

tax returns during their "hazardous duty" service, and would not have to file final returns until 180 days after such service ends.

This measure should enjoy bipartisan support because our troops should not have to worry about their taxes. I urge my colleagues to support our troops in their current mission by supporting this bill. I support this mission, our troops, and pray that they are successful in their efforts to restore peace and stability to Europe.

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. ARCHER. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

□ 1545

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). All time has expired.

Pursuant to the order of the House of today, the previous question is ordered on the bill, as amended.

The question is on engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

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

Mr. ARCHER. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 424, nays 0, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 91]

YEAS—424

Abercrombie	Bonilla	Condit
Ackerman	Bonior	Conyers
Aderholt	Bono	Cook
Allen	Borski	Cooksey
Andrews	Boswell	Costello
Archer	Boucher	Cox
Armey	Boyd	Coyne
Bachus	Brady (PA)	Cramer
Baird	Brady (TX)	Crane
Baker	Brown (FL)	Crowley
Baldacci	Brown (OH)	Cubin
Baldwin	Bryant	Cummings
Ballenger	Burr	Cunningham
Barcia	Burton	Danner
Barr	Buyer	Davis (FL)
Barrett (NE)	Callahan	Davis (IL)
Barrett (WI)	Calvert	Davis (VA)
Bartlett	Camp	Deal
Barton	Campbell	DeFazio
Bass	Canady	DeGette
Bateman	Cannon	Delahunt
Becerra	Capps	DeLauro
Bentsen	Capuano	DeLay
Bereuter	Cardin	DeMint
Berkley	Carson	Deutsch
Berman	Castle	Diaz-Balart
Berry	Chabot	Dickey
Biggert	Chambliss	Dingell
Bliley	Chenoweth	Dixon
Blumauer	Coble	Dreier
Blunt	Coburn	Duncan
Boehler	Collins	Dunn
Boehner	Combest	Edwards

Ehlers	Kolbe	Portman
Ehrlich	Kucinich	Price (NC)
Emerson	Kuykendall	Pryce (OH)
Engel	LaFalce	Quinn
English	LaHood	Radanovich
Eshoo	Lampson	Rahall
Etheridge	Lantos	Ramstad
Evans	Largent	Rangel
Everett	Larson	Regula
Ewing	Latham	Reyes
Farr	LaTourette	Reynolds
Fattah	Lazio	Riley
Filner	Leach	Rivers
Fletcher	Lee	Rodriguez
Foley	Levin	Roemer
Forbes	Lewis (CA)	Rogan
Ford	Lewis (GA)	Rogers
Fossella	Lewis (KY)	Rohrabacher
Fowler	Linder	Rothman
Frank (MA)	Lipinski	Roukema
Franks (NJ)	LoBiondo	Roybal-Allard
Frelinghuysen	Lofgren	Royce
Frost	Lowey	Rush
Gallegly	Lucas (KY)	Ryan (WI)
Ganske	Lucas (OK)	Ryun (KS)
Gejdenson	Luther	Sabo
Gekas	Maloney (CT)	Salmon
Gephardt	Maloney (NY)	Sanchez
Gibbons	Manzullo	Sanders
Gilchrest	Markley	Sandlin
Gillmor	Martinez	Sanford
Gilman	Mascara	Sawyer
Gonzalez	Matsui	Saxton
Goode	McCarthy (MO)	Scarborough
Goodlatte	McCarthy (NY)	Schaffer
Goodling	McCollum	Schakowsky
Gordon	McCrery	Scott
Goss	McDermott	Sensenbrenner
Graham	McGovern	Serrano
Granger	McHugh	Sessions
Green (TX)	McInnis	Shadeegg
Green (WI)	McIntosh	Shaw
Greenwood	McIntyre	Shays
Gutierrez	McKeon	Sherman
Gutknecht	McKinney	Sherwood
Hall (OH)	McNulty	Shimkus
Hall (TX)	Meehan	Shows
Hansen	Meek (FL)	Simpson
Hastert	Meeks (NY)	Sisisky
Hayes	Menendez	Skeen
Hayworth	Metcalfe	Skelton
Hefley	Mica	Slaughter
Herger	Millender	Smith (MI)
Hill (IN)	McDonald	Smith (NJ)
Hill (MT)	Miller (FL)	Smith (TX)
Hilleary	Miller, Gary	Smith (WA)
Hilliard	Miller, George	Snyder
Hinchey	Minge	Souder
Hinojosa	Mink	Spence
Hobson	Mollohan	Spratt
Hoefel	Moore	Stabenow
Hoekstra	Moran (KS)	Stark
Holden	Moran (VA)	Stearns
Holt	Morella	Stenholm
Hooley	Murtha	Strickland
Horn	Myrick	Stump
Hostettler	Nadler	Stupak
Houghton	Napolitano	Sununu
Hoyer	Neal	Talent
Hulshof	Nethercutt	Tancredo
Hunter	Ney	Tanner
Hutchinson	Northup	Tauscher
Hyde	Norwood	Tauzin
Inslee	Nussle	Taylor (MS)
Isakson	Oberstar	Taylor (NC)
Jackson (IL)	Obey	Terry
Jackson-Lee	Olver	Thomas
(TX)	Ortiz	Thompson (CA)
Jefferson	Ose	Thompson (MS)
Jenkins	Owens	Thornberry
John	Oxley	Thune
Johnson (CT)	Packard	Thurman
Johnson, E. B.	Pallone	Tiahrt
Johnson, Sam	Pascrell	Tierney
Jones (NC)	Pastor	Toomey
Jones (OH)	Paul	Towns
Kanjorski	Payne	Traficant
Kaptur	Pease	Turner
Kasich	Pelosi	Udall (CO)
Kelly	Peterson (MN)	Udall (NM)
Kennedy	Peterson (PA)	Upton
Kildee	Petri	Velazquez
Kilpatrick	Phelps	Vento
Kind (WI)	Pickering	Visclosky
King (NY)	Pickett	Walden
Kingston	Pitts	Walsh
Klecza	Pombo	Wamp
Klink	Pomeroy	Waters
Knollenberg	Porter	Watkins

Watt (NC)	Wexler	Wolf
Watts (OK)	Weygand	Woolsey
Weiner	Whitfield	Wu
Weldon (FL)	Wicker	Wynn
Weldon (PA)	Wilson	Young (AK)
Weller	Wise	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—10

Brown (CA)	Istook	Sweeney
Dicks	Moakley	Waxman
Hastings (FL)	Ros-Lehtinen	
Hastings (WA)	Shuster	

□ 1612

So 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. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I missed rollcall No. 91. My daughter is a finalist in "Writing Olympics" and I will be attending her contest. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. ISTOOK. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in committee and missed rollcall vote No. 91, which was on H.R. 1376, a bill to provide tax benefits to American military personnel in Yugoslavia, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I regret that due to responsibilities in my congressional district that today I was unable to vote on H.R. 1376, "Tax Benefits to American Military personnel in Yugoslavia." If I were able to vote on H.R. 1376 I would have voted in favor of this important bill. This bill which provides tax relief to our brave servicemen and service-women is the least we can do for our soldiers who are putting their lives on the line in service of our country. It is my hope and belief that this bill will be approved quickly by the Congress and signed by the President so that we can give a little back to the men and women who are giving our nation so much.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and wish to be recorded as a "yes" vote on final passage of H.J. Res. 37 (rollcall 90) and H.R. 1376 (rollcall 91).

PERMITTING USE OF ROTUNDA OF CAPITOL FOR CEREMONY IN HONOR OF FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF NATO, AND WELCOMING REPUBLIC OF POLAND, REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY, AND THE CZECH REPUBLIC INTO NATO

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Administration be discharged from further consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 81) permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony in honor of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and welcoming the three newest members of NATO, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Hungary, and the Czech Republic, into NATO, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and I will not object, but under my reservation I would be pleased to allow the chairman of the Committee on House Administration, the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMAS), the opportunity to explain the resolution.

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

Mr. HOYER. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

As was indicated, this is the use of the rotunda for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of NATO, and it is an especially important fiftieth anniversary because of the beginning of the expansion of NATO across what we used to know historically as the Iron Curtain.

□ 1615

It is, in fact, probably the best evidence we have seen of the reunification of Europe with the admission of the Republic of Poland and the Republic of Hungary and the Czech Republic.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I of course agree with the characterization of this resolution and would add, under my reservation, my own remarks that it is certainly appropriate that this House recognize and allow the recognition of NATO in the Rotunda.

NATO is one of the, perhaps, in fact the most successful alliance in the history of the world in terms of maintaining and keeping peace. There is certainly none that excel it. And I am pleased to join with the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMAS) in the support of this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, but I will not object, I welcome this measure. Next week we will be privileged to host in Washington the 50th anniversary of our North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The Congress is honored to be able to play a part in these festivities.

The resolution will enable us to utilize the Rotunda to hold an appropriate ceremony in connection with this very important 50th anniversary commemoration. I urge my colleagues to support the resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the concurrent resolution, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 81

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the rotunda of the*

United States Capitol is authorized to be used on April 23, 1999, for a ceremony in honor of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and welcoming the three newest members of NATO, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Hungary, and the Czech Republic, into NATO. Physical preparations for the ceremony shall be carried out in accordance with such conditions as the Architect of the Capitol may prescribe.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### RECOGNIZING AND HONORING CREWMEMBERS OF U.S.S. "ALABAMA" AND U.S.S. ALABAMA CREWMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 123) recognizing and honoring the crewmembers of the U.S.S. *Alabama* (BB-60) and the U.S.S. *Alabama* Crewmen's Association, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 123

Whereas the U.S.S. ALABAMA (BB-60) was a South Dakota class battleship that served first in the North Atlantic and then in the Pacific Fleet during World War II;

Whereas in the course of World War II, the crewmembers of the U.S.S. ALABAMA directly shot down 22 enemy aircraft;

Whereas the crewmembers of the U.S.S. ALABAMA earned the American Service Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 9 Battle Stars, the Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, the World War II Victory Medal, and the Navy Occupation Service Medal;

Whereas the crewmembers of the U.S.S. ALABAMA were a courageous group, braving both the Arctic chill and the Pacific heat to help defend the Nation against enemy oppression;

Whereas many former crewmembers of the U.S.S. ALABAMA belong to the U.S.S. ALABAMA Crewmen's Association;

Whereas each year former crewmembers participate in an annual reunion to celebrate their shared service, memories, and friendship; and

Whereas more than 100 former crewmembers, along with family and friends, are expected to participate in the next reunion, which will be held from April 15 to 18, 1999, aboard the U.S.S. ALABAMA at Battleship Memorial Park in Mobile, Alabama: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives recognizes and honors the crewmembers of the U.S.S. ALABAMA (BB-60) and the U.S.S. ALABAMA Crewmen's Association for their valuable contributions to victory and peace in World War II and to the security and prosperity of the Nation.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### EXPRESSING SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT GOVERNMENT OF FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA AND PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC RELEASE UNITED STATES SERVICEMEN AND ABIDE BY GENEVA CONVENTION

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on International Relations and the Committee on Armed Services be discharged from further consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 83) expressing the sense of the Congress that the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and its President Slobodan Milosevic release the three illegally detained United States servicemen and abide by the Geneva Convention protocols regarding the treatment of both prisoners of war and innocent civilians, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

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

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and I will not object, I yield to the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) for an explanation of the concurrent resolution.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution expresses the sense of the Congress that the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and its President, Slobodan Milosevic, should release the three U.S. servicemen now in his custody. This certainly is an issue of the highest national concern, and our thoughts and prayers are with these brave individuals and their families.

I want to commend the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. NAPOLITANO) for bringing this measure forward at this time. This resolution duly states that the Yugoslav authorities are responsible under the Geneva Convention for the treatment of Staff Sergeant Christopher Stone of Smith's Creek, Michigan; Staff Sergeant Andrew A. Ramirez of Los Angeles, California; and Specialist Steven M. Gonzales of Huntsville, Texas.

Frankly, it is outrageous that Milosevic and his henchmen are toying with these soldiers, exploiting them for their own purposes and at the same time refusing to honor their commitment under the Geneva Convention to permit access of the International Committee of the Red Cross to verify that these men are not being mistreated.

The only photos that we have seen of these men since their abduction indicate that we indeed have cause to be highly concerned with regard to their well-being. The fact that our servicemen were engaged in a peaceful activity, ensuring the stability of the region