

Obey
Payne
Rahall
Rush
Sanders
Scott

Serrano
Stark
Stokes
Towns
Velazquez
Visclosky

Waters
Watt (NC)
Waxman
Yates

NOT VOTING—3

Gonzalez

Schiff

Young (AK)

□ 1602

Mr. RUSH changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK TO THE HONORABLE SUSAN MOLINARI

(Mr. QUINN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, after a momentous moment like today, when we have had an opportunity to vote in a bipartisan way for very important legislation for the people across this country, we are reminded that we can only act as a body with the same fairness, conviction, and determination that we exhibit as individual Members of the body. Today probably, as we know, one of our Members will leave the body. Her last day of service here in the House will be today, and it might very well be her last vote that we all just cast with each other.

I would like to ask the Members on both sides of the aisle to join me in saying farewell and good luck to one of ours as she leaves the House of Representatives today. We wish good luck to the gentlewoman from New York, Ms. SUSAN MOLINARI.

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. QUINN. I yield to the Speaker, the gentleman from Georgia.

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, let me just say on behalf of the entire House that as a historian, there are few people who can claim that they met their husband here, that their dad used to bring them here, and that they left here for even greater fame and even greater achievement.

I just want to say that, SUSAN, I believe for all of us, we will miss you. We will not promise to watch every Saturday, but we will all watch carefully, and we cherish your friendship forever. You are a part of this family.

Mr. PAXON. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. QUINN. I yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. PAXON. Mr. Speaker, this is a very momentous day for us all. We have once again made legislative history. I could not help, in listening to the Speaker's words and the words of my good friend, the gentleman from New York, Mr. JACK QUINN, I could not help but think what a great, important

piece of personal history this floor and this body has been in our lives.

SUSAN and I met literally in these Chambers, got to know each other here, through the encouragement of a lot of you, and I think of Ray McGrath, who performed wedding ceremonies before we were even dating. He said, you guys have got to get married. Our friends got us together, they lived with us through that dating period, and up in that corner one day when we got engaged, and then, of course, thanks to the gentleman from Pennsylvania, Mr. JIM GREENWOOD, we found a priest in a church in Pennsylvania that would marry us on neutral ground.

Then, of course, the Members have lived with us through our married life, and are now helping us raise our daughter. We need help all the time. This is the kind of family that we can never replace. Members have witnessed our lives together and helped us in so many ways on this floor. My colleagues are losing a colleague today, and I am losing my legislative partner. Every single day we come to this floor and we share our lives. We are going to miss that. We think we are going to have a little more interesting dinner conversation, having two different jobs to bring to the dinner table.

But while I am losing my pal on a day-to-day basis on the floor, I want to say this to you, SUSAN; every day that I come to this floor I am going to think of you, every moment, you and our beautiful daughter. While you are out in that other job, I wish you the best. I really thought I would never get to the point in my life where I would say this, that I love a Member of the press. I love you, SUSAN.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. QUINN. I yield to the gentlewoman from Florida.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Thank you, you hunk.

Mr. Speaker, Emerson said: What is civilization?

I answer: The power of a good woman.

I agree with this American philosopher. That is why the departure of our friend, the gentlewoman from New York, Ms. SUE MOLINARI from Congress saddens us all.

SUE always brightened up any committee room when she walked in because she was prepared, because she was witty, and ready for battle for her constituents and for our country. She never took these fierce battles personally if you disagreed with her, and she built strong bonds of friendship with many of us here in Congress.

All of us, especially the women Members of Congress, felt as if we were part of SUE's life as we rejoiced in her union with BILL and the arrival of Susan Ruby. SUSAN will excel at CBS in the same way that she has climbed to the leadership ranks in the House, through her intelligence, through her hard work, perseverance, and a terrific personality. The civilization of this House

will be diminished by SUE's departure, but we know it is the right decision for SUE, for BILL, and most especially for Susan Ruby.

We wish you the best, Mama SUE.

A TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE SUSAN MOLINARI

(Mrs. LOWEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to join with my colleagues; and not really delighted, I would say to the gentlewoman from New York, Ms. SUSAN MOLINARI, but we want to wish the gentlewoman lots of good luck and success. I am not sure who I am going to miss more, SUSAN MOLINARI or Susan Ruby, because she clearly cheers up all our days. From one mother to another mother, I can tell you we are going to miss you both.

SUSAN and I have been fighting together on so many issues for the years I have been here, whether it is fighting to keep those planes in New Jersey away from New York, and I am going to have to call you, SUSAN, for some reinforcement. We just keep sending these planes back and forth, but we are going to make sure that they are not flying over Staten Island while you are away. We are going to make sure we continue to fight to make sure that our transportation in New York serves all the people of all of our districts.

The gentlewoman has been right there on the front line. Whether it is fighting together on Ellis Island, one thing after another, SUSAN is there to fight for New York. I know we are going to work very hard, SUSAN, to make sure that the battles continue in support of all the issues that we care about.

So we wish you good luck, with lots of love and admiration and support. You have always stood up for the right things, and I have been honored to be there with you.

BEST OF LUCK AND GODSPEED TO THE HONORABLE SUSAN MOLINARI

(Mr. SCHUMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I just want to add my wishes of good luck to SUSAN. I know she does not need them. She is one of the most talented people that I have come up against. We debated each other every week on channel 2 in New York, and let me tell the Members, Mr. Speaker, she is one tough adversary, but underneath it all she is a very decent and honorable person.

I know this has been her wish for many, many years, to go where she is going to; and with a wonderful family, a great child, and a great new career ahead of her, I think I speak for all of

us when I say we wish her the best of luck and Godspeed.

FAREWELL TO A TOUGH DEBATER

(Mr. RANGEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, let me say on behalf of the New York congressional delegation that we probably have less problems after we leave this floor than any other delegation, because we have learned to work with each other, to respect each other, and to understand each other.

The gentlewoman from New York, Ms. SUE MOLINARI, is one of the champions on the Republican side, and yet we do not see it in the elevators, we do not see it when we have our meetings, we do not see it when we get back to New York, we are just people fighting for our great city and our great State.

Unlike the gentleman from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], she was one of the people that I least liked debating with, not because she was always that tough, but she was always smiling, always charming. It is difficult to fire your best shot when somebody is looking at you lovingly.

So I will not miss her on the television debates, and I am so glad that she will be moderating, rather than explaining those rough Republican views in such a soft, tender, loving way.

MOON OVER KOSOVO

(MR. ENGEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I want to add my voice to say good-bye, not really good-bye, but of course good-bye from Washington, to someone that I have worked very, very closely with. The gentlewoman from New York, Ms. SUSAN MOLINARI and I cochaired the Albanian Issues Caucus. We worked very closely together on a number of things. The gentleman from New York, Mr. BILL PAXON and I came to Congress together after serving in the New York State Assembly together. In fact, I served in the Assembly with Guy Molinari as well.

We know Susan is a very, very special person. When we went to Kosovo together that first time, it was the gentlemen from New York, Mr. BILL PAXON, and Mr. PETER KING, the gentlewoman from New York, Ms. SUSAN MOLINARI, and myself.

When SUE and BILL said they were getting married, I wondered if it was the Moon over Kosovo that brought them together, or the time we were in that hotel and there was no heat or hot water, we figured that might have had something to do with bringing the two of them together.

□ 1615

We are going to miss you, but we know we are still going to see you. I

want to remind you, SUSAN and BILL, that when you announced that you were getting married, I said the Bible says be fruitful and multiply and that I wished you a number of children.

I just want to remind everybody that I said my wish for BILL and SUSAN was that they would have many, many children and that their children would all grow up to be good Democrats.

GOODBYE TO THE HONORABLE SUSAN MOLINARI

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

Mr. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, at the risk of losing it on C-SPAN, at the risk of having Members miss their planes, I would just like to close this by saying how much this body will miss you, SUSAN, and how much I will miss you, too. Your wit and your charm and your grace and your grit and everything that I tried to learn from you, I hope we can sustain even in your absence.

You were the first Member that I met outside of Ohio. You taught me so much. I hope that you will still be around to keep us going. So do not be a stranger. Godspeed, SUSAN MOLINARI.

CLOSING REMARKS OF THE HONORABLE SUSAN MOLINARI

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

Ms. MOLINARI. Mr. Speaker, I will be very brief, at the risk of losing it.

To all my colleagues, it is a little difficult to put into words the feeling that I felt growing up on this floor. It has been 17 years since my dad took his oath of office and worked hard during that time to gain and sustain the trust of the men and women of the 14th and now the 13th Congressional District.

In my family, as in many of your families, this is a place of honor. It is a place where we are reminded every day that people trust us to make some of the most important decisions in their lives. It is an honor to walk in and out those doors every day and every night.

I do not leave here easily, because I believe very much in our cause. I believe very much in this Institution. I believe very much in the men and women who have gone before us on both sides of the aisle. I cherish the model that my dad has been for me in public service. As has been said, I met my husband, the love of my life, my best friend in this Institution, because when the cameras are off, oftentimes, between Members, between the aisle, good feelings and understanding and friendships do grow.

And so to all my colleagues let me just say, to my girlfriends in particular, I love you all. I have developed some of the best friends I have ever made in my life and will continue to see them as friends for the rest of my life.

To all of you and to those of you in the press gallery, let me admit it and let me get it out there, I will have a bias in my reporting career. But it is this, when I report, it will be with the full knowledge and understanding in my heart and soul that the men and women on both sides of the aisle that serve in this Institution are some of the most honorable Members that have ever served this Nation. I thank them for that.

PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE FROM AUGUST 1, OR AUGUST 2, 1997, TO SEPTEMBER 3, 1997, AND ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE SENATE FROM JULY 31, AUGUST 1, OR AUGUST 2, 1997, TO SEPTEMBER 2, 1997

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 136) and I ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the concurrent resolution, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 136

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring). That, in consonance with section 132(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Friday, August 1, 1997 or Saturday, August 2, 1997, pursuant to a motion made by the majority leader or his designee, it stand adjourned until noon on Wednesday, September 3, 1997, or until noon on the second day after members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the Senate recesses or adjourns at the close of business on Thursday, July 31, 1997, Friday, August 1, 1997, or Saturday, August 2, 1997, pursuant to a motion made by the majority leader or his designee in accordance with this concurrent resolution, it stand recessed or adjourned until noon on Tuesday, September 2, 1997, or until such time on that day as may be specified by the majority leader or his designee in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until noon on the second day after Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 2. The Speaker of the House and the majority leader of the Senate, acting jointly after consultation with the minority leader of the House and the minority leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the House and Senate, respectively, to reassemble whenever, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Pursuant to section 132 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 403, nays 16, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 351]

YEAS—403

Abercrombie	Baessler	Barrett (WI)
Aderholt	Baker	Bartlett
Allen	Baldacci	Barton
Andrews	Ballenger	Bass
Archer	Barcia	Bateman
Armey	Barr	Becerra
Bachus	Barrett (NE)	Bereuter