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Mr. INSLEE and Mr. DOOLEY of California changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

WITHDRAWING APPROVAL OF UNITED STATES FROM AGREE- MENT ESTABLISHING THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The pending business is the question of the passage of the joint resolution, H.J. Res. 90, on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the joint resolution on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 56, nays 363, answered "present" 3, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 310]

YEAS—56

Abercrombie	Hall (TX)	Peterson (MN)
Aderholt	Hilleary	Pombo
Baldwin	Hostettler	Rohrabacher
Barr	Hunter	Sanders
Bartlett	Istook	Scarborough
Bilirakis	Jackson (IL)	Schaffer
Bonior	Jones (NC)	Sensenbrenner
Brown (OH)	Kaptur	Smith (NJ)
Burton	Kennedy	Strickland
Chenoweth-Hage	Kucinich	Stupak
Coburn	Lipinski	Tancred
Deal	McKinney	Taylor (MS)
DeFazio	Metcalfe	Taylor (NC)
Doolittle	Mink	Trafficant
Duncan	Ney	Wamp
Everett	Norwood	Waters
Gibbons	Oberstar	Weldon (FL)
Goode	Obey	Young (AK)
Goodling	Paul	

NAYS—363

Ackerman	Bono	Cox
Allen	Borski	Coyne
Andrews	Boswell	Cramer
Archer	Boucher	Crane
Armey	Boyd	Crowley
Baca	Brady (PA)	Cubin
Bachus	Brady (TX)	Cummings
Baird	Brown (FL)	Cunningham
Baker	Bryant	Danner
Baldacci	Burr	Davis (FL)
Ballenger	Buyer	Davis (IL)
Barcia	Callahan	Davis (VA)
Barrett (NE)	Calvert	DeGette
Barrett (WI)	Camp	Delahunt
Barton	Canady	DeLauro
Bass	Cannon	DeMint
Bateman	Capps	Deutsch
Becerra	Capuano	Diaz-Balart
Bentsen	Cardin	Dickey
Bereuter	Castle	Dicks
Berkley	Chabot	Dingell
Berman	Chambliss	Dixon
Berry	Clay	Doggett
Biggert	Clayton	Dooley
Bilbray	Clement	Doyle
Bishop	Clyburn	Dreier
Blagojevich	Coble	Dunn
Bliley	Collins	Edwards
Blumenauer	Combest	Ehlers
Blunt	Condit	Ehrlich
Boehrlert	Conyers	Emerson
Boehner	Cooksey	Engel
Bonilla	Costello	English

Eshoo	LaTourette	Rodriguez
Etheridge	Lazio	Roemer
Evans	Leach	Rogan
Ewing	Lee	Rogers
Farr	Levin	Ros-Lehtinen
Fattah	Lewis (CA)	Rothman
Filner	Lewis (GA)	Roukema
Fletcher	Lewis (KY)	Royce
Foley	Linder	Rush
Forbes	LoBiondo	Ryan (WI)
Ford	Lofgren	Ryun (KS)
Fossella	Lowey	Sabo
Fowler	Lucas (KY)	Salmon
Frank (MA)	Lucas (OK)	Sanchez
Franks (NJ)	Luther	Sandlin
Frelinghuysen	Maloney (CT)	Sanford
Frost	Maloney (NY)	Sawyer
Gallegly	Manzullo	Saxton
Ganske	Markey	Schakowsky
Gejdenson	Martinez	Scott
Gekas	Mascara	Sessions
Gephardt	Matsui	Shadeegg
Gilchrest	McCarthy (MO)	Shaw
Gillmor	McCarthy (NY)	Shays
Gilman	McCollum	Sherman
Gonzalez	McCrery	Sherwood
Goodlatte	McDermott	Shimkus
Gordon	McGovern	Shows
Goss	McHugh	Simpson
Graham	McInnis	Sisisky
Granger	McIntyre	Skeen
Green (TX)	McKeon	Skelton
Green (WI)	McNulty	Slaughter
Greenwood	Meehan	Smith (MI)
Gutierrez	Meek (FL)	Smith (TX)
Gutknecht	Meeks (NY)	Smith (WA)
Hall (OH)	Menendez	Snyder
Hansen	Mica	Souder
Hastings (FL)	Millender-	Spence
Hastings (WA)	McDonald	Spratt
Hayes	Miller (FL)	Stabenow
Hayworth	Miller, Gary	Stark
Hefley	Miller, George	Stearns
Herger	Minge	Stenholm
Hill (IN)	Moakley	Stump
Hill (MT)	Mollohan	Sununu
Hilliard	Moore	Sweeney
Hinojosa	Moran (KS)	Talent
Hobson	Moran (VA)	Tanner
Hoefel	Morella	Tauscher
Hoekstra	Murtha	Tauzin
Holden	Myrick	Terry
Holt	Nadler	Thomas
Hooley	Napolitano	Thompson (CA)
Horn	Neal	Thompson (MS)
Houghton	Nethercutt	Thornberry
Hoyer	Northup	Thune
Hulshof	Nussle	Thurman
Hutchinson	Olver	Tiahrt
Hyde	Ortiz	Tierney
Inslee	Ose	Toomey
Isakson	Owens	Towns
Jackson-Lee	Oxley	Turner
(TX)	Packard	Udall (CO)
Jenkins	Pallone	Udall (NM)
John	Pascrell	Upton
Johnson (CT)	Pastor	Velazquez
Johnson, E. B.	Payne	Visclosky
Johnson, Sam	Pease	Vitter
Jones (OH)	Pelosi	Walden
Kanjorski	Peterson (PA)	Walsh
Kasich	Petri	Watkins
Kelly	Phelps	Watt (NC)
Kildee	Pickering	Watts (OK)
Kilpatrick	Pickett	Waxman
Kind (WI)	Pitts	Weiner
King (NY)	Pomeroy	Weldon (PA)
Kingston	Porter	Weller
Kleckza	Portman	Wexler
Klink	Price (NC)	Weygand
Knollenberg	Pryce (OH)	Whitfield
Kolbe	Quinn	Wicker
LaFalce	Radanovich	Wilson
LaHood	Rahall	Wise
Lampson	Ramstad	Wolf
Lantos	Regula	Woolsey
Largent	Reyes	Wu
Larson	Reynolds	Young (FL)
Latham	Riley	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—3

Carson	Hinchey	Rivers
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NOT VOTING—12

Campbell	Kuykendall	Serrano
Cook	McIntosh	Shuster
DeLay	Rangel	Vento
Jefferson	Roybal-Allard	Wynn

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Mr. RADANOVICH and Mr. OWENS changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the joint resolution was not passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained attending my son's high school graduation and missed rollcall votes 303–310. If I had been here, I would have voted in the following manner:

Rollcall 303: No (delaying implementation of Department of Veterans' Affairs VERA system).

Rollcall 304: No (striking prohibition against dredging until National Academy of Sciences study complete).

Rollcall 305: No (prohibiting designation of ozone non-attainment areas).

Rollcall 306: No (prohibiting administration of Communities for Safer Guns Coalition).

Rollcall 307: No (shifting funding from space station program to increase the number of new low income housing vouchers).

Rollcall 308: No (prohibiting Department of Housing and Urban Affairs from implementing settlement agreement with Smith and Wesson).

Rollcall 309: Yes (final passage).

Rollcall 310: No (withdrawal from World Trade Organization).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, last Thursday, June 16, 2000, in order to fulfill official commitments in my district on Friday, I took the last plane from Washington to my California district. I missed the following record votes and would like to place in the RECORD my position on these issues: Rollcall number 285, present; rollcall number 286, yes; rollcall number 287, yes; rollcall number 288, no; rollcall number 289, no; rollcall number 290, yes; and rollcall number 291, no.

PRAYER AT FOOTBALL GAMES

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, the Supreme Court begins every session every day with a prayer that goes something like this, "God save the United States and this honorable court." This Congress, every Congress begins every session every day with a prayer by a chaplain paid with tax dollars.

The First Amendment to the Constitution prohibits the Federal government from creating any law prohibiting the free exercise of religion, yet the Supreme Court ruled on Monday that students may not give voluntary prayers before football games even if students vote to do so.

In issuing this football prayer decision, the Supreme Court fumbled. They fumbled before. There is nothing sacrosanct about the Supreme Court decision. They reversed themselves over 100 times in our Nation's history.

They fumbled in 1857 when they said Dred Scott was not a person because of the color of his skin. The Supreme Court fumbled Monday when it ruled against free voluntary speech. Rather than preserving our rights, the court eroded them, and they ensured years of costly litigation for lawyers.

But I hope, yes I pray, if I am allowed to do so, that one day this decision will be overturned also.

MEDICARE RX MEETS INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, there are almost 40 million Medicare beneficiaries in the United States, and I can say with confidence that no two beneficiaries are just alike. So why would this administration want to create a one-size-fits-all Medicare prescription drug program?

Our seniors should not be forced into a big government Washington-based drug benefit program, a program run by Washington bureaucrats that do not know the difference between Motrin and Resulin. Our seniors and disabled Americans deserve and want a better plan.

The House bipartisan prescription drug benefit plan will provide an affordable, available, and voluntary drug benefit program allowing each Medicare beneficiary to choose which program best serves their individual needs.

Mr. Speaker, the American people cannot afford the \$100 billion Clinton-Gore cookie cutter prescription drug plan scheme, whatever you call it, which thoughtlessly neglects individual health care needs of our seniors.

GARY GRAHAM

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

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to speak out against murder. In the past few weeks, there has been a ground swell of support for Gary Graham, a man placed on death row in Texas at the age of 17.

This case and others have drawn public attention to the death penalty in this country and especially in Texas where Governor Bush says that he is confident that each of the 134 people killed under his watch were guilty. But we must be mindful that confidence of one man or 1,000 men cannot right a wrong.

In a case where a man will die because of suspect eye witness testimony,

Governor Bush's confidence is not enough. In a case where already two witnesses who said the man was not the killer, Governor Bush's confidence is not a enough. In a case where those two witnesses were not even called to the stand by the defense to testify, Governor Bush's confidence is not enough. Mr. Speaker, in a case where the gun found at the arrest was not the gun used to kill the murder victim, Governor Bush's confidence is not enough.

I urge Governor Bush to remember that simply saying that one is confident is not enough to right a wrong.

GARY GRAHAM

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

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, in the Bible, justice rolls down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream. But in Texas, it is just a trickle.

Is it not ironic that, in the State of Texas, a juvenile is tried as an adult, but in Connecticut, an adult is tried as a juvenile?

Texas has executed more juvenile offenders than any other State in America. Another 26 juvenile offenders now sit on Texas' death row.

George Bush boasts of his international experience. Well, his death row experience has put Texas right in line with Iran, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Democrat Republic of Congo as executionists of juvenile offenders.

A Federal court has already stated that there is significant evidence to support Gary Graham's claim of innocence.

Why not let the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles review the new evidence?

Should George Bush kill Gary Graham? He could very well be killing an innocent man. Or does George Bush want to follow in the footsteps of his "Willie Horton" father to win brownie points in a close election?

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TOOMEY). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. DAVIS of Illinois addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RUSH) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. RUSH addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. ADERHOLT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. ADERHOLT addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

RESPONSIBILITY OF HIGH GAS PRICES FALLS WITH THE WHITE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, many Americans are becoming very upset about the great and tremendous rise in gas prices around the country, and certainly they should be upset about this. Let me just point out a few things though.

The price of gas could be and should be much, much lower than it is; but in 1995, the President vetoed legislation passed by this Congress that would have allowed oil production in less than 3,000 acres of the 19.8 million acre Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

I represent a big part of the great Smoky Mountains National Park, which is by far the most heavily visited national park in the country. Ten million visitors come there each year, and they think it is huge and beautiful, and it is. It is only about 600,000 acres in size.

This Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is 35 times the size of the Great Smoky Mountains, 19.8 million acres. Of that 19.8 million acres, 1.5 million acres is a flat brown tundra without a tree or bush or anything growing on it. It is called the coastal plain of Alaska.

The U.S. Geologic Survey says, if we drill for oil on less than 3,000 acres of that 1.5 million acre coastal plain, that there is potentially 16 billion barrels of oil there, which is 30 years of Saudi oil, yet the President vetoed that even though it can be done in an environmentally safe way.

We started years ago drilling for oil at Prudhoe Bay. The environmental extremists opposed that at that time saying it would wipe out the caribou herd. There were about 6,000 caribou at that time. Now there is over 20,000. It has been a great thing for this country.

We are far too dependent on foreign oil. Over half of our oil has to come from foreign countries now. Yet the President vetoed this which would have allowed us to get potentially 16 billion