

Pence	Scalise	Walberg
Pompeo	Shuster	Walden
Price (GA)	Stearns	Walsh (IL)
Quayle	Stutzman	Westmoreland
Renacci	Sullivan	Young (IN)
Rokita	Terry	
Ross (FL)	Thornberry	

NOT VOTING—25

Ackerman	Farr	Payne
Berman	Giffords	Rivera
Brady (TX)	Gosar	Ros-Lehtinen
Braley (IA)	Hinchey	Slaughter
Burton (IN)	Johnson (GA)	Waters
Campbell	LaTourette	Watt
Culberson	Loeb sack	Young (AK)
DeFazio	Mack	
Emerson	Paul	

□ 1018

Messrs. YOUNG of Indiana, TERRY, FLAKE, PRICE of Georgia, AKIN, SULLIVAN, FLORES, FITZPATRICK, BUCSHON, SHUSTER, DESJARLAIS, BONNER, GARDNER, LANDRY and ROKITA changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Messrs. WEBSTER, SCOTT of South Carolina, GOWDY, KUCINICH and TOWNS changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

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.

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE  
GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

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

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, all of us come to the floor today, colleagues of Congresswoman GABBY GIFFORDS, to salute her as the brightest star among us, the brightest star Congress has ever seen.

When she came to Congress and in her service and leadership here, GABBY GIFFORDS brought to Washington and the Capitol the views of a new generation of national leader. From this floor, she has spoken out courageously and led boldly at times that demanded both.

Since the tragic events of 1 year ago, Congresswoman GIFFORDS has become an inspiring symbol of determination and courage to millions of Americans.

She has brought the word “dignity” to new heights by her courage.

□ 1020

Congresswoman GIFFORDS’ message of bipartisanship and civility is one that all in Washington and in the Nation should honor and emulate. As GABBY said in her video, which moved us all so much this weekend, we can do so much more by working together.

In that vein, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank you for the courtesies extended to enable this extraordinary ceremony to take place today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With your permission, I would like to acknowledge GABBY’s mother, who is with us today, Gloria, and her father, Spencer, who is watching from Tucson. We thank you.

And we thank Commander Mark Kelly, a hero in his own right as an astronaut and a commander of a mission, but also our personal hero, for the care and love that he has given to GABBY over this past year—oh, and before that, to help make her, as Gloria and Spencer have, the person that she is.

I think all of our colleagues join in thanking you, GABBY, for the honor of calling you colleague and wishing you and Mark much happiness and success. You will be missed in the House of Representatives, but your legacy in this Congress and your leadership in our Nation will certainly endure. So thank you for being who you are, for lifting our country at a very important and sad time. We wish you, again, much success. With great gratitude, admiration, and affection, we salute you, Congresswoman GABBY GIFFORDS, one last time.

It is now my privilege to yield the floor to the distinguished majority leader of the House, the gentleman from Virginia, Representative CANTOR.

Mr. CANTOR. I thank the leader.

Mr. Speaker, a little more than a year ago, America witnessed a heinous attack on GABBY GIFFORDS, her staff, and the citizens of Tucson. This attack took six innocent lives, including Gabe Zimmerman, injured 13, and shook all of us in the congressional community and, in fact, our Nation to its core. This attack was a stark reminder that even in this country, where freedom of speech and public demonstration are the cornerstones of our democracy, citizens and public officials can face violence and danger. We will never forget those who lost their lives on that fateful day or the brave efforts of our law enforcement, community members, and a very special intern who responded in the emergency.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for all of my colleagues when I say we are inspired, hopeful, and blessed for the incredible progress that GABBY has made in her recovery. GABBY’s courage, her strength, and her downright fortitude are an inspiration to all of us and all Americans.

As GABBY leaves the House today, Mr. Speaker, she has decided to focus her energies on recovery, but she has refused to give up her fight for the people of her beloved Arizona and her country; and as such, today we will vote on her legislation to help secure our Nation’s southwestern border. GABBY’s bill gives law enforcement greater authority to penalize those who seek to do us harm by engaging in illegal activity along the border. I commend GABBY for her commitment to work on this and her unwavering commitment to a safer, more secure America.

For the past 6 years, Congresswoman GABBY GIFFORDS has served Arizona’s Eighth District with dedication and dignity. I want to recognize her accomplishments here and thank her staff for their exceptional service, dedication, and, yes, courage during these difficult times.

Mr. Speaker, I especially want to recognize her chief of staff, Pia Carusone. I know, having met with Pia personally, her having worked with our office, she has demonstrated incredible dedication to her coworkers, to you, GABBY, and, Mr. Speaker, she has demonstrated unparalleled leadership for the people of the Eighth District of Arizona. And for that, I know they are and we are very grateful.

On Sunday, Mr. Speaker, I received a call from Captain Mark Kelly—as we all know, GABBY’s husband—who informed me of GABBY’s decision. Mark has been steadfast in his support of his wife and forever by her side as her best friend and partner. Though GABBY may be leaving Washington today, I know this won’t be the last we see of her or Mark.

We wish you, GABBY, we wish Mark, together, the best as they continue the process of GABBY’s recovery.

And I’ll say once again, Mr. Speaker, GABBY GIFFORDS’ strength against all odds serves and will continue to serve as a daily inspiration to all of us.

Ms. PELOSI. I thank the leader.

Mr. Speaker, I am now pleased to yield to GABBY’s friend, the distinguished minority whip of the House, the gentleman from Maryland, Congressman HOYER.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the leader for yielding. I thank the Speaker for ensuring that we would have this opportunity to speak to our friend, GABBY GIFFORDS. I thank the majority leader for his comments.

None of us on this floor are talented enough to summon the rhetoric that all of us feel in our hearts. We have young men and women arrayed on the fields of Iraq and Afghanistan and other troubled spots in the world. They are fighting for freedom and democracy, and too many of them are injured on those fields.

Our beloved colleague GABBY GIFFORDS was injured on the field in the exercise of that democracy, and in being injured, she has become an example for us, for all Americans—and, indeed, all the world—of courage, of clarity of purpose, of grace, of responsibility, of a sense of duty, which she exercises this day.

□ 1030

I love GABBY GIFFORDS. I was honored when she first ran for office, before she was elected, to go to her district, as I have done for so many others in this country, to stand by her side, to walk down the streets of her community with her, to see in her the beauty not only of person. Many of us see the outward visage of us all, but GABBY’s beauty is in the heart, in the soul, in the spirit.

The House of Representatives of America has been made proud by this extraordinary daughter of this House who served so well during her tenure here, who felt so deeply about her constituents and cared so much for her country.

GABBY, we love you. We have missed you.

Ms. GIFFORDS. I miss you.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I don't know whether you were able to hear that response. As GABBY looked with that extraordinary smile, the twinkle in her eyes, she said to me and to all of us, "I miss you." Do any of us doubt that that is the case?

Pia, we are blessed in this House to be served by extraordinary people, of which you are a perfect example, by people who love us but love their country even more, who serve our constituents so extraordinarily well, who evidence every day care for us and care for the work that we do, which we could not do, Pia, without people like yourself and all of your colleagues that we call staff. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, God has blessed GABRIELLE GIFFORDS, and he has sent a blessing to all of us in the person of GABRIELLE GIFFORDS. And God blessed GABBY as well with an extraordinary mom and dad and an extraordinary partner in life.

Mark, we owe you a debt of gratitude. Our country owes you a debt of gratitude. I look forward to the day when you and GABBY will be returning here, returned to full health and full ability to serve.

GABBY, America thanks you. It thanks you for the example that you have given of overcoming adversity, and doing so with a spirit unparalleled. God bless you and Godspeed.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I know that every Member in the House would like to associate himself or herself with the remarks of our distinguished majority leader and Democratic whip, especially with regard to GABBY, of course, but also Pia.

It is something that every day we have the Chaplain or the guest chaplain come to the floor and ask God's blessing on this House. As Mr. HOYER said, one of those blessings to us has certainly been the leadership and the life and service that will continue for many years to come of Congresswoman GABBY GIFFORDS.

We focus on her. She is our friend. We look at her remarkable recovery with great pride. She also carries in her need for recovery the sorrow of so many others who lost their lives today. So the apparent physical recovery that we see is something even more than we could ever imagine for the challenge that Congresswoman GIFFORDS has faced.

God gave her a very special mission. He gave it to GABBY GIFFORDS because he knew she could carry that burden because he has blessed her with so many, many gifts and a very loving family to make her the person that she is. How fortunate we have all been to be part of her life until now and hopefully for a long time to come.

Now, it is with very mixed emotions, Mr. Speaker, that I yield to GABBY's very good and close friend. I say "mixed emotions" because we want her

to stay with us, but, intellectually, we know that GABBY has made the right decision. Hopefully, it will be liberating for her in many ways but that she goes with knowing the close ties we all feel personally to her.

So, Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to yield the floor now to a very close friend of GABBY, a leader in this House, the gentlelady from Florida, Congresswoman DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. If I can ask my colleagues to join me at the well.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Madam Leader, Mr. Whip, and Majority Leader.

I couldn't prepare anything this morning because I knew that I would not be able to hold it together for very long.

I am so proud of my friend, and it will always be one of the great treasures of my life to have met GABBY GIFFORDS and to have served with her in this body.

We have all been through such a tumultuous year. The Nation has been through a tumultuous year, no one more tumultuous than GABBY and her family and her constituents in her beloved home city of Tucson, Arizona.

Being able to be GABBY's voice today and knowing her as well as I do, the one thing that has not been said is that GABBY wants her constituents to know, her constituents who she loves so much in southern Arizona, that it has been the greatest professional privilege of her life to represent them; that she loves them, as a fifth-generation Tucsonian; that her public service has meant a great deal to her; that this is only a pause in that public service; and that she will return one day to public service to represent them, as she has so capably done for the last 5½ years.

And let me just say, a point of personal privilege, that the last year has been one of the honors of my life. The most important thing to remember is that no matter what we argue about here on this floor or in this country, there is nothing more important than family and friendship, and that should be held high above all else. I will always carry that in my heart, and even though I know we won't see each other every day, GABBY, we'll be friends for life—for life.

It is my privilege to read this letter on behalf of GABBY and her family and her constituents:

JANUARY 25, 2012.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,  
*Speaker of the House, The Capitol,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR SPEAKER BOEHNER: In 2001, strongly holding the belief that there is no higher calling than serving my country, I went from selling tires in my Tucson family business to being a freshman representative in the Arizona State House. And for 10 years I served—in the Arizona legislature, in the United States Congress, and, after marrying Mark, as a proud military spouse. Always I fought for what I thought was right. But never did I question the character of those with whom I disagreed. Never did I let pass an opportunity to join hands with someone just because he or she held different ideals.

In public service, I found a venue for my pursuit of a stronger America—by ensuring the safety and security of all Americans, by producing clean energy here at home instead of importing oil from abroad, and by honoring our brave men and women in uniform with the benefits they earned. I found a way to care for others. And in the past year, I have found a value that is unbreakable even by the most vicious of attacks.

The tragic January 8th shooting in Tucson took the lives of six beautiful Americans and wounded 13 others, me included. Not a day goes by that I don't feel grief for the lives lost and so many others torn apart. Christina-Taylor Green, Dorothy Morris, John Roll, Phyllis Schneck, Dorwan Stoddard, and Gabe Zimmerman embodied the best of America. Each in their own way, they committed their lives to serving their families, community and country, and they died performing a basic but important act of citizenship that's at the heart of our greatness as a nation. They will be remembered always by their country and by their Congress.

I don't remember much from that terrible day, but I have never forgotten my constituents, my colleagues, or the millions of Americans with whom I share great hopes for this nation. To all of them: Thank you for your prayers, your cards, your well wishes, and your support. And even as I have worked to regain my speech, thank you for your faith in my ability to be your voice.

The only way I ever served my district in Congress was by giving 100 percent. This past year, that's what I have given to my recovery. Thank you for your patience. From my first steps and first words after being shot to my current physical and speech therapy, I have given all of myself to being able to walk back onto the House floor this year to represent Arizona's 8th Congressional District. However, today I know that now is not the time. I have more work to do on my recovery before I can again serve in elected office.

This past year my colleagues and staff have worked to make sure my constituents were represented in Congress. But if I can't return, my district deserves to elect a U.S. Representative who can give 100 percent to the job now. For that reason, I have submitted the attached letter of resignation to Arizona Governor Jan Brewer.

Amid all that was lost on January 8th, there was also hope and faith. This past year, it is what I have often clung to: Hope that our government can represent the best of a nation, not the worst. Faith that Americans working together—in their communities, in our Congress—can succeed without qualification. Hope and faith that even as we are set back by tragedy or profound disagreement, in the end we come together as Americans to set a course toward greatness.

Everyday, I am working hard. I will recover and will return, and we will work together again, for Arizona and for all Americans.

Sincerely,

GABRIELLE GIFFORDS,  
*Member of Congress.*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, in appreciation, once again, for your courtesies enabling this to happen, I yield back the balance of my time.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair would remind all Members to be in proper business attire when they come to the floor of the House.

ULTRALIGHT AIRCRAFT SMUGGLING PREVENTION ACT OF 2012

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3801) to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to clarify the definition of aircraft and the offenses penalized under the aviation smuggling provisions under that Act, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Washington (Mr. REICHERT) 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 408, nays 0, not voting 25, as follows:

[Roll No. 11]

YEAS—408

Adams	Clarke (MI)	Garamendi
Aderholt	Clarke (NY)	Gardner
Akin	Clay	Garrett
Alexander	Cleaver	Gerlach
Altmire	Clyburn	Gibbs
Amash	Coble	Gibson
Amodi	Coffman (CO)	Giffords
Andrews	Cohen	Gingrey (GA)
Austria	Cole	Gohmert
Baca	Conaway	Gonzalez
Bachmann	Connolly (VA)	Goodlatte
Bachus	Conyers	Gowdy
Baldwin	Cooper	Graves (GA)
Barletta	Costa	Graves (MO)
Barrow	Costello	Green, Al
Bartlett	Courtney	Green, Gene
Barton (TX)	Cravaack	Griffin (AR)
Bass (CA)	Crawford	Griffith (VA)
Bass (NH)	Crenshaw	Grijalva
Becerra	Critz	Grimm
Benishkek	Crowley	Guinta
Berg	Cuellar	Guthrie
Berkley	Cummings	Gutierrez
Biggert	Davis (CA)	Hahn
Bilbray	Davis (IL)	Hall
Bilirakis	Davis (KY)	Hanabusa
Bishop (GA)	DeGette	Hanna
Bishop (NY)	DeLauro	Harper
Bishop (UT)	Denham	Harris
Black	Dent	Hartzler
Blackburn	DesJarlais	Hastings (FL)
Blumenauer	Diaz-Balart	Hastings (WA)
Bonner	Dicks	Hayworth
Bono Mack	Dingell	Heck
Boren	Doggett	Heinrich
Boswell	Dold	Hensarling
Boustany	Donnelly (IN)	Herrera Beutler
Brady (PA)	Doyle	Higgins
Brooks	Dreier	Himes
Broun (GA)	Duffy	Hinojosa
Brown (FL)	Duncan (SC)	Hirono
Buchanan	Duncan (TN)	Hochul
Buchson	Edwards	Holden
Buerkle	Ellison	Holt
Burgess	Ellmers	Honda
Butterfield	Emerson	Hoyer
Calvert	Engel	Huelskamp
Camp	Eshoo	Huizenga (MI)
Canseco	Farenthold	Hultgren
Cantor	Fattah	Hunter
Capito	Filner	Hurt
Capps	Fincher	Inslee
Capuano	Fitzpatrick	Israel
Cardoza	Flake	Issa
Carnahan	Fleischmann	Jackson (IL)
Carney	Fleming	Jackson Lee
Carson (IN)	Flores	(TX)
Carter	Forbes	Jenkins
Cassidy	Fortenberry	Johnson (GA)
Castor (FL)	Foxo	Johnson (IL)
Chabot	Frank (MA)	Johnson (OH)
Chaffetz	Franks (AZ)	Johnson, E. B.
Chandler	Frelinghuysen	Johnson, Sam
Chu	Fudge	Jones
Ciçilline	Galleghy	Jordan

Kaptur	Myrick	Schmidt
Keating	Nadler	Schock
Kelly	Napolitano	Schrader
Kildee	Neal	Schwartz
Kind	Neugebauer	Schweikert
King (IA)	Noem	Scott (SC)
King (NY)	Nugent	Scott (VA)
Kingston	Nunes	Scott, Austin
Kinzinger (IL)	Nunnelee	Scott, David
Kissell	Olson	Sensenbrenner
Kline	Olver	Serrano
Kucinich	Owens	Sessions
Labrador	Palazzo	Sewell
Lamborn	Pallone	Sherman
Lance	Pascrell	Shimkus
Landry	Pastor (AZ)	Shuler
Langevin	Paulsen	Shuster
Lankford	Payne	Simpson
Larsen (WA)	Pearce	Sires
Larson (CT)	Pelosi	Smith (NE)
Latham	Pence	Smith (NJ)
Latta	Perlmutter	Smith (TX)
Lee (CA)	Peters	Smith (WA)
Levin	Peterson	Southerland
Lewis (CA)	Petri	Speier
Lewis (GA)	Pingree (ME)	Stark
Lipinski	Pitts	Stearns
LoBiondo	Platts	Stivers
Lofgren, Zoe	Poe (TX)	Stutzman
Long	Polis	Sullivan
Lowe	Pompeo	Sutton
Lucas	Posey	Terry
Lujan	Price (GA)	Thompson (CA)
Lummis	Price (NC)	Thompson (MS)
Lungren, Daniel	Quayle	Thompson (PA)
E.	Quigley	Thornberry
Lynch	Rangel	Tiberi
Maloney	Reed	Tierney
Manzullo	Rehberg	Tipton
Marchant	Reichert	Tonko
Marino	Renacci	Towns
Markey	Reyes	Tsongas
Matheson	Ribble	Turner (NY)
Matsui	Richardson	Turner (OH)
McCarthy (CA)	Richmond	Upton
McCarthy (NY)	Rigell	Van Hollen
McCaul	Roby	Velázquez
McClintock	Roe (TN)	Viscosky
McCollum	Rogers (AL)	Walberg
McCotter	Rogers (KY)	Walden
McDermott	Rogers (MI)	Walsh (IL)
McGovern	Rohrabacher	Walz (MN)
McHenry	Rokita	Wasserman
McIntyre	Rooney	Schultz
McKeon	Roskam	Waters
McKinley	Ross (AR)	Waxman
McMorris	Ross (FL)	Webster
Rodgers	Rothman (NJ)	Welch
McNeerney	Roybal-Allard	West
Meehan	Royce	Westmoreland
Meeks	Runyan	Whitfield
Mica	Ruppersberger	Wilson (FL)
Michaud	Rush	Wilson (SC)
Miller (FL)	Ryan (OH)	Wittman
Miller (MI)	Ryan (WI)	Wolf
Miller (NC)	Sánchez, Linda	Womack
Miller, Gary	T.	Woodall
Miller, George	Sanchez, Loretta	Wooolsey
Moore	Sarbanes	Yarmuth
Moran	Scalise	Yoder
Mulvaney	Schakowsky	Young (FL)
Murphy (CT)	Schiff	Young (IN)
Murphy (PA)	Schilling	

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Deutch	Mack	

□ 1055

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.

Stated for:

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, on roll-call No. 11, on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, I was unable to vote due to unavoidable cir-

cumstances. Had I been present, I would have voted, "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I regret missing floor votes on Wednesday, January 25, 2012. Had I registered my votes, I would have voted:

"Yea" on rollcall 10, motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1022—the Buffalo Soldiers in the National Parks Study Act;

"Yea" on rollcall 11, motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 3801—to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to clarify the definition of aircraft and the offenses penalized under the aviation smuggling provisions under the Act, and for other purposes.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER OF UNITED STATES-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CHAFFETZ). The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), as amended, and the order of the House of January 5, 2011, of the following member on the part of the House to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2013:

Mr. Daniel M. Slane, Ohio.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3784

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor to H.R. 3784.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MCKINLEY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Rhode Island?

There was no objection.

□ 1100

ADJOURNMENT TO FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2012

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 27, 2012, and further when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at noon on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION TO FILE REPORTS ON SUNDRY LEGISLATION

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Budget have until 3 p.m. on Monday, January 30, 2012, to file reports on the following measures: H.R. 3582, H.R. 3578, and H.R. 3581.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?