

Today, at last, the House has seen fit to follow this fine example. The product we have before us is the product of extensive negotiations, that included all parties Democrats and Republicans.

My Democratic colleagues on the conference deserve credit for their determination and hard work. I want to offer praise for the work of Ranking Member HARMAN and her staff. They have been steadfast.

I want to offer particular praise across the aisle to my Republican colleagues who have worked so hard on this bill: my colleague from Michigan, Chairman HOEKSTRA, Mr. SHAYS and the Speaker of the House and his Chief of Staff.

Like any product of compromise, this bill falls far short of what any of us would consider perfect. Some of my Republican colleagues wanted extraneous immigration provisions that would penalize victims of torture and asylum seekers. Those are not in this bill. Others did not want a board to oversee violations of privacy and civil liberties. That is in the bill, albeit in significantly weakened form.

I did not want any additions to the Patriot Act. One provision, on material support for alleged terrorist organizations, is in the bill. Like other provisions of the Patriot Act, it sunsets in two years.

For both sides, there will be time for oversight of the provisions they did not want. I predict the next Congress will see a substantial debate about the Patriot Act, what should be renewed in it and what should be allowed to expire.

But today, we have a product that keeps faith with the 9–11 Commission and the 9–11 families that worked so hard to make this legislation happen.

First and foremost, this bill represents a truly comprehensive 9–11 reform bill. Second, the approach outlined in the substitute has been endorsed by members of the 9–11 Commission and the family members of the 9–11 victims. Third, the substitute includes strong budgetary authority for the newly created National Intelligence Director, and targets terrorist traveling, as recommended by the 9–11 Commission.

The choice today is clear. We can either choose the status quo—a broken system of competing intelligence bottlenecks or a positive and promising reform. I urge my colleagues to vote for this bill. Our number one priority is to protect the American people and this bill is a step in the right direction.

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this legislation.

It has been over 3 years since the September 11 attacks on America. The American people cannot wait any longer for intelligence reform.

I voted against the original version of this bill, because although it made strides to protect our Homeland, it failed to protect our civil liberties.

I am pleased that the version of the bill before us today has fixed these problems. We now have comprehensive intelligence reform that protects our homeland and our constitutional rights.

If House Republicans wish to discuss immigration reform, I welcome that debate. But that is not the task that was laid out for us by the 9/11 Commission.

I am also pleased to say that this bill includes language I introduced in the Financial

Services Committee to encourage private sector anti-terrorism preparedness. The private sector controls 85 percent of the critical infrastructure in this country.

On 9/11 it became clear that the private sector is one of the first lines of defense in preventing and responding to terrorist attacks. There are steps businesses can take to protect office buildings against terrorist attacks, to ensure that escape procedures are in place and to speed up recovery and communications.

By encouraging private sector preparedness, we are taking a giant step towards making America safer.

Mr. Speaker, today we have a choice. We can either pass this bill, or we can choose to do nothing. If we do nothing, our country will be left with the same intelligence system that failed us on September 11. The same intelligence system that allowed terrorists to live in our country unnoticed for months, plotting an attack on Americans. This is unacceptable. We cannot allow another September 11 to occur.

We must pass this legislation today. We owe it to the families of the 9/11 victims, we owe it to America, and we owe it to ourselves.

My only regret about this legislation is that it has taken us 3 years to pass it.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). All time for debate has expired.

Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the conference report.

There was no objection.

MOTION TO RECOMMIT OFFERED BY MR. HOYER

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is the gentleman opposed to the conference report?

Mr. HOYER. At the present time I am, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion to recommit.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. Hoyer moves to recommit the conference report on the bill S. 2845 to the committee of conference.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The motion is not debatable.

Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to recommit.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to recommit.

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

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was rejected.

So the motion to recommit was rejected.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

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

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 336, noes 75, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 544]

AYES—336

Ackerman	Filner	Markey
Akin	Foley	Marshall
Alexander	Ford	Matheson
Allen	Fossella	Matsui
Andrews	Frank (MA)	McCarthy (MO)
Baca	Franks (AZ)	McCarthy (NY)
Baird	Frelinghuysen	McCollum
Baker	Frost	McCotter
Baldwin	Garrett (NJ)	McCreery
Bass	Gephardt	McGovern
Beauprez	Gerlach	McHugh
Becerra	Gibbons	McIntyre
Berkley	Gilchrest	McKeon
Berman	Gillmor	McNulty
Berry	Gonzalez	Meehan
Biggart	Goodlatte	Meek (FL)
Bilirakis	Granger	Meeks (NY)
Bishop (GA)	Graves	Menendez
Bishop (NY)	Green (TX)	Mica
Blumenauer	Greenwood	Michaud
Blunt	Grijalva	Millender-
Boehner	Gutierrez	McDonald
Bonilla	Hall	Miller (FL)
Bonner	Harman	Miller (MI)
Boucher	Harris	Miller (NC)
Boyd	Hart	Miller, George
Bradley (NH)	Hastert	Moore
Brady (PA)	Hastings (WA)	Moran (KS)
Brady (TX)	Hayes	Moran (VA)
Brown (OH)	Hensarling	Murphy
Brown (SC)	Herger	Murphy
Brown, Corrine	Herse	Nadler
Burns	Hill	Napolitano
Burton (IN)	Hinche	Neal (MA)
Butterfield	Hinojosa	Nethercutt
Buyer	Hobson	Ney
Cantor	Hoefel	Northup
Capito	Hoekstra	Nunes
Capps	Holden	Nussle
Capuano	Holt	Olver
Cardin	Honda	Ortiz
Cardoza	Hoolley (OR)	Osborne
Carson (IN)	Hoyer	Owens
Carson (OK)	Hulshof	Oxley
Carter	Hunter	Pallone
Castle	Hyde	Pascarell
Chandler	Inslee	Pastor
Chocola	Isakson	Pearce
Clay	Israel	Pelosi
Clyburn	Jackson (IL)	Pence
Cole	Jackson-Lee	Peterson (MN)
Conyers	(TX)	Peterson (PA)
Cooper	Jefferson	Petri
Costello	John	Pickering
Cox	Johnson (CT)	Platts
Cramer	Johnson (IL)	Pomeroy
Crenshaw	Johnson, E. B.	Porter
Crowley	Kanjorski	Portman
Cummings	Kaptur	Price (NC)
Cunningham	Keller	Pryce (OH)
Davis (CA)	Kelly	Putnam
Davis (IL)	Kennedy (MN)	Quinn
Davis (TN)	Kennedy (RI)	Ramstad
Davis, Tom	Kildee	Rangel
DeFazio	Kilpatrick	Regula
DeGette	Kind	Renzi
Delahunt	King (NY)	Reyes
DeLauro	Kirk	Reynolds
DeLay	Kleczka	Rodriguez
DeMint	Kline	Rogers (AL)
Deutsch	Knollenberg	Rogers (KY)
Diaz-Balart, L.	Kolbe	Rogers (MI)
Diaz-Balart, M.	Lampson	Ros-Lehtinen
Dicks	Langevin	Ross
Dingell	Lantos	Rothman
Doggett	Larsen (WA)	Roybal-Allard
Doolittle	Larson (CT)	Ruppersberger
Doyle	Latham	Rush
Dreier	LaTourette	Ryan (OH)
Dunn	Leach	Ryan (WI)
Edwards	Lee	Ryan (KS)
Ehlers	Levin	Sánchez, Linda
Emanuel	Lewis (CA)	T.
Emerson	Lewis (GA)	Sanchez, Loretta
Engel	Linder	Sanders
English	LoBiondo	Sandlin
Eshoo	Lofgren	Saxton
Etheridge	Lowe	Schakowsky
Evans	Lynch	Schiff
Farr	Majette	Schrock
Ferguson	Maloney	Scott (GA)