

thing, but I'm ready to work, Congressmen.

As a local official, I worked hard and I worked with both parties. I focused on balancing budgets and creating jobs. This will still be my approach, and these will be my priorities in Congress.

I pledge to work as hard as I can to mend our failing economy and help bring down the skyrocketing cost of gas, groceries and health care.

I look forward to meeting and working with every single one of you. I look forward to standing up for the values of the people who I have the honor of serving. And I pledge to work every day for the people of the First District of the great State of Mississippi.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Mississippi, the whole number of the House is 435.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

GAS PRICE RELIEF FOR CONSUMERS ACT OF 2008

The SPEAKER. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6074, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SERRANO). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6074.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 324, nays 84, not voting 26, as follows:

[Roll No. 332]
YEAS—324

Abercrombie	Boswell	Chabot
Ackerman	Boucher	Chandler
Aderholt	Boyd (FL)	Childers
Alexander	Boyd (KS)	Clarke
Allen	Brady (PA)	Clay
Altmire	Braley (IA)	Cleaver
Arcuri	Brown (SC)	Clyburn
Baca	Brown, Corrine	Cohen
Bachmann	Brown-Waite,	Conyers
Bachus	Ginny	Cooper
Baird	Buchanan	Costa
Baldwin	Burton (IN)	Costello
Barrow	Butterfield	Courtney
Bean	Buyer	Cramer
Becerra	Camp (MI)	Crowley
Berkley	Campbell (CA)	Cueellar
Berman	Cantor	Cummings
Berry	Capito	Davis (AL)
Biggert	Capps	Davis (CA)
Bilbray	Capuano	Davis, David
Bilirakis	Cardoza	Davis, Lincoln
Bishop (GA)	Carmahan	DeFazio
Bishop (NY)	Everett	DeGette
Blackburn	Carson	DeLauro
Bono Mack	Castle	Dent
Boozman	Castor	Dicks
Boren	Cazayoux	Doggett

Donnelly	Latham	Rothman
Doyle	LaTourette	Roybal-Allard
Drake	Latta	Royce
Dreier	Lee	Ruppersberger
Duncan	Levin	Ryan (OH)
Edwards	Lewis (GA)	Ryan (WI)
Ehlers	Linder	Salazar
Ellison	Lipinski	Salli
Ellsworth	LoBiondo	Sánchez, Linda
Emanuel	Loeb	T.
Emerson	Loeb	Sanchez, Loretta
Engel	Lofgren, Zoe	T.
English (PA)	Lowe	Sarbanes
Eshoo	Lynch	Saxton
Etheridge	Mahoney (FL)	Schakowsky
Farr	Maloney (NY)	Schiff
Fattah	Manzullo	Schwartz
Finer	Markey	Scott (GA)
Forbes	Marshall	Scott (VA)
Fortenberry	Matsui	Sensenbrenner
Fossella	McCarthy (NY)	Serrano
Foster	McCaul (TX)	Sestak
Frank (MA)	McCollum (MN)	Sestak
Gallegly	McCotter	Shays
Gerlach	McDermott	Shea-Porter
Giffords	McGovern	Sherman
Gohmert	McHenry	Shuler
Gonzalez	McHugh	Simpson
Goode	McIntyre	Sires
Goodlatte	McNerney	Skelton
Gordon	McNulty	Slaughter
Graves	Meek (FL)	Smith (NJ)
Green, Al	Meeks (NY)	Smith (TX)
Green, Gene	Melancon	Smith (WA)
Grijalva	Mica	Snyder
Hall (NY)	Michaud	Solis
Hare	Miller (MI)	Souder
Harman	Miller (NC)	Space
Hastings (FL)	Miller, George	Speier
Hayes	Mitchell	Spratt
Heller	Mollohan	Stark
Herser	Moore (KS)	Stearns
Herse	Moore (WD)	Stupak
Herseth Sandlin	Moran (VA)	Sutton
Higgins	Murphy (CT)	Tanner
Hill	Murphy, Patrick	Tauscher
Hinchee	Murphy, Tim	Taylor
Hinojosa	Murtha	Terry
Hirono	Musgrave	Thompson (CA)
Hobson	Nadler	Thompson (MS)
Hodes	Napolitano	Tiberi
Holden	Neal (MA)	Tierney
Holt	Oberstar	Towns
Honda	Obey	Tsongas
Hoolley	Olver	Turner
Hoyer	Ortiz	Udall (NM)
Hunter	Pallone	Upton
Inslee	Pascrell	Van Hollen
Jackson (IL)	Pastor	Van Hollen
Jackson-Lee	Payne	Velázquez
(TX)	Perlmutter	Visclosky
Jefferson	Peterson (MN)	Walden (OR)
Johnson (IL)	Petri	Walsh (NY)
Johnson, E. B.	Pickering	Walz (MN)
Jones (NC)	Platts	Wamp
Jones (OH)	Pomeroy	Wasserman
Jordan	Porter	Schultz
Kagen	Price (NC)	Waters
Kanjorski	Rahall	Watson
Kaptur	Ramstad	Watt
Keller	Rangel	Waxman
Kildee	Regula	Weiner
Kilpatrick	Rehberg	Welch (VT)
Kind	Reichert	Wexler
King (NY)	Reyes	Whitfield (KY)
Kirk	Reynolds	Wilson (OH)
Klein (FL)	Richardson	Wilson (SC)
Knollenberg	Rodriguez	Wittman (VA)
Kucinich	Rogers (AL)	Wolf
Kuhl (NY)	Rogers (KY)	Woolsey
LaHood	Rogers (MI)	Wu
Langevin	Ros-Lehtinen	Wynn
Larsen (WA)	Roskam	Yarmuth
Larson (CT)	Ross	Young (FL)

NAYS—84

Akin	Carter	Franks (AZ)
Barrett (SC)	Coble	Frelinghuysen
Bartlett (MD)	Cole (OK)	Garrett (NJ)
Barton (TX)	Conaway	Gingrey
Bishop (UT)	Cubin	Granger
Blunt	Culberson	Hall (TX)
Boehner	Davis (KY)	Hastings (WA)
Bonner	Deal (GA)	Hensarling
Boustany	Doollittle	Hoekstra
Brady (TX)	Everett	Inglis (SC)
Broun (GA)	Fallin	Issa
Burgess	Feeney	Johnson (GA)
Calvert	Flake	Johnson, Sam
Cannon	Foxx	King (IA)

Kline (MN)	Moran (KS)	Shadegg
Lamborn	Myrick	Shimkus
Lampson	Neugebauer	Shuster
Lewis (CA)	Nunes	Smith (NE)
Lewis (KY)	Pearce	Sullivan
Lucas	Pence	Tancredo
Lungren, Daniel	Peterson (PA)	Thornberry
E.	Pitts	Tiahrt
Mack	Poe	Walberg
Marchant	Price (GA)	Weldon (FL)
McCarthy (CA)	Radanovich	Weiler
McCrery	Renzi	Westmoreland
McKeon	Rohrabacher	Young (AK)
Miller (FL)	Scalise	
Miller, Gary	Schmidt	

NOT VOTING—26

Andrews	Ferguson	McMorris
Blumenauer	Gilchrest	Rodgers
Crenshaw	Gillibrand	Paul
Davis (IL)	Gutierrez	Pryce (OH)
Davis, Tom	Hulshof	Putnam
Delahunt	Israel	Rush
Diaz-Balart, L.	Kennedy	Sessions
Diaz-Balart, M.	Kingston	Udall (CO)
Dingell	Matheson	Wilson (NM)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). One minute remains in this vote.

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Messrs. COLE of Oklahoma, LAMPSON and MILLER of Florida changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) 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.

FRANK SINATRA DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 1144, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATSON) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1144, as amended.

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. McDERMOTT. 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 402, nays 3, not voting 29, as follows:

[Roll No. 333]
YEAS—402

Abercrombie	Baird	Biggert
Ackerman	Baldwin	Bilbray
Aderholt	Barrett (SC)	Bilirakis
Akin	Barrow	Bishop (GA)
Alexander	Bartlett (MD)	Bishop (NY)
Allen	Barton (TX)	Bishop (UT)
Altmire	Bean	Blackburn
Arcuri	Becerra	Blunt
Baca	Berkley	Boehner
Bachmann	Berman	Bonner
Bachus	Berry	Bono Mack

Boozman Gallegly Matsui Schwartz Spratt Walsh (NY)
 Boren Garrett (NJ) McCarthy (CA) Scott (GA) Stark Walz (MN)
 Boswell Gerlach McCarthy (NY) Scott (VA) Stearns Wamp
 Boucher Giffords McCaul (TX) Sensenbrenner Stupak Wasserman
 Boustany Gingrey McCollum (MN) Serrano Sullivan Schultz
 Boyd (FL) Gonzalez McCotter Sestak Sutton Waters
 Boyda (KS) Goode McCrery Shadegg Tancred Watson
 Brady (PA) Goodlatte McDermott Shays Tanner Watt
 Brady (TX) Gordon McGovern Shea-Porter Tauscher Waxman
 Braley (IA) Granger McHenry Sherman Terry Weiner
 Broun (GA) Graves McHugh Shimkus Thompson (CA) Thompson (MS) Welch (VT)
 Brown (SC) Green, Al McIntyre Shuler Thompson (MS) Weldon (FL)
 Brown, Corrine Green, Gene McKeon Shuster Thornberry Weller
 Brown-Waite, Grijalva McMorris Simpson Tiahrt Westmoreland
 Ginny Hall (NY) Sires Tiberi Wexler
 Buchanan Hall (TX) McNeerney Skelton Tierney Whitfield (KY)
 Burgess Hare McNulty Slaughter Towns Wilson (OH)
 Burton (IN) Harman Meek (FL) Smith (NE) Tsongas Wilson (SC)
 Butterfield Hastings (FL) Meeks (NY) Smith (NJ) Turner Wittman (VA)
 Calvert Hastings (WA) Melancon Smith (TX) Udall (NM) Wolf
 Camp (MI) Hayes Mica Smyth (WA) Upton Woolsey
 Campbell (CA) Heller Michaud Van Hollen Wu
 Cannon Hensarling Miller (FL) Solis Velázquez Wynn
 Cantor Herger Miller (MI) Souder Visclosky Yarmuth
 Capito Herseeth Sandlin Miller (NC) Space Walberg Young (AK)
 Capps Higgins Miller, Gary Speier Walden (OR) Young (FL)
 Capuano Hill Miller, George
 Cardoza Hinchey Mitchell
 Carnahan Hinojosa Mollohan Conaway Neugebauer Poe
 Carney Hirono Moore (KS)
 Carson Hobson Moore (WI)
 Carter Hodes Moran (KS)
 Castle Hoekstra Moran (VA)
 Castor Holden Murphy (CT)
 Cazayoux Holt Murphy, Patrick
 Chabot Honda Murphy, Tim
 Chandler Hoooley Murtha
 Childers Hoyer Musgrave
 Clarke Hunter Myrick
 Clay Inglis (SC) Nadler
 Cleaver Insee Napolitano
 Clyburn Issa Neal (MA)
 Coble Jackson (IL) Nunes
 Cohen Jackson-Lee Oberstar
 Cole (OK) (TX) Obey
 Conyers Jefferson Oliver
 Cooper Johnson (GA) Ortiz
 Costa Johnson (IL) Pallone
 Costello Johnson, E. B. Pascarell
 Courtney Johnson, Sam Pastor
 Cramer Jones (NC) Payne
 Crowley Jones (OH) Pearce
 Cubin Jordan Pence
 Cuellar Kagen Perlmutter
 Culberson Kanjorski Peterson (MN)
 Cummings Kaptur Peterson (PA)
 Davis (AL) Keller Petri
 Davis (CA) Kildee Pickering
 Davis (KY) Kilpatrick Pitts
 Davis, David Kind Platts
 Davis, Lincoln King (IA) Pomeroy
 Deal (GA) King (NY) Porter
 DeFazio Kirk Price (GA)
 DeGette Klein (FL) Price (NC)
 DeLauro Kline (MN) Radanovich
 Dent Knollenberg Rahall
 Dicks Kucinich Ramstad
 Doggett Kuhl (NY) Rangel
 Donnelly LaHood Regula
 Doolittle Lamborn Rehberg
 Doyle Lampson Reichert
 Drake Langevin Renzi
 Dreier Larsen (WA) Reyes
 Duncan Larson (CT) Reynolds
 Edwards Latham Richardson
 Ehlers LaTourette Rodriguez
 Ellison Latta Rogers (AL)
 Ellsworth Lee Rogers (KY)
 Emanuel Levin Rogers (MI)
 Emerson Lewis (CA) Rohrabacher
 Engel Lewis (GA) Ros-Lehtinen
 English (PA) Lewis (KY) Roskam
 Eshoo Linder Ross
 Etheridge Lipinski Rothman
 Everett LoBiondo Roybal-Allard
 Fallin Loeb sack Royce
 Farr Lofgren, Zoe Ruppertsberger
 Fattah Lowey Ryan (OH)
 Feeney Lucas Ryan (WI)
 Filner Lungren, Daniel Salazar
 Flake E. Sali
 Forbes Lynch Sánchez, Linda
 Fortenberry Mack T.
 Fossella Mahoney (FL) Sanchez, Loretta
 Foster Maloney (NY) Sarbanes
 Foxx Manzullo Scalise
 Frank (MA) Marchant Schakowsky
 Franks (AZ) Markey Schiff
 Frelinghuysen Marshall Schmidt

Walsh (NY) Stark Walz (MN)
 Stearns Wamp Wasserman
 Schultz Waters
 Watson Watt
 Waxman Weiner
 Welch (VT) Weldon (FL)
 Weller Westmoreland
 Wexler Whitfield (KY)
 Wilson (OH) Wilson (SC)
 Wittman (VA) Wolf
 Woolsey Wu
 Wynn Yarmuth
 Young (AK) Young (FL)

NAYS—3

NOT VOTING—29

Andrews Ferguson Paul
 Blumenauer Gilchrest Pryce (OH)
 Buyer Gillibrand Putnam
 Crenshaw Gohmert Rush
 Davis (IL) Gutierrez Saxton
 Davis, Tom Hulshof Sessions
 Delahunt Israel Taylor
 Diaz-Balart, L. Kennedy Udall (CO)
 Diaz-Balart, M. Kingston Wilson (NM)
 Dingell Matheson

□ 1337

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title was amended so as to read: “Resolution expressing support for the designation of a Frank Sinatra Day, in honor of the dedication of the Frank Sinatra commemorative stamp.”

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 4789

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove myself as a cosponsor of H.R. 4789.

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

There was no objection.

VETERANS EMERGENCY CARE FAIRNESS ACT OF 2008

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3819) to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to reimburse veterans receiving emergency treatment in non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities for such treatment until such veterans are transferred to Department facilities, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3819

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Emergency Care Fairness Act of 2008”.

SEC. 2. MANDATORY REIMBURSEMENT OF VETERANS RECEIVING EMERGENCY TREATMENT IN NON-DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FACILITIES UNTIL TRANSFER TO DEPARTMENT FACILITIES.

(a) CERTAIN VETERANS WITHOUT SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY.—Section 1725 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “may reimburse” and inserting “shall reimburse”; and

(2) in subsection (f)(1), by striking subparagraph (C) and inserting the following new subparagraph (C):

“(C) until—

“(i) such time as the veteran can be transferred safely to a Department facility or other Federal facility; or

“(ii) such time as a Department facility or other Federal facility agrees to accept such transfer if—

“(I) at the time described in clause (i), no Department facility or other Federal facility agrees to accept such transfer; and

“(II) the non-Department facility in which such medical care or services is furnished makes and documents reasonable attempts to transfer the veteran to a Department facility or other Federal facility.”.

(b) CERTAIN VETERANS WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY.—Section 1728 of such title is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following new subsection (a):

“(a) The Secretary, under such regulations as the Secretary shall prescribe, shall reimburse veterans entitled to hospital care or medical services under this chapter for the reasonable value of emergency treatment (including travel and incidental expenses under the terms and conditions set forth in section 111 of this title) for which such veterans have made payment, from sources other than the Department, where such emergency treatment was rendered to such veterans in need thereof for any of the following:

“(1) An adjudicated service-connected disability.

“(2) A non-service-connected disability associated with and held to be aggravating a service-connected disability.

“(3) Any disability of a veteran in the veteran has a total disability permanent in nature from a service-connected disability.

“(4) Any illness, injury, or dental condition of a veteran who—

“(A) is a participant in a vocational rehabilitation program (as defined in section 3101(9) of this title); and

“(B) is medically determined to have been in need of care or treatment to make possible the veteran’s entrance into a course of training, or prevent interruption of a course of training, or hasten the return to a course of training which was interrupted because of such illness, injury, or dental condition.”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “care or services” both places it appears and inserting “emergency treatment”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(c) In this section, the term ‘emergency treatment’ has the meaning given such term in section 1725(f)(1) of this title.”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) and the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BUYER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

Mr. FILNER. I thank the Speaker.