

army of veterinarians working in public health. Their role was never clearer than during the H1N1 virus outbreak. We now see that diseases can travel from animals to humans seemingly overnight.

Public health veterinarians are our frontline of defense against another outbreak. They inspect our slaughterhouses, prevent a foot-and-mouth disease outbreak from devastating our economy and our agriculture industry, and protect our citizens against the threat of bioterrorism.

Unfortunately, our current workforce cannot meet these public health challenges. In the next 20 years, experts predict a shortage of 15,000 veterinarians; and between 2006 and 2016, the Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that the demand for veterinary services will increase by 35 percent. Something must be done to protect our national health by preventing and controlling infectious diseases, ensuring the safety and security of the Nation's food supply, promoting healthy environments, and providing health care for animals.

H.R. 525 will help to ensure that we have a more robust veterinary public health workforce. The bill has two main components: loan repayment for veterinarians who commit to teaching or to working in public health and a new fellowship program for public health veterinarians.

I want to thank the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges and the American Veterinary Medical Association for their tireless work on behalf of public health veterinarians.

I would also like to thank Chairman PITTS and Ranking Member PALLONE for their support on this important legislation.

This bill is identical to the Veterinary Public Health Amendments Act that passed the House by voice vote in the last Congress. This bill also passed the Energy and Commerce Committee unanimously.

I urge my colleagues to support this critical bill to ensure that our veterinary workforce is prepared to meet our public health needs.

Mr. PALLONE. I would certainly urge support for this important legislation.

Mr. Speaker, as I have no further requests for time, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to insert into the RECORD a letter from the American Farm Bureau Federation urging support of this legislation.

I would also like to point out that this legislation enjoyed unanimous support from both the Republican and Democratic sides of the dais in the full Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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Washington, DC, March 8, 2011.

Hon. FRED UPTON,

Chairman, House Energy and Commerce Committee, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN UPTON: The American Farm Bureau Federation encourages your

support of H.R. 525, the Veterinary Public Health Amendments Act of 2011. This legislation, scheduled for floor consideration today, would amend the Public Health Service Act by adding veterinary public health as one of the groups eligible for grants to train the public health workforce, and would make veterinarians studying public health eligible for loan repayment.

The U.S. faces a critical shortage of veterinarians in public health practice areas such as food safety and security, bioterrorism and emergency preparedness, environmental health, regulatory medicine, diagnostic laboratory medicine, food systems veterinary medicine and biomedical research. Many recent studies have shown dramatic shortfalls of veterinarians in key public health practice areas, including food systems, veterinary medicine and at several federal government agencies protecting the nation's food supply and keeping a watchful eye out for bioterrorism and foreign animal diseases. The national pool of 2,500 new graduates a year is not enough to meet the demands of a growing population and the changing public health needs of society.

Public health starts at the farm and ranch level where veterinarians are essential for the health and welfare of our animals. Healthy animals mean a healthy food supply. However, many of our members feel continual strain caused by fewer large animal practitioners entering the field and the resulting underserved areas for veterinary expertise. From dairies in Maine to sheep flocks in Montana, fewer veterinarians are available to help producers care for their animals in both routine and emergency situations. National efforts such as this legislation are needed to address these critical deficits.

We urge the House of Representatives to approve H.R. 525 to increase the number of veterinarians working in public health practice. Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation to our nation's farmers and ranchers.

Sincerely,

BOB STALLMAN,
President.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 525.

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. BURGESS. 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 and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

□ 1630

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO IRAN—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 112-13)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred

to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the Federal Register for publication stating that the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared on March 15, 1995, is to continue in effect beyond March 15, 2011.

The crisis between the United States and Iran resulting from the actions and policies of the Government of Iran has not been resolved. The actions and policies of the Government of Iran are contrary to the interests of the United States in the region and continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to Iran and maintain in force comprehensive sanctions against Iran to respond to this threat.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 8, 2011.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 6:30 p.m.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CHAFFETZ) 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 motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 570 and H.R. 525, in each case by the yeas and nays.

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

DENTAL EMERGENCY RESPONDER ACT OF 2011

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the

bill (H.R. 570) to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance the roles of dentists and allied dental personnel in the Nation's disaster response framework, and for other purposes, 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 Texas (Mr. BURGESS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 401, nays 12, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 163]

YEAS—401

Ackerman Cole Guinta
 Adams Conaway Guthrie
 Aderholt Connolly (VA) Gutierrez
 Akin Conyers Hall
 Alexander Cooper Hanabusa
 Altmire Costa Harper
 Andrews Costello Harris
 Austria Courtney Hartzler
 Baca Cravaack Hastings (FL)
 Bachmann Crawford Hastings (WA)
 Bachus Crenshaw Hayworth
 Baldwin Critz Heck
 Barletta Crowley Heinrich
 Barrow Cuellar Heller
 Bartlett Culberson Hensarling
 Barton (TX) Cummings Herger
 Bass (CA) Davis (IL) Herrera Beutler
 Bass (NH) Davis (KY) Higgins
 Becerra DeFazio Himes
 Benishek DeGette Hinchey
 Berg DeLauro Hinojosa
 Berkley Denham Hirono
 Berman Dent Holden
 Biggert DesJarlais Holt
 Bilbray Deutch Honda
 Bilirakis Diaz-Balart Hoyer
 Bishop (GA) Dicks Huelskamp
 Bishop (NY) Doggett Huizenga (MI)
 Bishop (UT) Dold Hultgren
 Black Donnelly (IN) Hunter
 Blackburn Doyle Hurt
 Blumenauer Dreier Inslee
 Bonner Duffy Issa
 Bono Mack Duncan (SC) Jackson (IL)
 Boren Duncan (TN) Jackson Lee
 Boswell Edwards (TX) Johnson
 Boustany Ellison Jenkins
 Brady (PA) Ellmers Johnson (GA)
 Brady (TX) Emerson Johnson (IL)
 Braley (IA) Engel Johnson (OH)
 Brooks Eshoo Johnson, E. B.
 Brown (FL) Farenthold Johnson, Sam
 Buchanan Fattah Jones
 Bucshon Filner Jordan
 Buerkle Fincher Kaptur
 Burgess Fitzpatrick Keating
 Burton (IN) Fleischmann Kelly
 Butterfield Fleming Kildee
 Calvert Flores Kind
 Camp Forbes King (IA)
 Canseco Fortenberry King (NY)
 Cantor Foxx Kinzinger (IL)
 Capito Frank (MA) Kissell
 Capps Franks (AZ) Kline
 Capuano Frelinghuysen Kucinich
 Cardoza Fudge Labrador
 Carnahan Gallegly Lamborn
 Carney Garamendi Lance
 Carson (IN) Gardner Landry
 Carter Garrett Langevin
 Cassidy Gerlach Lankford
 Castor (FL) Gibbs Larsen (WA)
 Chabot Gingrey (GA) Larson (CT)
 Chaffetz Gohmert Latham
 Chandler Gonzalez LaTourette
 Chu Goodlatte Latta
 Cicilline Gosar Lee (CA)
 Clarke (MI) Gowdy Levin
 Clarke (NY) Granger Lewis (CA)
 Clay Green, Al Lewis (GA)
 Cleaver Green, Gene LoBiondo
 Clyburn Griffin (AR) Loeb sack
 Coble Griffith (VA) Lofgren, Zoe
 Coffman (CO) Grijalva Long
 Cohen Grimm Lowey

Lucas Peterson
 Luetkemeyer Petri
 Lujan Pingree (ME)
 Lummis Pitts
 Lungren, Daniel Platts
 E. Poe (TX)
 Lynch Polis
 Mack Pompeo
 Maloney Posey
 Manzullo Price (GA)
 Marchant Price (NC)
 Marino Quayle
 Matheson Quigley
 Matsui Rahall
 McCarthy (CA) Rangel
 McCarthy (NY) Reed
 McCaul Renacci
 McCollum Reyes
 McCotter Ribble
 McDermott Richardson
 McGovern Richmond
 McHenry Rigell
 McIntyre Rivera
 McKeon Roby
 McKinley Roe (TN)
 McMorris Rogers (AL)
 Rodgers Rogers (KY)
 McNeerney Rogers (MI)
 Meehan Rohrabacher
 Meeks Rokita
 Mica Rooney
 Michaud Ros-Lehtinen
 Miller (FL) Roskam
 Miller (MI) Ross (AR)
 Miller (NC) Ross (FL)
 Miller, Gary Rothman (NJ)
 Miller, George Roybal-Allard
 Moore Royce
 Moran Runyan
 Mulvaney Ruppertsberger
 Murphy (PA) Rush
 Myrick Ryan (OH)
 Nadler Ryan (WI)
 Napolitano Sanchez, Linda
 Neal T.
 Neugebauer Sanchez, Loretta
 Noem Sarbanes
 Nugent Scalise
 Nunnelee Schakowsky
 Olson Schiff
 Olver Schilling
 Owens Schmidt
 Palazzo Schrader
 Pallone Schwartz
 Pascrell Schweikert
 Pastor (AZ) Scott (VA)
 Paulsen Scott, Austin
 Payne Scott, David
 Pearce Sensenbrenner
 Pence Serrano
 Peters Sessions

NAYS—12

Amash Gibson
 Broun (GA) Graves (GA)
 Campbell Kingdon
 Flake McClintock

NOT VOTING—19

Davis (CA) Lipinski
 Dingell Markey
 Kelly Murphy (CT)
 Giffords Nunes
 Graves (MO) Pelosi
 Hanna Perlmutter
 Israel Rehberg

□ 1853

Messrs. KINGSTON, WESTMORELAND, and BROUN of Georgia 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.

VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2011

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the

bill (H.R. 525) to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance and increase the number of veterinarians trained in veterinary public health, 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 Texas (Mr. BURGESS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 280, nays 138, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 164]

YEAS—280

Ackerman Dold Lofgren, Zoe
 Aderholt Donnelly (IN) Lowey
 Akin Doyle Lucas
 Alexander Edwards Luetkemeyer
 Altmire Ellison Lujan
 Andrews Emerson Lummis
 Austria Engel Lynch
 Baca Eshoo Maloney
 Baldwin Farr Marino
 Barletta Barletta Fattah
 Barrow Filner Matheson
 Bartlett Fitzpatrick Matsui
 Barton (TX) Forbes McCollum
 Bass (CA) Fortenberry McDermott
 Bass (NH) Frank (MA) McGovern
 Becerra Frelinghuysen McIntyre
 Berg Fudge McKeon
 Berkley Garamendi McKinley
 Berman Gardner McNeerney
 Biggert Gerlach Meehan
 Bilbray Gingrey (GA) Meeks
 Bishop (GA) Gonzalez Michaud
 Bishop (NY) Goodlatte Miller (NC)
 Bishop (UT) Green, Al Miller, George
 Blumenauer Blumenuaer Moore
 Boren Griffin (AR) Moran
 Boswell Griffith (VA) Murphy (CT)
 Brady (PA) Grijalva Murphy (PA)
 Braley (IA) Grimm Nadler
 Brown (FL) Brown (FL) Guthrie
 Bucshon Bucshon Gutierrez
 Burgess Hall Neal
 Butterfield Hall Noem
 Calvert Hanabusa Nunnelee
 Capito Harper Olver
 Capps Harris Owens
 Capuano Hartzler Palazzo
 Cardoza Hastings (FL) Pallone
 Carnahan Heck Pascrell
 Carney Heinrich Pastor (AZ)
 Carson (IN) Higgins Payne
 Cassidy Himes Perlmutter
 Castor (FL) Hinchey Peters
 Chabot Hinojosa Peterson
 Chandler Hirono Petri
 Chu Holden Pingree (ME)
 Cicilline Holt Pitts
 Clarke (MI) Hoyer Polis
 Clarke (NY) Inslee Pompeo
 Clay Jackson (IL) Price (GA)
 Cleaver Jackson Lee Price (NC)
 Clyburn (TX) Quigley
 Coble Jenkins Rahall
 Cohen Johnson (GA) Rangel
 Cole Johnson (IL) Reyes
 Connolly (VA) Johnson, E. B. Richardson
 Conyers Jones Richmond
 Costa Kaptur Rigell
 Costello Keating Rivera
 Courtney Kelly Roe (TN)
 Cravaack Kildee Rogers (AL)
 Crawford Kind Rogers (KY)
 Critz King (NY) Rogers (MI)
 Crowley Kissell Ros-Lehtinen
 Cuellar Kucinich Ross (AR)
 Cummings Lance Rothman (NJ)
 Davis (IL) Langevin Roybal-Allard
 DeFazio Larsen (WA) Runyan
 DeGette Larson (CT) Ruppertsberger
 DeLauro Latham Rush
 Dent LaTourette Ryan (OH)
 Deutch Lee (CA) Sanchez, Linda
 Diaz-Balart Levin T.
 Dicks Lewis (CA) Sanchez, Loretta
 Dingell Lewis (GA) Sarbanes
 Doggett LoBiondo Schakowsky
 Loeb sack Schiff