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Mr. RICHARDSON changed his vote from "aye" to "no."

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, yesterday on rollcall vote 131, House passage of the National Wildlife Refuge Improvement Act, H.R. 1675, I inadvertently voted "yea." I had intended to cast a "nay" vote on the legislation.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2535

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 2535.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1202

Mr. PETERSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1202.

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

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces that we will now allow Members to address the House for 5 minutes each without prejudice to the resumption of business.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

HONORING CINDY JENSEN OF ROCKFORD, IL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. MANZULLO] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, so much has been written, and so many discussions have taken place about how quickly life seems to pass us by in these modern times. We are always trying to make time for the parts of our lives we hold most precious: our families, our children, our spouses.

It is never until we are faced with our own mortality that we stop to realize the sweetest parts of our lives, a nectar that sustains us and refreshes our thirst to be connected to the human race. Life has meaning. All of our lives have meaning. We are all born and nurtured and educated for a purpose. We tend to forget that. We tend to forget that one so important lesson.

I have been reminded of this lesson by witnessing the journey of a constituent from Rockford in the 16th District of Illinois, Cindy Jensen, who for years has battled a liver disease and is now recovering from her third liver transplant in the last 4 months. She has not surrendered life during this difficult time. She has remained positive and has taken each day at a time.

Cindy has demonstrated the type of courage and faith that few of us ever experience. She and her family have allowed the people of the city of Rockford to share in her journey, not out of self-interest but to engage us in discussion of a much greater human cause—the importance of organ donation. There is no greater demonstration of the importance of life than when someone is faced with a life-threatening illness and still maintains the courage of her conviction that there is a greater good.

Cindy Jensen's purpose in life has become a mission of education. She has reminded us that we all share life.

In yesterday's Rockford Register Star, Judy Emerson distilled the soul of Cindy Jensen. I would like to share some of that essence with you. Keep in mind that these quotes came from Cindy just a week after her third liver transplant.

"There's been a good reason for all of this," Jensen said Monday.

I know that when I hear people say they never considered being a donor and now they will be. I hear people say they stopped praying and now, they pray all the time. Other people have said, "You've given me my faith back."

In spite of everything—or, maybe, because of it—her own faith remains intact.

"This liver is going to work beautifully," she said firmly on Monday. "God has brought me too far for it to be any other way."

Mr. Speaker, I include at this point in the RECORD the complete column by Judy Emerson from the April 24, 1996, Rockford Register Star:

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JENSEN STAYING FOCUSED ON HER MISSION

Even if Cindy Jensen weren't a friend, I'd admire her courage. Jensen, who had a third liver transplant last week at University Hospital and Clinics in Madison, Wis., granted a television interview a few days later.

Anyone who knows Jensen knows it's not like her to go on TV without makeup. Yet there she was, lying in her hospital bed, so weak her voice was barely a whisper. Cindy will forgive me for saying it, but I've seen her looking better.

Seriously, though, it's all a part of the mission, Jensen says. Her intention in granting media access every step of the way during her ordeal was to encourage organ donation. She invited cameras into the operating room as her diseased liver was removed and replaced. When she was unable to do interviews, her daughter, Andrea, and son, David, did them. By letting the public get to know her family during Jensen's life-or-death crisis, she personalized organ donation and showed why it is so important.

How like Jensen to turn something so difficult into something positive. Her campaign to educate the public about organ donation began several years ago, when she learned she suffered from primary biliary cirrhosis, a disease that causes the liver to deteriorate and, eventually, stop functioning.

She organized an annual organ fair at CherryVale Mall, and even as her own health deteriorated, she knocked herself out to ensure the event's success. Her positive attitude and smile make it easy for her friends to forget she was sick.

Finally, her condition became critical and a transplant was absolutely necessary. She went to University Hospital Jan. 2 for the first transplant. A blocked duct kept that liver from functioning properly, and she had a second transplant in early February. That liver never worked well for some unexplained reason, and Jensen's condition was deteriorating. She needed a third transplant to live. "I was dying," Jensen said Monday from University Hospital. "I knew I was running out of time."

A week after the procedure, Jensen is convinced she got her miracle. All indications are that this liver is functioning well, said Bob Hoffmann, the hospital's procurement and preservation director.

Jensen, meanwhile, is concentrating on getting strong enough to attend her own fundraiser Sunday at the Clock Tower Resort. The event is to help cover medical expenses, which haven't been totaled yet, but are expected to be hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The \$25 tickets are on sale through 5 p.m. Friday at the Clock Tower box office. The event, which begins at 4:30, features a silent auction, pasta dinner and dancing to the music of Wayward Wind.

People who can't attend the event but who want to make a contribution may send it to: Cindy Jensen Trust Fund, 5601 Knollwood Drive, Rockford, IL 61107.

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Mr. Speaker, we come to the floor of this ennobled Chamber often more full of vitriol for our own political advantage. We seem to forget that we are not

here at cross purposes, rather that we are here for a common cause. We are here because we want to create jobs. We are here because we want to lessen the tax burden on the American people. We are here because we want to balance the budget. We are here because we all want our children to grow up well educated in a safe, clean, healthy environment. There is not one of us that comes to this well or enters the doors of this House Chamber who wants anything less. We simply have differences on how to reach those common goals.

We demean ourselves with the ugliness of partisanship. We are all guilty of that from time to time. In doing so, we, too, forget what is most important about our mission here.

I have taken this time today because I think that it is imperative that we remind ourselves of what is important—selflessness, courage, and the greater good.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the House, I would like to wish a speedy recovery for Cindy Jensen.

MINIMUM WAGE NOW AT 40-YEAR LOW; AMERICA NEEDS A RAISE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. DOGGETT] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, America needs a raise. With the purchasing power of the minimum wage now approaching a 40-year low, America needs a raise. And just a few minutes ago we had an opportunity to vote on whether America should get a raise. Unfortunately, at the last minute the Gingrich leadership was able to twist enough arms, apply enough pressure, cajole enough Members, to succeed on a very narrow vote, and I think that one thing we can see from this vote, as disappointing as it is, the setback that it is to America, is that all Americans can now see that all that stands between them and this House of Representatives and a raise, all that stands between them and that raise, are 10 Republican Members and their votes, 10 Republican Members and their votes who were not willing to come forward this morning and cast a critical vote in favor of giving America a raise.

Now, what is particularly ironic about this development is the fact that there were some 15 Republican Members of this body who have already signed their name onto an increase in the minimum wage of even greater than that proposed by President Clinton, and yet those 15 Members, when they had an opportunity to come to the well of this House and cast a vote in favor of a raise for the American people, a vote that they have stood in front of the cameras and said they think the American people deserve, well, this morning they choose to vote against that raise.

It is a setback, and it is a disappointment to the people that are out there

this morning working in the nursing homes, washing dishes in the back of the restaurants, cleaning our buildings, and doing the other kinds of tasks that make life possible to go forward in America, and yet receiving the lowest wage that anyone in our country receives.

But, you know, despite this temporary setback, I remain hopeful about where we are headed in this country, hopeful because of what is happening in the budget process today. You see, it was only a year ago that Republicans came to the well of this House and demanded that we terminate the COPS Program. That is the program that is designed to get 100,000 law enforcement officers into our neighborhoods, and our streets to assure the security of our families and our businesses, and they said they did not want that program anymore.

It was only 1 year ago that the Republicans came to the well of this House, and they were saying, "You know, we have got to raise the cost of going to college for those middle-class families that are working and struggling with their young people to get them through college. What we have in mind is \$5,000 more for a Stafford loan for 4 years, the standard cost of a Federal loan to go to college." And the Republicans said, "We will place another obstacle in the way of those who are trying to educate their young people."

It was only 1 year ago that they were working to jeopardize the health care security of our seniors with their pay more, get less that they called a reform in the Medicare system, but to those seniors whose pocket was going to be invaded, to pay more, to get less, in their way of health care, who were going to face increases in premiums, increases in copayments, increases in deductible, it was a pretty heavy hit.

It was only 1 year ago that our Republican colleagues were here, indeed it was less than 1 year ago, demanding that we do further damage to the air and the water of this country with a series of very restrictive riders that they were placing on the Republican appropriations bill with reference to the environment. Indeed, they were working on that only within the last few weeks, and it was only 1 year ago, indeed only a few weeks ago, that Republicans were pursuing cuts in public education that in my hometown of Austin, TX, stood the costs about 2,300 of our youngest Texans, our pre-kindergarten children, to lose half of their pre-kindergarten program. It was the same kind of cutback that would have affected public education in a most detrimental way in our part of the country and really across this country.

What has happened in the course of that year? All of those mean-spirited, extremist initiatives, whether it was to permit more pollution of our air and water, to erect more obstacles to our young people with reference to their ability to get public education, to get a college education, whether it was the