh
Barrow	Engel	Latham	Renzi	Slaughter	Wamp
Bartlett (MD)	English (PA)	LaTourette	Reyes	Smith (NJ)	Wasserman
Barton (TX)	Eshoo	Leach	Reynolds	Smith (TX)	Schultz
Bass	Etheridge	Levin	Rogers (AL)	Smith (WA)	Watson
Bean	Evans	Lewis (CA)	Rogers (KY)	Snyder	Watt
Beauprez	Everett	Lewis (KY)	Rogers (MI)	Sodrel	Waxman
Becerra	Farr	Linder	Rohrabacher	Solis	Weiner
Berman	Feeney	Lipinski	Ross	Souder	Weldon (FL)
Berry	Ferguson	LoBiondo	Roybal-Allard	Spratt	Weldon (PA)
Biggett	Filner	Loftgren, Zoe	Royce	Stearns	Weller
Billirakis	Fitzpatrick (PA)	Lowe	Ruppersberger	Stupak	Westmoreland
Bishop (GA)	Flake	Lucas	Ryan (OH)	Tancredo	Wexler
Bishop (NY)	Foley	Lungren, Daniel E.	Ryan (WI)	Tanner	Whitfield
Bishop (UT)	Forbes	Lynch	Ryun (KS)	Tauscher	Wicker
Blackburn	Ford	Mack	Sabo	Taylor (MS)	Wilson (NM)
Blumenauer	Fortenberry	Maloney	Salazar	Taylor (NC)	Wilson (SC)
Blunt	Fox	Manzullo	Sanders	Terry	Wolf
Boehler	Frank (MA)	Markey	Saxton	Thomas	Woolsey
Boehner	Franks (AZ)	Marshall	Schakowsky	Thompson (CA)	Wynn
Bonilla	Frelinghuysen	Matheson	Schiff	Thompson (MS)	Young (AK)
Bonner	Gallely	Matsui	Schwartz (PA)		
Bono	Garrett (NJ)	McCarthy			
Boren	Gerlach	McCaul (TX)			
Boucher	Gibbons	McCollum (MN)			
Boustany	Gilchrest	McCotter			
Boyd	Gillmor	McCreery			
Bradley (NH)	Gohmert	McDermott			
Brady (PA)	Gonzalez	McGovern			
Brady (TX)	Goode	McHenry			
Brown (OH)	Goodlatte	McHugh			
Brown (SC)	Gordon	McIntyre			
Brown, Corrine	Granger	McKeon			
Brown-Waite,	Graves	McKinney			
Ginny	Green, Al	McMorris			
Burgess	Green, Gene	McNulty			
Burton (IN)	Grijalva	Meehan			
Butterfield	Gutknecht	Meeks (NY)			
Calvert	Hall	Melancon			
Camp	Harman	Menendez			
Cannon	Harris	Mica			
Cantor	Hart	Michaud			
Capps	Hastings (FL)	Millender-			
Capuano	Hastings (WA)	McDonald			
Cardin	Hayes	Miller (FL)			
Carahan	Hayworth	Miller (MI)			
Carson	Hefley	Miller (NC)			
Carter	Hensarling	Miller, Gary			
Castle	Herger	Miller, George			
Chabot	Herseth	Mollohan			
Chandler	Higgins	Moore (KS)			
Chocoma	Hinchee	Moran (KS)			
Clay	Hobson	Moran (VA)			
Cleaver	Hoekstra	Murphy			
Coble	Holden	Musgrave			
Cole (OK)	Holt	Myrick			
Conaway	Honda	Napolitano			
Conyers	Hoolley	Neugebauer			
Costa	Hostettler	Ney			
Costello	Hunter	Northup			
Cox	Hyde	Norwood			
Cramer	Inglis (SC)	Nunes			
Crenshaw	Inslee	Nussle			
Cubin	Israel	Obey			
Cuellar	Issa	Olver			
Culberson	Jackson (IL)	Ortiz			
Cummings	Jackson-Lee	Osborne			
Cunningham	(TX)	Otter			
Davis (AL)	Jefferson	Pallone			
Davis (CA)	Jindal	Pastor			
Davis (IL)	Johnson (CT)	Paul			
Davis (KY)	Johnson (IL)	Pearce			
Davis (TN)	Johnson, E. B.	Pelosi			
Davis, Jo Ann	Johnson, Sam	Peterson (MN)			
Davis, Tom	Jones (NC)	Petri			
Deal (GA)	Jones (OH)	Pickering			
DeFazio	Kanjorski	Pitts			
DeGette	Kaptur	Platts			
DeLauro	Kelly	Poe			
DeLay	Kennedy (MN)	Pombo			
Dent	Kildee				

NOT VOTING—63

Baker	Hulshof	Pence
Berkley	Istook	Peterson (PA)
Boozman	Jenkins	Radanovich
Boswell	Keller	Ros-Lehtinen
Buyer	Kennedy (RI)	Rothman
Capito	Kilpatrick (MI)	Rush
Cardoza	Knollenberg	Sánchez, Linda T.
Case	LaHood	Sánchez, Loretta
Clyburn	Larsen (WA)	Sessions
Cooper	Lee	Shimkus
Crowley	Lewis (GA)	Simmons
Davis (FL)	Marchant	Stark
Delahunt	Meek (FL)	Strickland
Dingell	Moore (WI)	Sullivan
Ehlers	Murtha	Sweeney
Fattah	Nadler	Towns
Fossella	Neal (MA)	Udall (CO)
Gingrey	Oberstar	Waters
Green (WI)	Owens	Young (FL)
Gutierrez	Oxley	
Hinojosa	Pascarell	
Hoyer	Payne	

□ 1912

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 242, I was detained concerning a pressing legislative matter, Base Realignment in the 3rd District of Arkansas, and unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from this Chamber today. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 241 and 242.

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND SUCCESSES

(Mr. PRICE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, in classrooms across the country, schools are making the grade when it

comes to No Child Left Behind. In my home State, Georgia is making significant gains. The achievement gap is narrowing as students in schools are held accountable for their performance. Educators know that merely promoting students to the next grade level is not the solution to low test scores.

In 2002, 64 percent of African American fifth-graders passed the State math test compared with 86 percent of white students, a 22 percentage point gap. Now, thanks to No Child Left Behind, 80 percent of African American students passed the test, compared with 92 percent of white students, a 10 percent improvement.

In 2002, 71 percent of Hispanic third-grade students passed the State reading test compared with 90 percent of white students, a 19 percentage point gap. This year, 86 percent of Hispanic students passed the test compared with 96 percent of white students. Again, nearly a 10 percent improvement.

Mr. Speaker, No Child Left Behind is working. Student test scores are rising. But more importantly, students are leaving the classroom with the fundamental skills necessary to succeed at the next level and in life.

□ 1915

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KUHLE of New York). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

SMART SECURITY AND IRAQ WITHDRAWAL PLAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, one would not travel to a foreign country without making a plan. And one would not buy a house without first making a plan, so why does the Bush administration insist on fighting a quarter trillion dollar war without a plan to end it? It is totally irresponsible for the White House to ask 150,000 United States troops to serve in a dangerous country halfway around the world without a plan to bring them home.

With over 1,700 American soldiers killed in action thus far, representing more than 1 percent of our total force in Iraq, our government owes them the courtesy of planning on how we are going to bring them home.

Unfortunately, the government has failed our troops in Iraq from the very beginning. First, we did not have a plan on going in and why we were going in.

Next, the Pentagon neglected to provide life-saving body armor for each and every one of our troops. A study by the Pentagon released last year stated that nearly one-quarter of those killed