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# SUPPORT AND GOOD WISHES TEMPER A SERIOUS HEALTH CHALLENGE

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

Mr. VENTO. Madam Speaker, I know a few of my colleagues have noticed I have not been around the last month or so. And believe me, spending a month in Minnesota in February is not necessarily a voluntary decision that one might make. I would much rather have been with my colleagues.

As my colleagues know, I have returned from experiencing a serious illness. But I wanted to point out some of the experience I had just briefly, and I will try to be brief.

But I think the true mark of who we are as persons is who we can call our friends. If we are fortunate, we have those friends to fall back on and lean on during the unexpected events of our lives, the disappointments and the challenges.

I rise to say that I feel that I am very fortunate and blessed to call so many of my colleagues and many others my friends, especially during this period in my life as I do face this serious health challenge.

Simply put, the outpouring of affection that I have received has been overwhelming from my colleagues on both sides of the aisle and from my constituents, my friends, and from my family. Cards and letters, calls and visits, not to mention their prayers, both spoken and unspoken, are very much appreciated. They have lifted the spirits of my staff, my family, and certainly myself.

In early February, I was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer, mesothelioma, which required aggressive treatment. A month ago, I underwent pretty aggressive surgery. In the near future, I will receive chemo and then radiation treatment on top of that.

I am surely in the middle of a 10-round major event of my life. But my spirits are good, as my colleagues can tell, and I am optimistic. And I am greatly reinforced by the outpouring of support that has been so generously offered.

□ 1830

The past 2 months have given me good cause to reflect upon and to genuinely appreciate the value of our collective experience; victories savored, setbacks endured and shared values and, to be sure, challenges ahead.

For the past 24 years in this body, I have had the privilege to serve as a Member. It is an honor and I have been reminded most vividly of the strong bond that has been established with my constituents in Minnesota and the role of service in the United States Con-

gress, and the important work with other public servants similarly charged. Good people, good Americans.

Too often in my experience, it has served some political cynical purposes to denigrate public service. I regret that. It is my belief each of us should aspire to inspire others, young people in particular; to give of ourselves and themselves, as we have done; to define the differences between skepticism and cynicism. Indeed, in serving the people's interest we should be proud and respectful. When direction is lost, when purpose is needed, no further than the words of Minnesota's happy warrior and my mentor serve us well, the very embodiment of public service, Hubert H. Humphrey, to guide us, and I quote, "If there is dissatisfaction with the status quo, good. If there is ferment, so much the better. If there is restlessness, I am pleased. Then let there be ideas and hard thought and hard work," end quote.

Together, as Members of Congress, we would do well to strive to serve as Minnesota's Humphrey instructed us to make people's lives better, to provide opportunity and to give new hope. To me, the key of all we have done and continue to do is that we have done this together.

So as I make my plans to meet the new health challenge, I am grateful that I am not making this journey alone but with so many cheering me on, my friends supporting and encouraging me. In the words of Tennyson, I intend to continue to strive, to seek, to find, and as most of my colleagues who know me well, not to yield.

Madam Speaker, I thank my constituents, my colleagues, my friends all, for the outpouring of concern and the care as I have faced this challenge. I am very grateful.

## JOSEPH L. FISHER POST OFFICE BUILDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MORELLA). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 3701.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3701, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 400, nays 0, not voting 34, as follows:

[Roll No. 47]

YEAS—400

Abercrombie  
Ackerman  
Aderholt  
Allen  
Andrews  
Archer  
Armey  
Baca  
Bachus  
Baird  
Baker

Baldacci  
Baldwin  
Ballenger  
Barcia  
Barr  
Barrett (NE)  
Barrett (WI)  
Bartlett  
Barton  
Bass  
Bateman

Bentsen  
Bereuter  
Berkley  
Berman  
Berry  
Biggert  
Bilbray  
Bilirakis  
Bishop  
Blagojevich  
Bliley

Blunt  
Boehler  
Boehner  
Bonilla  
Bonior  
Bono  
Borski  
Boucher  
Boyd  
Brady (PA)  
Brady (TX)  
Brown (FL)  
Brown (OH)  
Bryant  
Burr  
Burton  
Buyer  
Callahan  
Calvert  
Camp  
Campbell  
Canady  
Cannon  
Capps  
Capuano  
Cardin  
Carson  
Castle  
Chabot  
Chambliss  
Chenoweth-Hage  
Clay  
Clayton  
Clement  
Clyburn  
Coble  
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Collins  
Combest  
Condit  
Conyers  
Cooksey  
Costello  
Coyne  
Cramer  
Crane  
Crowley  
Cubin  
Cummings  
Cunningham  
Danner  
Davis (FL)  
Davis (IL)  
Davis (VA)  
Deal  
DeFazio  
DeGette  
Delahunt  
DeLauro  
DeLay  
DeMint  
Diaz-Balart  
Dickey  
Dicks  
Dingell  
Dixon  
Doggett  
Dooley  
Doolittle  
Doyle  
Dreier  
Dunn  
Edwards  
Ehlers  
Ehrlich  
Emerson  
Engel  
English  
Eshoo  
Etheridge  
Evans  
Everett  
Ewing  
Farr  
Fattah  
Filner  
Fletcher  
Foley  
Forbes  
Ford  
Fossella  
Fowler  
Frank (MA)  
Frelinghuysen  
Frost  
Gallegly  
Ganske  
Gejdenson  
Gekas

Gephardt  
Gibbons  
Gilchrest  
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Goode  
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Goodling  
Gordon  
Goss  
Graham  
Granger  
Green (TX)  
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Hall (OH)  
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Hastings (FL)  
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Hill (IN)  
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Hoekstra  
Holden  
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Hooley  
Horn  
Hostettler  
Houghton  
Hoyer  
Hulshof  
Hunter  
Hutchinson  
Hyde  
Inslee  
Isakson  
Istook  
Jackson (IL)  
Jefferson  
Jenkins  
John  
Johnson (CT)  
Johnson, E.B.  
Jones (NC)  
Jones (OH)  
Kanjorski  
Kaptur  
Kelly  
Kennedy  
Kildee  
Kilpatrick  
Kind (WI)  
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Kingston  
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Knollenberg  
Kolbe  
Kucinich  
Kuykendall  
LaFalce  
LaHood  
Lampson  
Lantos  
Largent  
Larson  
Latham  
LaTourette  
Lazio  
Leach  
Lee  
Levin  
Lewis (CA)  
Lewis (GA)  
Lewis (KY)  
Linder  
Lipinski  
LoBiondo  
Lofgren  
Lowey  
Lucas (KY)  
Lucas (OK)  
Luther  
Maloney (CT)  
Maloney (NY)  
Manzullo  
Markey  
Martinez  
Mascara  
Matsui

McCarthy (MO)  
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McCrery  
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McKeon  
McGovern  
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McInnis  
McIntosh  
McIntyre  
McKeon  
McKinney  
McNulty  
Meehan  
Meek (FL)  
Menendez  
Metcalfe  
Mica  
Millender  
McDonald  
Miller (FL)  
Miller, Gary  
Miller, George  
Minge  
Mink  
Moakley  
Moore  
Moran (KS)  
Moran (VA)  
Morella  
Murtha  
Nadler  
Napolitano  
Neal  
Nethercutt  
Ney  
Northup  
Norwood  
Nussle  
Oberstar  
Obey  
Oliver  
Ose  
Owens  
Oxley  
Packard  
Pallone  
Pascarella  
Pastor  
Paul  
Payne  
Pease  
Pelosi  
Peterson (MN)  
Peterson (PA)  
Petri  
Phelps  
Pickering  
Pitts  
Pombo  
Pomeroy  
Porter  
Portman  
Price (NC)  
Pryce (OH)  
Quinn  
Radanovich  
Rahall  
Ramstad  
Rangel  
Regula  
Reynolds  
Riley  
Rivers  
Roemer  
Rogan  
Rogers  
Rohrabacher  
Rothman  
Roybal-Allard  
Ryan (WI)  
Ryun (KS)  
Sabo  
Salmon  
Sanchez  
Sanders  
Sandlin  
Sanford  
Sawyer  
Saxton  
Scarborough  
Schaffer  
Schakowsky  
Scott  
Sensenbrenner  
Serrano  
Sessions  
Shadegg  
Shaw  
Shays

Sherman	Sweeney	Visclosky
Sherwood	Talent	Vitter
Shimkus	Tancredo	Walden
Shows	Tanner	Walsh
Shuster	Tauscher	Wamp
Simpson	Tauzin	Waters
Sisisky	Taylor (MS)	Watkins
Skeen	Terry	Watt (NC)
Skelton	Thompson (CA)	Watts (OK)
Slaughter	Thompson (MS)	Weiner
Smith (MI)	Thornberry	Weldon (FL)
Smith (NJ)	Thune	Weldon (PA)
Smith (TX)	Thurman	Weller
Snyder	Tiahrt	Wexler
Souder	Tierney	Whitfield
Spence	Toomey	Wilson
Spratt	Towns	Wise
Stabenow	Trafficant	Wolf
Stearns	Turner	Woolsey
Stenholm	Udall (CO)	Wu
Strickland	Udall (NM)	Wynn
Stump	Upton	Young (AK)
Stupak	Velazquez	Young (FL)
Sununu	Vento	

## NOT VOTING—34

Becerra	Jackson-Lee	Rodriguez
Blumenauer	(TX)	Ros-Lehtinen
Boswell	Johnson, Sam	Roukema
Cook	Kasich	Royce
Cox	Klink	Rush
Deutscher	McCollum	Smith (WA)
Duncan	Meeks (NY)	Stark
Franks (NJ)	Mollohan	Taylor (NC)
Gonzalez	Myrick	Thomas
Hansen	Ortiz	Waxman
Hinojosa	Pickett	Weygand
	Reyes	Wicker

□ 1851

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, due to the primary election in my state of Texas today, I was unavoidably detained and missed the following votes. Had I been present, I would have voted:

"Yea" on H.R. 3699 designating the Joel T. Broyhill Post Office; "Yea" on H.R. 3701 designating the Joseph L. Fisher Post Office

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall numbers 46 and 47, I was unavoidably detained in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. DEUTSCH. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained today during rollcall vote No. 46 on H.R. 3699 and rollcall vote No. 47 on H.R. 3701. Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on both.

## REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 396

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of House Resolution 396, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a biennial budget process should be enacted in the second session of the 106th Congress.

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

There was no objection.

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 1501, JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM ACT OF 1999

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 7(c) of rule XXII, I hereby announce my intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1501 tomorrow. The form of the motion is as follows:

Ms. LOFGREN moves that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 1501, be instructed to insist that the committee of conference should have its first substantive meeting to offer amendments and motions within the next 2 weeks.

Madam Speaker, while I understand the House rules do not allow Members to coauthor motions to instruct, I would like to say that the gentleman from New York (Mrs. MCCARTHY) supports this motion and intends to speak on its behalf tomorrow.

## SUPPORT HUMANITARIAN RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO THE REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE

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

Ms. CARSON. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 431, a bill to support humanitarian relief assistance to the Republic of Mozambique. The people of Mozambique have suffered tremendous hardship due to rains that started over a month ago. The flood's side effects of disease, homelessness, and hunger are even more damaging when coupled with 2 million displaced land mines left over from the civil war.

Just as the people of Mozambique seem to be turning the corner to independence, democratic government, and economic advancement, this tragic event has occurred that only, some say, only a God in heaven can control.

As humans, we cannot rationalize or understand nature's catastrophes. As a country, we must follow our belief that not only is the aid to Mozambique necessary because of our national interests and stability, but also because of our moral interest. If there is any short-term gain in this tragedy, it is an opportunity to pass the test of compassion, charity, and humanity that God administers.

I reiterate and encourage the Members of this august body to support H.R. 431, which will provide humanitarian relief assistance to the Republic of Mozambique.

## SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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.

## TRIBUTE TO VETERAN CONGRESSIONAL AIDE CARY BRICK

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

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a sense of mixed emotions, because it is an occasion of good-byes, but it is also an opportunity to recognize the work and career of someone who is very special to this House, and certainly to me personally, my chief of staff, Cary R. Brick. His 30-year Congressional staff career spans the service of three consecutive New York State Congressmen. He really has an uncommon record of service, and I am pleased that I have this opportunity tonight to say a few words.

Cary is the most senior chief of staff in the New York Congressional Delegation, and, in fact, one of the most senior staffers to serve this institution. He began his Capitol Hill career in January of 1969 as press secretary to the late Robert C. McEwen, and later served as his executive assistant. When Bob McEwen retired in 1980, Cary was appointed by his successor, former Representative David O'Brien Martin, to serve as his administrative assistant.

When I was elected following Dave Martin's retirement in 1992, I asked Cary to stay on as my chief of staff as well, and it remains to this day one of the easiest and certainly one of the best decisions I have made in my 7-plus years in this House.

Cary Brick has served our current office, that of my predecessors, and our Congressional constituents with the highest level of dedication and enthusiasm. There are few, if any, communities, institutions, organizations or individuals in our district who have not benefited in some way from his work.

Additionally, as the administrator of my Congressional allowances, Cary has made it possible for us to return nearly \$1.5 million to the Congressional coffers, without ever sacrificing the needs of the office and our constituents. He has handled his many responsibilities with the highest level of integrity and has gained a well-earned reputation on Capitol Hill as a dedicated professional.

At a time, Madam Speaker, when the Congressional staff turnover rate is estimated to be 40 percent a year, it is unlikely that anyone will ever equal his achievement. His retirement is a loss to the institution of Congress, the people of New York's 24th Congressional District, his fellow staffers, and me personally.

There are many remarkable things about Cary Brick's career as a Congressional aide, but, rather than citing his impressive biography, I would share but a single glimpse into Cary's psyche that I believe reveals much about what makes him particular.

□ 1900

Simply put, Cary loves New York's North Country. Just as Dorothy loved