

care facility, failed to report suspected signs of Talia's abuse.

But the shocking case of Talia Williams is not isolated; it is estimated that more than 29,000 children have been abused in military homes over the past decade.

The system failed Talia Williams but it is not too late to save other children at risk by passing H.R. 3894.

Under current law, Family Advocacy Programs operated by the Armed Forces are to identify individuals who are mandated to report known or suspected cases of child abuse to designated "points of contact," who then are to conduct an assessment investigation into the reported abuse and to communicate with State child protective services agencies.

H.R. 3894 amends current law and requires DoD professionals who come into contact with children such as physicians, psychologists, social workers, and teachers to report suspected instances of abuse or neglect directly to the State child protective services agencies in addition to Defense Department points of contact or chain of command.

H.R. 3894 also requires these "mandated reporters" to receive training in accordance with state guidelines in order to improve their ability to recognize evidence of child abuse and neglect and understand mandatory reporting requirements imposed by law.

Mr. Speaker, it is too late to save Talia Williams but out of the horrific tragedy that claimed her life, it is possible to identify and save other children from a similar fate.

H.R. 3894 will help ensure that instances of child abuse and neglect are recognized and reported immediately by empowering appropriate military and civilian personnel in the Department of Defense with the skills and training need to recognize evidence of child abuse and neglect and to place on them an affirmative duty to report instances of suspected abuse or neglect promptly and directly to child protective agencies.

I urge all Members to join me in voting to pass H.R. 3894.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. STEFANIK) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3894.

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 5 o'clock and 38 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. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

9/11 MEMORIAL ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings

will resume on the motion to suspend the rules previously postponed.

The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3036), as amended, 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 New Jersey (Mr. MACARTHUR) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 387, nays 12, not voting 34, as follows:

[Roll No. 64]

YEAS—387

Abraham	Davis, Danny	Huffman
Adams	Davis, Rodney	Hultgren
Aderholt	DeFazio	Hunter
Aguilar	DeGette	Hurd (TX)
Allen	Delaney	Hurt (VA)
Amodei	DeLauro	Israel
Ashford	DelBene	Issa
Babin	Denham	Jackson Lee
Barletta	Dent	Jeffries
Barr	DeSantis	Jenkins (KS)
Barton	DeSaulnier	Jenkins (WV)
Bass	DesJarlais	Johnson (GA)
Beatty	Deutch	Johnson (OH)
Becerra	Diaz-Balart	Johnson, E. B.
Becerra	Dingell	Johnson, Sam
Berra	Doggett	Jolly
Bilirakis	Dold	Jones
Bishop (GA)	Donovan	Jordan
Bishop (MI)	Doyle, Michael	Joyce
Bishop (UT)	F.	Kaptur
Black	Duckworth	Katko
Blackburn	Duffy	Keating
Blum	Duncan (TN)	Kelly (IL)
Blumenauer	Edwards	Kelly (MS)
Bonamici	Ellison	Kelly (PA)
Bost	Ellmers (NC)	Kennedy
Boustany	Emmer (MN)	Kildee
Boyle, Brendan	Engel	Kilmer
F.	Eshoo	Kind
Brady (PA)	Esty	King (IA)
Brady (TX)	Farenthold	King (NY)
Bridenstine	Farr	Kinzinger (IL)
Brooks (IN)	Fattah	Kirkpatrick
Brown (FL)	Fitzpatrick	Kline
Brownley (CA)	Fleischmann	Knight
Buchanan	Fleming	Kuster
Buchon	Forbes	Labrador
Bustos	Fortenberry	LaHood
Butterfield	Foster	LaMalfa
Calvert	Frankl (FL)	Lamborn
Capps	Franks (AZ)	Lance
Cardenas	Fudge	Langevin
Carney	Gabbard	Larsen (WA)
Carson (IN)	Garamendi	Larson (CT)
Carter (GA)	Garrett	Latta
Carter (TX)	Gibbs	Lawrence
Cartwright	Gibson	Lee
Castor (FL)	Goodlatte	Levin
Chabot	Graham	Lewis
Chaffetz	Granger	Lieu, Ted
Chu, Judy	Graves (LA)	Lipinski
Cicilline	Graves (MO)	LoBiondo
Clark (MA)	Grayson	Loeb sack
Clarke (NY)	Green, Al	Loftgren
Clawson (FL)	Griffith	Long
Cleaver	Grijalva	Loudermilk
Clyburn	Grothman	Love
Cofman	Guinta	Lowenthal
Cohen	Guthrie	Lowey
Cole	Gutiérrez	Lucas
Collins (GA)	Hahn	Luetkemeyer
Collins (NY)	Hardy	Lujan Grisham
Comstock	Harper	(NM)
Conaway	Harris	Luján, Ben Ray
Connolly	Hartzler	(NM)
Conyers	Hastings	Lummis
Cook	Heck (NV)	Lynch
Cooper	Heck (WA)	MacArthur
Costello (PA)	Hensarling	Maloney,
Courtney	Hice, Jody B.	Carolyn
Crawford	Higgins	Marchant
Crenshaw	Hill	Matsui
Cuellar	Hinojosa	McCarthy
Culberson	Holding	McCaul
Cummings	Honda	McClintock
Curbelo (FL)	Hoyer	McCollum
Davis (CA)	Huelskamp	McDermott

McGovern	Price, Tom	Stefanik
McHenry	Quigley	Stewart
McKinley	Rangel	Stivers
McMorris	Ratcliffe	Swalwell (CA)
Rodgers	Reed	Takai
McNerney	Reichert	Takano
McSally	Renacci	Thompson (CA)
Meadows	Ribble	Thompson (MS)
Meehan	Rice (NY)	Thompson (PA)
Meeks	Rice (SC)	Thornberry
Meng	Rigell	Tiberi
Messer	Roby	Tipton
Mica	Roe (TN)	Titus
Miller (FL)	Rogers (AL)	Tonko
Miller (MI)	Rogers (KY)	Torres
Moolenaar	Rohrabacher	Trott
Mooney (WV)	Rokita	Tsongas
Moore	Rooney (FL)	Turner
Moulton	Ros-Lehtinen	Upton
Mulvaney	Roskam	Valadao
Murphy (FL)	Ross	Van Hollen
Murphy (PA)	Rothfus	Vargas
Nadler	Rouzer	Veasey
Napolitano	Roybal-Allard	Velázquez
Neal	Royce	Vislosky
Neugebauer	Ruiz	Wagner
Newhouse	Ruppersberger	Walberg
Noem	Russell	Walden
Nolan	Ryan (OH)	Walker
Norcross	Salmon	Walorski
Nugent	Sánchez, Linda	Walters, Mimi
Nunes	T.	Walz
O'Rourke	Sarbanes	Wasserman
Olson	Scalise	Schultz
Palazzo	Schakowsky	Waters, Maxine
Pallone	Schiff	Watson Coleman
Pascrell	Schrader	Weber (TX)
Paulsen	Schweikert	Webster (FL)
Payne	Scott (VA)	Welch
Pearce	Scott, Austin	Westrup
Pelosi	Scott, David	Westerman
Perlmutter	Serrano	Whitfield
Perry	Sessions	Williams
Peters	Sewell (AL)	Wilson (FL)
Peterson	Sherman	Wilson (SC)
Pingree	Shimkus	Wittman
Pittenger	Shuster	Womack
Pitts	Simpson	Woodall
Pocan	Sinema	Yoder
Poe (TX)	Slaughter	Young (AK)
Poliquin	Smith (MO)	Young (IA)
Polis	Smith (NE)	Young (IN)
Pompeo	Smith (NJ)	Zeldin
Posey	Smith (TX)	Zinke
Price (NC)	Speier	

NAYS—12

Amash	Burgess	Massie
Brat	Duncan (SC)	Palmer
Brooks (AL)	Fox	Sanford
Buck	Gosar	Sensenbrenner

NOT VOTING—34

Beyer	Gohmert	Richmond
Byrne	Govdy	Rush
Capuano	Graves (GA)	Sanchez, Loretta
Castro (TX)	Green, Gene	Sires
Clay	Hanna	Smith (WA)
Costa	Herrera Beutler	Stutzman
Cramer	Himes	Vela
Crowley	Hudson	Westmoreland
Fincher	Huizenga (MI)	Yarmuth
Flores	Maloney, Sean	Yoho
Frelinghuysen	Marino	
Gallego	Mullin	

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Ms. CLARKE of New York and Mr. HINOJOSA changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. YOHO. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 64, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. GRAVES of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I was absent today to attend the funeral of a family member. Had I been present, on rollcall No. 64, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, my vote was not recorded on rollcall No. 64 on H.R. 3036—9/11 Memorial Act. I am not recorded because I was absent due to the birth of my son in San Antonio, Texas. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye.”

COMBATTING THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, last week, I visited Penn State University, which is located in Pennsylvania's Fifth Congressional District, for a discussion on the effect that invasive species are having on forests across our Commonwealth. I was joined by several experts in the field of entomology—from the university and from Pennsylvania's Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Among the insects discussed were the spotted lanternfly, the gypsy moth, and the emerald ash borer. These experts discussed at length the challenges each species presents as well as the ongoing efforts to combat the devastating impact and spread.

As chairman of the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry, I know that my State is not alone and that the effects of these pests are being felt all across the Nation.

I applaud the research being done at Penn State University and by foresters and entomologists around the Nation. Research and applying that science will go a long way in preventing these species from spreading further and causing more destruction on our forests.

I remain hopeful that we can all work together to ensure that our forests remain healthy, both ecologically and economically.

AMERICAN HEROES COLA ACT

(Ms. TITUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, this afternoon, the House passed H.R. 677, the American Heroes COLA Act, legislation I introduced with Dr. ABRAHAM from Louisiana. This legislation will ensure that veterans receive automatic cost-of-living increases annually based on the consumer price index.

Unlike with Social Security, Congress must act each year to provide veterans with the COLA increases they need and deserve. Now, by permanently adjusting benefits to include cost-of-living increases, we are providing critical peace of mind to those who have so heroically served our country.

Furthermore, this legislation includes two provisions to address the VA appeals problem, which currently has 440,000 claims backlogged. The first, authored by Congressman O'ROURKE, creates a fully developed ap-

peals pilot program. The second I introduced with Chairman MILLER to create a task force to examine the appeals process and make recommendations for improvements before the situation gets worse.

H.R. 677 and some of the other bills that we passed today take important steps towards ensuring that our veterans are able to get the benefits they have earned and deserve.

MARIA KELLER AND ZAKRIA GHANI RECEIVE YOUTH VOLUNTEER AWARDS

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

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Maria Keller of Plymouth and Zakria Ghani of Maple Grove for being recognized as Minnesota's top youth volunteers by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

Maria, a sophomore at Orono High School, was awarded the top prize after setting up a program called “Read Indeed,” which has collected more than 1.7 million books and has provided them to underprivileged children. It is estimated that 800,000 students have received books from the organization.

Zakria, a senior at Al-Amal School, was a finalist for raising critical money for the victims of a devastating fire in Minneapolis. His efforts resulted in raising \$8,500 within one week after the fire in order to help the affected victims and residents.

Mr. Speaker, the work and service by these young people to serve and assist others should be inspiring to us all, and thanks to their actions, countless people have been helped. Their selflessness will serve them and their communities well in the future, and these accolades are well deserved.

Congratulations to Maria and Zakria.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

(Mr. FOSTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor St. Elmo Brady. He was the first African American to obtain a Ph.D. degree in chemistry in the United States. He received a Ph.D. in chemistry at the University of Illinois in 1916 for work done at the Noyes Laboratory. Dr. Brady was a pioneer in the teaching of science at both Tuskegee University and at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

His research included work on determining the structure of organic acids, methods of determining properties of alkaloids and infrared spectroscopy. This later research resulted in the formation of the Fisk Infrared Spectroscopy Research Laboratory and the Fisk Infrared Institute. In conjunction with faculty from the University of Illinois, Dr. Brady also established a summer program in infrared spectroscopy,

which was open to faculty from all colleges and universities.

Dr. Brady is just one of the many African American pioneering scientists whose work should be lifted up as the role model that it is, not just during Black History Month, but all year round.

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IMPORTANCE OF THE MOX FACILITY

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today in the President's budget proposal, sadly, the President terminated funding to the Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility (MOX) at the Savannah River site. I am disappointed the President has not acknowledged how crucial MOX is to environmental cleanup and promoting nonproliferation.

Support for MOX is bipartisan, as shown by former New Mexico Governor and Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson, along with former Senator Richard Lugar. Both are experts who advocate the completion of the facility. Today, MOX is 70 percent completed, and there is no viable alternative for eliminating plutonium. What is more, closing MOX would make South Carolina and Georgia a permanent repository for nuclear waste.

MOX is also critical to upholding our nonproliferation agreement with the Russian Federation.

I am grateful for the leadership of Governor Nikki Haley along with Attorney General Alan Wilson, who have already filed a lawsuit against the Department of Energy to enforce the law for South Carolina's agreement with the Federal Government.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and may the President, by his actions, never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

Thank you, Navy SEAL Rob O'Neill, for eliminating Osama bin Laden.

REHABILITATION RESEARCH IMPROVEMENT BILL

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

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, earlier today, the Senate HELP Committee passed by voice vote S. 800, the Enhancing the Stature and Visibility of Medical Rehabilitation Research at NIH Act.

As the lead sponsor of this legislation in the House of Representatives, with my good friend and colleague Congressman GREGG HARPER, I am very encouraged to see progress on efforts to advance the state of rehabilitation science at the National Institutes of Health and improve the care provided