

Reed and other facilities around this Nation never, ever happen again.

Let's pass this rule and pass this very important bill.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. CASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Arizona (Mr. MITCHELL).

Mr. MITCHELL. Mr. Speaker, just weeks ago an outraged Nation learned about the terrible conditions many of our wounded warriors had to endure as they recovered from battlefield injuries at Walter Reed Medical Center. We have all heard the sad stories of mold and rat droppings at Building 18.

Even worse, we have learned that these dilapidated conditions extend beyond Walter Reed to other military facilities and even veterans facilities where troops turned veterans face a long, complicated and confusing process to get the benefits and care they have earned. Conditions like these and miles of bureaucratic red tape rob our troops and veterans of what they deserve the most, dignity, respect and honor.

It is absolutely unacceptable, and I am proud that this Congress is taking action. Just last week, the House approved more than \$20 million to clean up the mess at Walter Reed. We approved more than \$550 million to get rid of the backlog of maintenance requests at veterans facilities. That is a good start.

Last month, I introduced the Dignity for Wounded Warriors Act for 2007, which was the first legislation introduced in this House to prevent another episode like that of Walter Reed from ever happening again.

I commend the House Armed Services Committee for putting forward this legislation, which also establishes guidelines for how returning soldiers should be treated and measures of accountability. All of our troops, and all of our veterans, are entitled to quality health care and should be treated with the respect and dignity they deserve. These are great first steps, but we still have a long way to go to ensure our troops and veterans are treated properly. They have my commitment that we will continue to take care of them just as they have taken care of us.

Ms. CASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, the bill that this rule makes in order is a good bill. It passed the Armed Services Committee unanimously. It is something that is needed now that we need are engaged in this war on terror. Bills like this, in my view, deserve an open rule, so that you can give the opportunity for Members on both sides of the aisle to try to improve this good product and make it better. I cited two examples for the Rules Committee to not make in order two bills that dealt specifically with our veterans in rural areas.

While I support the underlying bill, I am opposed to the rule, because I think the rule could have allowed more amendments to have been in order or, for that matter, have made this an open rule. I think that ought to be the standard when we have strong bipartisan support for legislation.

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

Ms. CASTOR. Mr. Speaker, 4 years after the start of the war in Iraq, and less than 100 days since the swearing in of this new Congress, this Congress will act today.

I urge my colleagues to support this rule and this legislation so we can pass the Wounded Warrior Assistance Act of 2007. Let's send a message, let's stand up for our brave troops in the field, not just when they are serving on the battlefield, but when they return home. Let's give the families the respect they deserve and make sure that we are providing superior health care whether it's a physical injury or a mental scar.

Mr. Speaker, I urge a "yes" vote on the previous question and on the rule.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

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

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. 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 are postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put each question on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order: ordering the previous question on House Resolution 275; adopting House Resolution 275, if ordered; adopting House Resolution 274; and passing H.R. 835.

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

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. CON. RES. 99, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on ordering the previous question on House Resolution 275, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 225, nays 196, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 202]

YEAS—225

Abercrombie	Grijalva	Neal (MA)
Ackerman	Gutierrez	Oberstar
Allen	Hall (NY)	Obey
Altmire	Hare	Olver
Andrews	Harman	Ortiz
Arcuri	Hastings (FL)	Pallone
Baca	Herseth	Pascrell
Baird	Higgins	Pastor
Baldwin	Hill	Payne
Bean	Hinchev	Perlmutter
Becerra	Hinojosa	Peterson (MN)
Berkley	Hirono	Pomeroy
Berman	Hodes	Price (NC)
Berry	Holden	Rahall
Bishop (GA)	Holt	Rangel
Bishop (NY)	Honda	Reyes
Blumenauer	Hooley	Rodriguez
Boren	Hoyer	Ross
Boswell	Inslee	Rothman
Boucher	Israel	Roybal-Allard
Boyd (FL)	Jackson (IL)	Ruppersberger
Boyd (KS)	Jackson-Lee	Rush
Brady (PA)	(TX)	Ryan (OH)
Brown, Corrine	Jefferson	Salazar
Butterfield	Johnson (GA)	Sánchez, Linda
Capps	Johnson, E. B.	T.
Capuano	Jones (OH)	Sanchez, Loretta
Cardoza	Kagen	Sarbanes
Carnahan	Kaptur	Schakowsky
Carney	Kennedy	Schiff
Carson	Kildee	Schwartz
Castor	Kilpatrick	Scott (GA)
Chandler	Kind	Scott (VA)
Clarke	Klein (FL)	Serrano
Clay	Kucinich	Sestak
Cleaver	Langevin	Shea-Porter
Clyburn	Lantos	Sherman
Cohen	Larsen (WA)	Shuler
Conyers	Larson (CT)	Sires
Cooper	Lee	Skelton
Costa	Levin	Slaughter
Costello	Lewis (GA)	Smith (WA)
Cramer	Lipinski	Snyder
Crowley	Loeb sack	Solis
Cuellar	Lofgren, Zoe	Space
Cummings	Lowey	Spratt
Davis (AL)	Lynch	Stark
Davis (CA)	Mahoney (FL)	Stupak
Davis (IL)	Maloney (NY)	Sutton
Davis, Lincoln	Markey	Tanner
DeFazio	Marshall	Tauscher
DeGette	Matheson	Taylor
DeLaunt	Matsui	Thompson (CA)
DeLauro	McCarthy (NY)	Thompson (MS)
Dicks	McCollum (MN)	Tierney
Dingell	McDermott	Towns
Doggett	McGovern	Udall (CO)
Donnelly	McIntyre	Udall (NM)
Doyle	McNerney	Van Hollen
Edwards	McNulty	Velázquez
Ellison	Meehan	Vislosky
Ellsworth	Meek (FL)	Walz (MN)
Emanuel	Meeks (NY)	Wasserman
Engel	Melancon	Schultz
Eshoo	Michaud	Waters
Etheridge	Miller (NC)	Watson
Farr	Mitchell	Watt
Fattah	Mollohan	Waxman
Filner	Moore (KS)	Weiner
Frank (MA)	Moore (WI)	Welch (VT)
Giffords	Moran (VA)	Wexler
Gillibrand	Murphy (CT)	Wilson (OH)
Gonzalez	Murphy, Patrick	Woolsey
Gordon	Murtha	Wu
Green, Al	Nadler	Wynn
Green, Gene	Napolitano	Yarmuth

NAYS—196

Aderholt	Blackburn	Calvert
Akin	Blunt	Camp (MI)
Alexander	Boehner	Campbell (CA)
Bachmann	Bono	Cannon
Bachus	Boozman	Cantor
Baker	Boustany	Capito
Barrett (SC)	Brady (TX)	Carter
Barrow	Brown (SC)	Castle
Bartlett (MD)	Brown-Waite,	Chabot
Barton (TX)	Ginny	Coble
Biggart	Buchanan	Cole (OK)
Billbray	Burgess	Conaway
Bilirakis	Burton (IN)	Crenshaw
Bishop (UT)	Buyer	Culberson

Davis (KY) Jordan
 Davis, David Keller
 Davis, Tom King (IA)
 Deal (GA) King (NY)
 Dent Kingston
 Diaz-Balart, L. Kirk
 Diaz-Balart, M. Kline (MN)
 Doolittle Knollenberg
 Drake Kuhl (NY)
 Dreier LaHood
 Duncan Lamborn
 Ehlers Latham
 Emerson LaTourette
 English (PA) Lewis (CA)
 Everrett Lewis (KY)
 Fallin Linder
 Feeney LoBiondo
 Ferguson Lucas
 Flake Lungren, Daniel
 Forbes E.
 Fortenberry Mack
 Fossella Manzullo
 Foxx Marchant
 Franks (AZ) McCarthy (CA)
 Frelinghuysen McCaul (TX)
 Gallegly McCotter
 Garrett (NJ) McCrery
 Gerlach McHenry
 Gilchrest McHugh
 Gillmor McMorris
 Gingrey Rodgers
 Gohmert Mica
 Goode Miller (FL)
 Goodlatte Miller (MI)
 Granger Miller, Gary
 Graves Moran (KS)
 Hall (TX) Murphy, Tim
 Hastert Musgrave
 Hastings (WA) Myrick
 Hayes Neugebauer
 Heller Nunes
 Hensarling Paul
 Herger Pearce
 Hobson Pence
 Hoekstra Peterson (PA)
 Hulshof Petri
 Hunter Pickering
 Inglis (SC) Pitts
 Issa Platts
 Jindal Poe
 Johnson (IL) Porter
 Johnson, Sam Price (GA)
 Jones (NC) Pryce (OH)

NOT VOTING—12

Bonner Kanjorski
 Braley (IA) Lampson
 Courtney McKeon
 Cubin Millender-
 Davis, Jo Ann McDonald

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Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California and Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. MILLER of North Carolina, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. CROWLEY, and Messrs. GORDON of Tennessee, JEFFERSON, and MEEHAN changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the previous question was ordered.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, on roll-call No. 202, had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, on roll-call No. 202, had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

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

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 229, nays 197, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 203]

YEAS—229

Abercrombie Green, Gene
 Ackerman Grijalva
 Allen Gutierrez
 Altmire Hall (NY)
 Andrews Hare
 Arcuri Harman
 Baca Hastings (FL)
 Baird Herseth
 Baldwin Higgins
 Bean Barrow
 Becerra Hinojosa
 Berkley Hirono
 Berman Hodes
 Berry Holden
 Bishop (GA) Holt
 Bishop (NY) Honda
 Blumenauer Hooley
 Boren Hoyer
 Boswell Inslee
 Boucher Israel
 Boyd (FL) Jackson (IL)
 Boyda (KS) Jackson-Lee
 Brady (PA) (TX)
 Braley (IA) Jefferson
 Brown, Corrine Johnson (GA)
 Butterfield Johnson, E. B.
 Capps Jones (OH)
 Capuano Kagen
 Cardoza Kaptur
 Carnahan Kennedy
 Carney Kildee
 Carson Kilpatrick
 Castor Kind
 Chandler Klein (FL)
 Clarke Kucinich
 Clay Langevin
 Cleaver Lantos
 Clyburn Larsen (WA)
 Cohen Larson (CT)
 Conyers Lee
 Cooper Levin
 Costa Lewis (GA)
 Costello Lipinski
 Courtney Loebsack
 Cramer Lofgren, Zoe
 Crowley Lowey
 Cuellar Lynch
 Cummings Mahoney (FL)
 Davis (AL) Maloney (NY)
 Davis (CA) Markey
 Davis (IL) Marshall
 Davis, Lincoln Matheson
 DeFazio Matsui
 DeGette McCarthy (NY)
 Delahunt McColium (MN)
 DeLauro McDermott
 Dicks McGovern
 Dingell McIntyre
 Doggett McNerney
 Donnelly McNulty
 Doyle Meehan
 Edwards Meek (FL)
 Ellison Meeks (NY)
 Ellsworth Melancon
 Emanuel Michaud
 Engel Miller (NC)
 Eshoo Miller, George
 Etheridge Mitchell
 Farr Mollohan
 Fattah Moore (KS)
 Filner Moore (WI)
 Frank (MA) Moran (VA)
 Giffords Murphy (CT)
 Gillibrand Murphy, Patrick
 Gonzalez Murtha
 Gordon Nadler
 Green, Al Napolitano

NAYS—197

Aderholt Biggert
 Akin Bilbray
 Alexander Bilirakis
 Bachmann Bishop (UT)
 Bachus Blackburn
 Baker Blunt
 Barrett (SC) Boehner
 Bartlett (MD) Bono
 Barton (TX) Boozman

Calvert Hobson
 Camp (MI) Hoekstra
 Campbell (CA) Hulshof
 Cannon Hunter
 Cantor Inglis (SC)
 Capito Issa
 Carter Jindal
 Castle Johnson (IL)
 Chabot Johnson, Sam
 Coble Jones (NC)
 Cole (OK) Jordan
 Conaway Keller
 Crenshaw King (IA)
 Cubin King (NY)
 Culberson Kingston
 Davis (KY) Kirk
 Davis, David Kline (MN)
 Davis, Tom Knollenberg
 Deal (GA) Kuhl (NY)
 Dent LaHood
 Perlmutter Ryan (WI)
 Diaz-Balart, L. Lamborn
 Diaz-Balart, M. Latham
 Doolittle LaTourette
 Drake Lewis (CA)
 Dreier Lewis (KY)
 Duncan Linder
 Ehlers LoBiondo
 Emerson Lucas
 English (PA) Lungren, Daniel
 Everett E.
 Fallin Mack
 Feeney Manzullo
 Ferguson Marchant
 Flake McCarthy (CA)
 Forbes McCaul (TX)
 Fortenberry McCotter
 Fossella McCrery
 Foxx McHenry
 Franks (AZ) McHugh
 Frelinghuysen McMorris
 Gallegly Rodgers
 Garrett (NJ) Mica
 Gerlach Miller (FL)
 Gilchrest Miller (MI)
 Gillmor Miller, Gary
 Gingrey Moran (KS)
 Gohmert Murphy, Tim
 Goode Musgrave
 Goodlatte Weldon (FL)
 Granger Neugebauer
 Graves Nunes
 Heller Peterson (PA)
 Hensarling Petri
 Herger Pickering
 Hastings (WA) Pence
 Heller Peterson (PA)
 Hensarling Wolf
 Herger Pitts Young (AK)
 Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—7

Bonner Lampson
 Davis, Jo Ann McKeon
 Kanjorski Rogers (MI)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised that there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1538, WOUNDED WARRIOR ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on adoption of House Resolution 274 on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

This will be a 5-minute vote.