

Whitfield	Wilson	Young (AK)
Wicker	Wolf	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—63

Ballenger	Hall (OH)	Millender-
Barton	Hilliard	McDonald
Becerra	Hinojosa	Miller, Gary
Bishop	Hooley	Nadler
Bliley	Jackson-Lee	Neal
Blumenauer	(TX)	Owens
Boucher	Jefferson	Oxley
Campbell	Johnson, E. B.	Payne
Capuano	Jones (OH)	Rangel
Clay	Klink	Sensenbrenner
Clayton	LaFalce	Smith (MI)
Clyburn	LaHood	Smith (NJ)
Cooksey	Lazio	Smith (TX)
Costello	Linder	
Danner	Lofgren	
Deal	Martinez	
Engel	McCollum	
Ewing	McDermott	
Filner	McIntyre	
Ganske	McKinney	
Green (TX)	Meek (FL)	
Greenwood	Meeks (NY)	

□ 1253

So the motion to recommit was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). The question is on passage of the bill.

Under clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 204, nays 172, not voting 59, as follows:

[Roll No. 291]

YEAS—204

Aderholt	Emerson	Largent
Archer	English	Latham
Armey	Everett	LaTourette
Bachus	Fletcher	Leach
Baker	Foley	Lewis (CA)
Ballenger	Fossella	Lewis (KY)
Barrett (NE)	Fowler	LoBiondo
Bartlett	Franks (NJ)	Lucas (OK)
Bass	Frelinghuysen	Manzullo
Bateman	Gallegly	Mascara
Bereuter	Ganske	McCrery
Biggart	Gekas	McHugh
Bilbray	Gilchrest	McInnis
Bilirakis	Gillmor	McIntosh
Blunt	Gilman	McKeon
Boehlert	Goode	Mica
Boehner	Goodlatte	Miller (FL)
Bonilla	Goodling	Mollohan
Bono	Goss	Moran (KS)
Brady (TX)	Graham	Morella
Bryant	Granger	Murtha
Burr	Green (WI)	Myrick
Burton	Gutknecht	Nethercutt
Buyer	Hastert	Ney
Callahan	Hastings (WA)	Northup
Calvert	Hayes	Norwood
Camp	Hayworth	Nussle
Canady	Hill (MT)	Oberstar
Cannon	Hilleary	Ose
Castle	Hobson	Packard
Chabot	Hoekstra	Pease
Chambliss	Holden	Peterson (PA)
Coble	Horn	Petri
Coburn	Houghton	Pickering
Collins	Hulshof	Pitts
Combest	Hunter	Pombo
Cook	Hutchinson	Porter
Cox	Hyde	Portman
Crane	Isakson	Pryce (OH)
Cubin	Istook	Quinn
Davis (VA)	Jenkins	Radanovich
DeLay	Johnson (CT)	Rahall
DeMint	Johnson, Sam	Ramstad
Diaz-Balart	Jones (NC)	Regula
Dickey	Kasich	Reynolds
Doolittle	Kelly	Riley
Doyle	King (NY)	Rogan
Dreier	Kingston	Rogers
Duncan	Knollenberg	Ros-Lehtinen
Dunn	Kolbe	Roukema
Ehlers	Kuykendall	Ryan (WI)
Ehrlich	LaHood	Ryun (KS)

Salmon	Souder	Upton
Sanford	Spence	Vitter
Saxton	Stearns	Walden
Scarborough	Stump	Walsh
Schaffer	Sununu	Wamp
Sessions	Sweeney	Watkins
Shadegg	Talent	Watts (OK)
Shaw	Tancredo	Weldon (FL)
Shays	Tauzin	Weldon (PA)
Sherwood	Taylor (MS)	Weller
Shimkus	Taylor (NC)	Whitfield
Simpson	Terry	Wicker
Skeen	Thomas	Wilson
Smith (MI)	Thornberry	Wolf
Smith (NJ)	Thune	Young (AK)
Smith (TX)	Traficant	Young (FL)

NAYS—172

Abercrombie	Gephardt	Pallone
Ackerman	Gibbons	Pascarell
Allen	Gonzalez	Pastor
Andrews	Gordon	Paul
Baca	Hall (TX)	Pelosi
Baird	Hansen	Peterson (MN)
Baldacci	Hastings (FL)	Phelps
Baldwin	Hefley	Pickett
Barcia	Herger	Pomeroy
Barr	Hill (IN)	Price (NC)
Barrett (WI)	Hinchee	Reyes
Bentsen	Hoefel	Rivers
Berkley	Holt	Rodriguez
Berman	Hostettler	Roemer
Berry	Hoyer	Rohrabacher
Blagojevich	Inslee	Rothman
Bonior	Jackson (IL)	Roybal-Allard
Borski	John	Royce
Boswell	Kanjorski	Rush
Boyd	Kaptur	Sabo
Brady (PA)	Kennedy	Sanchez
Brown (FL)	Kildee	Sanders
Brown (OH)	Kilpatrick	Sandlin
Capps	Kind (WI)	Sawyer
Cardin	Kleccka	Schakowsky
Carson	Kucinich	Scott
Chenoweth-Hage	Lampson	Sherman
Clement	Lantos	Sisisky
Condit	Larson	Slaughter
Conyers	Lee	Smith (WA)
Coyne	Levin	Snyder
Cramer	Lewis (GA)	Spratt
Crowley	Lipinski	Stabenow
Cummings	Lowe	Stark
Cunningham	Lucas (KY)	Stenholm
Davis (FL)	Luther	Strickland
Davis (IL)	Maloney (CT)	Stupak
DeFazio	Maloney (NY)	Tanner
DeGette	Markey	Tauscher
Delahunt	Matsui	Thompson (CA)
DeLauro	McCarthy (MO)	Thurman
Deutsch	McCarthy (NY)	Tiahrt
Dicks	McGovern	Tierney
Dingell	McKinney	Turner
Dixon	McNulty	Udall (CO)
Doggett	Meehan	Udall (NM)
Dooley	Menendez	Visclosky
Edwards	Metcalfe	Waters
Eshoo	Miller, George	Waxman
Etheridge	Minge	Weiner
Evans	Mink	Wexler
Farr	Moakley	Weygand
Fattah	Moore	Wise
Forbes	Moran (VA)	Woolsey
Ford	Napolitano	Wu
Frank (MA)	Obey	Wynn
Frost	Olver	
Gejdenson	Ortiz	

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Clayton	Klink	Sensenbrenner
Clyburn	LaFalce	Serrano
Cooksey	Lazio	Shows
Costello	Linder	Shuster
Danner	Lofgren	Skelton
Deal	Martinez	Thompson (MS)
Engel	McCollum	Toomey
Ewing	McDermott	Towns
Filner	McIntyre	Velazquez
Green (TX)	Meek (FL)	Vento
Greenwood	Meeks (NY)	Watt (NC)
Gutierrez		

□ 0109

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend, the distinguished gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY), for the purpose of inquiring about the schedule.

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the House has completed its legislative business for the week.

The House will next meet on Monday, June 19, at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business. We will consider a number of measures under suspension of the rules, a list of which will be distributed to Members' offices tomorrow. On Monday, no recorded votes are expected before 6 p.m. We will also consider H.R. 4635, VA-HUD appropriations for fiscal year 2001 on Monday under an open rule. Members should expect to work until about 9 p.m. on VA-HUD Monday evening.

On Tuesday, June 20 and the balance of the week, the House will consider the following measures:

H.R. 4601, the Debt Reduction and Reconciliation Act of 2000;

H.R. 4201, the Noncommercial Broadcasting Freedom of Expression Act of 2000;

H.J. Res. 90, withdrawing the approval of the United States from the agreement established in the World Trade Organization;

H.R. 4516, Legislative Branch appropriations for fiscal year 2001;

H.R. 4461, Agricultural Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2001;

Departments of Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2001.

Mr. Speaker, we have just completed a very productive week in the House. I want to thank my colleagues for all their hard work. Obviously, next week we have laid out another very ambitious schedule for the House; and so I would caution my colleagues to be prepared to work late nights Monday through Thursday.

Mr. Speaker, I wish all my colleagues a good weekend back in their districts and a happy Father's Day.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY) for the information. I note that the prescription drug bill is not on the calendar for next week, Mr. Leader; but I am wondering, notwithstanding that, can the gentleman confirm for us the discussions we have had that, because this is a matter of such importance to the American people, that when the bill does come up, that the minority will at a minimum have the opportunity to

offer our substitute proposal that has brought this issue to the floor when it does come to the floor?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, let me thank the gentleman for that inquiry, and the gentleman is absolutely correct. It is an important issue. The committee expects to mark it up and prepare it for the House by Wednesday of next week.

We would hope to have it on the floor then the following week; and then, of course, the Committee on Rules will deliberate on that. And I am sorry I cannot answer at this time what rule will be reported.

I do appreciate the concern the minority has, and I will relay that on to the Committee on Rules.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for his reply, and I understand the fact that he may not be able to predict what the Committee on Rules would do, but can the distinguished Leader, based upon what I understand are conversations that I have not participated in, but I think some have, can the Leader advise me whether or not it would be his intention to advise the Committee on Rules that the minority have the opportunity to offer its substitute on an issue of such magnitude to the American people?

Mr. ARMEY. Let me again thank the gentleman for his inquiry. I have not participated in the discussions to which the gentleman refers. I will consult with those Members of our leadership that have been involved in those discussions and then act in accordance with what I understand from those discussions.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for his response, and, again, would hope very sincerely that on a matter of this magnitude that the House would have the opportunity of considering at least two substantive alternatives and the substantive alternative offered by the minority party as it sees fit to offer it.

Mr. ARMEY. I appreciate the gentleman's interests; and certainly I understand, having been in the minority, myself, how strongly you must feel about that.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman.

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF MEDAL OF HONOR TO ED W. FREEMAN, JAMES K. OKUBO, AND ANDREW J. SMITH

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the Senate bill (S. 2722), to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to Ed. W. Freeman, James K. Okubo, and Andrew J. Smith, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the Senate bill, as follows:

S. 2722

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY TO AWARD MEDAL OF HONOR TO ED W. FREEMAN, JAMES K. OKUBO, AND ANDREW J. SMITH.

(a) INAPPLICABILITY OF TIME LIMITATIONS.—Notwithstanding the time limitations in section 3744(b) of title 10, United States Code, or any other time limitation, the President may award the Medal of Honor under section 3741 of such title to the persons specified in subsection (b) for the acts specified in that subsection, the award of the Medal of Honor to such persons having been determined by the Secretary of the Army to be warranted in accordance with section 1130 of such title.

(b) PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE MEDAL OF HONOR.—The persons referred to in subsection (a) are the following:

(1) Ed W. Freeman, for conspicuous acts of gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life and beyond the call of duty on November 14, 1965, as flight leader and second-in-command of a helicopter lift unit at landing zone X-Ray in the Battle of the Ia Drang Valley, Republic of Vietnam, during the Vietnam War, while serving in the grade of Captain in Alpha Company, 229th Assault Helicopter Battalion, 101st Cavalry Division (Airmobile).

(2) James K. Okubo, for conspicuous acts of gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life and beyond the call of duty on October 28 and 29, and November 4, 1944, at Forêt Domaniale de Champ, near Biffontaine, France, during World War II, while serving as an Army medic in the grade of Technician Fifth Grade in the medical detachment, 442d Regimental Combat Team.

(3) Andrew J. Smith, for conspicuous acts of gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life and beyond the call of duty on November 30, 1864, in the Battle of Honey Hill, South Carolina, during the Civil War, while serving as a corporal in the 55th Massachusetts Voluntary Infantry Regiment.

(c) POSTHUMOUS AWARD.—The Medal of Honor may be awarded under this section posthumously, as provided in section 3752 of title 10, United States Code.

(d) PRIOR AWARD.—The Medal of Honor may be awarded under this section for service for which a Silver Star, or other award, has been awarded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Colorado (Mr. HEFLEY) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, S. 2722 authorizes the award of the Medal of Honor to three individuals who have been recommended for the award following a review by the Secretary of the Army.

In authorizing an award S. 2722, waives the time limits established in the law for the award of the Medal of Honor. The three cases involve extraordinary valor in combat and represent well the high standard for bravery that is the hallmark of our Nation's most cherished decoration, the Medal of Honor.

Corporal Andrew J. Smith, 55th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, saved the regimental colors from capture on November 30, 1864, during the Battle of Honey Hill, South Carolina, when an assault left one-half of the regiment's officers and a third of the enlisted men killed or wounded.

Technician Fifth grade, James K. Okubo, Medical Detachment 442nd Reg-

imental Combat Team, rescued several badly wounded members of his unit while under heavy enemy fire on October 28, 29, and November 4, 1944, near Biffontaine France.

Captain Ed. W. Freeman, 229 Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, repeatedly flew into one of the hottest and most embattled landing zones of the Vietnam War to provide essential supplies and evacuate wounded on November 14, 1965, at landing zone X-ray during the battle of the LaDrang Valley, Republic of Vietnam.

The legislation would provide the appropriate honors posthumously to three valiant Americans of very different backgrounds, engaged in three very different battles. No matter how different the men, no matter how different the tactical or technological aspects of the conflicts in which they found themselves, they each reflected the best character of the American soldier.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to note that this legislation would, if adopted by the House, permit Mr. Okubo's family to receive his medal along with other Asian-American veterans who will receive Medals of Honor in a White House Ceremony on June 21.

I urge my colleagues to join me in support of S. 2722.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend and colleague, the gentleman from Hawaii (Mr. ABERCROMBIE).

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. HEFLEY) for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 2722, which is before the House today authorizing the Medal of Honor for James K. Okubo, Ed. W. Freeman, and Andrew J. Smith for the heroic actions as outlined by the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. HEFLEY).

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These three individuals are highly deserving of this award for their conspicuous bravery under fire in the defense of our great nation.

I am particularly pleased that this legislation is the culmination of an exhaustive effort to recognize James K. Okubo for his valor during World War II. Mr. Okubo, a Japanese-American, originally from Washington State, like hundreds of others was sent to an internment camp in California at the outset of World War II. Despite being subjected to this shameful treatment, he never wavered in his patriotism and dedication to this country.

James Okubo entered the Army and was assigned as a medic in the legendary 442nd Regimental Combat Team. In October of 1944, Technician Okubo and his unit were tasked with the rescue of the "Lost Battalion" from Texas. The "Lost Battalion" was surrounded by German forces and threatened with annihilation.

During a 2 day period of heavy machine gun fire, mortar and artillery fire, Technician Okubo provided first-aid to 25 fellow soldiers wounded in the