

these foreign-born terrorists committed fraud, got past our immigration system prior to taking part in attempted terrorist operations in our country.

It only makes sense to tighten the system and ensure that we have the proper investigations to catch the flags which had we caught prior to 9/11 might have prevented a terrorist attack. This amendment addresses precisely that problem.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Chairman, I hope that we will be able to join with the gentleman on his purpose to vet and to ensure that those who are receiving immigration benefits are vetted and screened properly and that any allegations of fraud be investigated. I do not think anyone has come to this floor to divide on the question of ensuring that the homeland is protected. That means that we are screening more carefully the visas as individuals are requesting to come into the country.

We have implemented a number of new efforts to ensure that we are in fact keeping terrorists away from the United States. But, again, the concerns that I have are clearly that the resources are not there in order to do the vetting that the gentleman is speaking of. And the question is whether or not benefits will be held up while we are attempting to vet without the necessary resources.

I would hope as this amendment makes its way through the Congress that we will find a way to also push the Department of Homeland Security, push the Federal Government to comply with the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission and put in place the procedures and the dollars that it takes to make the system work. As I indicated to you, background checks and the attendant investigations are important. It is important for the government to identify and pursue the tiny handful of individuals who really come to do us harm. But we have to separate the overwhelming majority who wish only to contribute to this country.

We want reform. We have to reform the process. But the solution is to require the multiple agencies involved to put in place a workable system. That is my concern with the gentleman's amendment. But I would simply hope that, as we look for solutions, we can work together for a workable solution and a working system to make his plan work.

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

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. ROYCE).

The amendment was agreed to.

SEQUENTIAL VOTES POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Acting CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, proceedings will now resume on those amendments printed in House Report 109-350 on

which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

Amendment No. 15 by Mr. WESTMORELAND of Georgia.

Amendment No. 16 by Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas.

Amendment No. 18 by Mr. SULLIVAN of Oklahoma.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 15 OFFERED BY MR. WESTMORELAND

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The pending business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. WESTMORELAND) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIRMAN. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 247, noes 170, answered "present" 1, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 657]

AYES—247

- Aderholt, Akin, Alexander, Bachus, Baker, Bartlett (MD), Bass, Beauprez, Berkley, Berry, Biggart, Bilirakis, Bishop (GA), Bishop (UT), Blackburn, Blunt, Boehlert, Boehner, Bonilla, Bonner, Bono, Boozman, Boren, Boswell, Boustany, Boyd, Bradley (NH), Brady (TX), Brown (SC), Brown-Waite, Ginny, Burgess, Burton (IN), Buyer, Calvert, Camp (MI), Campbell (CA), Cannon, Cantor, Capito, Carter, Castle, Chabot, Chandler, Chocola, Coble, Cole (OK), Conaway, Cooper, Costello, Cramer, Crenshaw, Cubin, Cuellar, Culberson, Davis (AL), Davis (KY), Davis (TN), Davis, Tom, Deal (GA), DeLay, Dent, Diaz-Balart, L., Doolittle, Drake, Dreier, Duncan, Edwards, Ehlers, Emerson, English (PA), Etheridge, Everett, Feeney, Ferguson, Fitzpatrick (PA), Flake, Foley, Forbes, Ford, Fortenberry, Fossella, Foxx, Franks (AZ), Frelinghuysen, Gallegly, Garrett (NJ), Gerlach, Gibbons, Gilchrest, Gillmor, Gingrey, Gohmert, Goode, Goodlatte, Gordon, Granger, Graves, Green (WI), Gutknecht, Hall, Harman, Harris, Hart, Hastings (WA), Hayes, Hefley, Hensarling, Heger, Higgins, Hobson, Hoekstra, Hostettler, Hulshof, Hunter, Inglis (SC), Issa, Jenkins, Jindal, Johnson (CT), Johnson (IL), Johnson, Sam, Jones (NC), Keller, Kelly, Kennedy (MN), Kind, King (IA), King (NY), Kingston, Kirk, Kline, Knollenberg, Kuhl (NY), Latham, LaTourette, Leach, Lewis (CA), Lewis (KY), Linder, LoBiondo, Lucas, Lungren, Daniel E., Mack, Manzullo, Marchant, Marshall, Matheson, McCaul (TX), McCotter, McCrery, McHenry, McHugh, McIntyre, McKeon, McMorris, Mica, Miller (FL), Miller (MI), Miller, Gary, Moran (KS), Murphy, Musgrave, Myrick, Neugebauer, Ney, Northup, Norwood, Nunes, Nussle, Osborne, Otter, Oxley, Paul, Pearce, Pence, Peterson (MN), Peterson (PA), Petri, Pickering, Pitts, Platts, Poe, Pombo, Porter, Pryce (OH), Putnam, Radanovich, Ramstad, Regula, Rehberg, Reichert, Renzi, Reynolds, Rogers (AL), Rogers (KY), Rogers (MI), Rohrabacher, Ros-Lehtinen, Royce, Ryan (WI), Ryun (KS), Salazar, Saxton, Schmidt, Schwarz (MI), Scott (GA), Sensenbrenner, Sessions, Shadegg, Shaw, Shays, Sherwood, Shimkus, Shuster, Simmons, Simpson, Smith (NJ), Smith (TX), Sodrel, Spratt, Stearns, Sullivan, Sweeney, Tancredo, Tanner, Taylor (MS), Taylor (NC), Terry, Thomas, Thornberry, Tiahrt, Tiberi, Turner, Upton, Walden (OR), Walsh, Wamp, Weldon (FL), Weldon (PA), Weller, Westmoreland, Whitfield, Wicker, Wilson (NM), Wilson (SC), Wolf, Wynn, Obey, Olver, Ortiz, Owens, Pallone, Pascrell, Pastor, Pelosi, Price (GA), Price (NC), Rahall, Rangel, Reyes, Ross, Rothman, Roybal-Allard, Ruppersberger, Rush, Ryan (OH), Sabo, Sanchez, Linda T., Sanchez, Loretta, Sanders, Schakowsky, Schiff, Schwartz (PA), Scott (VA), Serrano, Sherman, Skelton, Slaughter, Smith (WA), Snyder, Solis, Stark, Strickland, Stupak, Tauscher, Thompson (CA), Thompson (MS), Tierney, Towns, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Van Hollen, Velazquez, Vislosky, Wasserman, Schultz, Waters, Watson, Watt, Waxman, Weiner, Wexler, Woolsey, Wu

- Miller (MI), Miller, Gary, Moran (KS), Murphy, Musgrave, Myrick, Neugebauer, Ney, Northup, Norwood, Nunes, Nussle, Osborne, Otter, Oxley, Paul, Pearce, Pence, Peterson (MN), Peterson (PA), Petri, Pickering, Pitts, Platts, Poe, Pombo, Porter, Pryce (OH), Putnam, Radanovich, Ramstad, Regula, Rehberg, Reichert, Renzi, Reynolds, Rogers (AL), Rogers (KY), Rogers (MI), Rohrabacher, Ros-Lehtinen, Royce, Ryan (WI), Ryun (KS), Salazar, Saxton, Schmidt, Schwarz (MI), Scott (GA), Sensenbrenner, Sessions, Shadegg, Shaw, Shays, Sherwood, Shimkus, Shuster, Simmons, Simpson, Smith (NJ), Smith (TX), Sodrel, Spratt, Stearns, Sullivan, Sweeney, Tancredo, Tanner, Taylor (MS), Taylor (NC), Terry, Thomas, Thornberry, Tiahrt, Tiberi, Turner, Upton, Walden (OR), Walsh, Wamp, Weldon (FL), Weldon (PA), Weller, Westmoreland, Whitfield, Wicker, Wilson (NM), Wilson (SC), Wolf, Wynn

NOES—170

- Abercrombie, Ackerman, Allen, Andrews, Baca, Baird, Baldwin, Barrow, Bean, Becerra, Berman, Bishop (NY), Blumenauer, Boucher, Brady (PA), Brown (OH), Brown, Corrine, Butterfield, Capps, Capuano, Cardin, Cardoza, Carnahan, Carson, Case, Clay, Cleaver, Clyburn, Conyers, Costa, Crowley, Cummings, Davis (CA), Davis (FL), Davis (IL), DeFazio, DeGette, Delahunt, DeLauro, Dicks, Dingell, Doggett, Doyle, Emanuel, Engel, Eshoo, Evans, Farr, Fattah, Filner, Frank (MA), Gonzalez, Green, Al, Green, Gene, Grijalva, Gutierrez, Hastings (FL), Hayworth, Herseth, Hinchey, Hinojosa, Holden, Holt, Honda, Hoolley, Hoyer, Inslee, Israel, Jackson (IL), Jackson-Lee (TX), Jefferson, Johnson, E. B., Jones (OH), Kanjorski, Kaptur, Kennedy (RI), Kildee, Kilpatrick (MI), Kucinich, Langevin, Lantos, Larsen (WA), Larson (CT), Lee, Levin, Lewis (GA), Lipinski, Lofgren, Zoe, Lowey, Lynch, Maloney, Markey, Matsui, McCollum (MN), McDermott, McGovern, McKinney, McNulty, Meehan, Meek (FL), Meeks (NY), Melancon, Menendez, Michaud, Millender, McDonald, Miller (NC), Miller, George, Mollohan, Moore (KS), Moore (WI), Murtha, Nadler, Neal (MA), Oberstar, Obey, Olver, Ortiz, Owens, Pallone, Pascrell, Pastor, Pelosi, Price (GA), Price (NC), Rahall, Rangel, Reyes, Ross, Rothman, Roybal-Allard, Ruppersberger, Rush, Ryan (OH), Sabo, Sanchez, Linda T., Sanchez, Loretta, Sanders, Schakowsky, Schiff, Schwartz (PA), Scott (VA), Serrano, Sherman, Skelton, Slaughter, Smith (WA), Snyder, Solis, Stark, Strickland, Stupak, Tauscher, Thompson (CA), Thompson (MS), Tierney, Towns, Udall (CO), Udall (NM), Van Hollen, Velazquez, Vislosky, Wasserman, Schultz, Waters, Watson, Watt, Waxman, Weiner, Wexler, Woolsey, Wu

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

- Souder, Barrett (SC), Barton (TX), Davis, Jo Ann, Diaz-Balart, M., Hyde, Istook, Kolbe, LaHood, McCarthy

NOT VOTING—15