

Mollohan	Rogers (MI)	Stump
Moran (KS)	Rohrabacher	Sullivan
Morella	Ros-Lehtinen	Sununu
Murtha	Ross	Sweeney
Myrick	Rothman	Tancred
Nadler	Roybal-Allard	Tanner
Napolitano	Royce	Tauscher
Nethercutt	Ryan (WI)	Taylor (MS)
Ney	Ryun (KS)	Taylor (NC)
Norwood	Sabo	Terry
Nussle	Sanchez	Thomas
Ortiz	Sawyer	Thompson (MS)
Ose	Saxton	Thornberry
Oxley	Schaffer	Thune
Pallone	Schakowsky	Thurman
Pascarell	Schrock	Tiahrt
Pastor	Scott	Tiberi
Paul	Sensenbrenner	Toomey
Payne	Serrano	Turner
Pence	Sessions	Udall (CO)
Peterson (MN)	Shadegg	Udall (NM)
Peterson (PA)	Shaw	Upton
Petri	Shays	Visclosky
Phelps	Sherman	Walden
Pickering	Sherwood	Walsh
Pitts	Shinkus	Wamp
Pombo	Shows	Watson (CA)
Portman	Shuster	Watt (NC)
Price (NC)	Simmons	Watts (OK)
Pryce (OH)	Simpson	Waxman
Putnam	Skeen	Weiner
Quinn	Skelton	Weldon (FL)
Radanovich	Smith (MI)	Weldon (PA)
Rahall	Smith (NJ)	Weller
Ramstad	Smith (TX)	Whitfield
Regula	Smith (WA)	Wicker
Rehberg	Snyder	Wilson (NM)
Reynolds	Souder	Wilson (SC)
Rivers	Spratt	Wolf
Rodriguez	Stearns	Young (FL)
Roemer	Stenholm	
Rogers (KY)	Strickland	

NOT VOTING—32

Barcia	Hyde	Riley
Clay	Israel	Roukema
Ehrlich	Kanjorski	Rush
Fattah	Keller	Tauzin
Fletcher	LaFalce	Trafficant
Gephardt	Meek (FL)	Vitter
Hastings (FL)	Moore	Watkins (OK)
Hinchey	Northup	Wu
Hoekstra	Oberstar	Wynn
Hooley	Platts	Young (AK)
Hunter	Reyes	

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Mr. HINOJOSA, Ms. McCOLLUM and Mr. OXLEY changed their vote from "aye" to "no".

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from votes this morning so that I could be in New York to be with my children as they go away for the summer. I missed two votes. Were I here I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall Vote 267, on Approving the Journal: "yea"; and

Rollcall Vote 268, that the House Adjourn: "no."

SUPPORTING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, in the dark hours after September 11 there was one thing that brought a Nation together, young and old, rich and poor, black and white, Hispanics, and that was the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of this great Nation. As men and women were toiling to rescue victims in Wash-

ington, Pennsylvania and New York, our hearts and minds turned to God to ask for divine guidance as we struggled with this difficult time.

In my morning run this morning I visited the Jefferson, Lincoln and Roosevelt memorials to bear witness to the inscriptions of their most memorable speeches to this Nation, each citing God's divine guidance in creating the Nation.

Now, judges of the Ninth Circuit of the left coast of the United States have decided that this Pledge of Allegiance is unconstitutional. The ACLU may be applauding a ruling, but their victory will be short-lived. One Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all; behind me "In God We Trust," in a Nation God guides us in a country where free people worship.

I reject the court's ruling. I urge Congress to immediately undertake a constitutional amendment, and I salute every man and woman in uniform who serves this Nation being guided by God's love and inspiration.

RETURN LUDWIG KOONS

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

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, again I rise to talk about international child abduction and the case of Ludwig Koons who is being kept illegally in Rome, Italy. The injustice that is being done to this family is outrageous and an example of what thousands of American parents and children face each day.

Ludwig Koons was born in New York and was abducted from his family residence to Rome by his mother, Ilona Staller. Mr. Koons was awarded custody in the United States, but the Italian courts have refused to accept any American jurisdiction. The father has been deemed the fit parent by the courts and by U.S. and by Italian psychologists who have stated that Ludwig is in grave danger and must be returned to his father. Yet he remains captive in Italy, being held by the Italian government and by his mother who is a porn star who lives in a pornographic compound.

Mr. Speaker, every day Members of this body and this administration speak about family values. Family values. I can think of no better way to demonstrate our commitment to family values than to return Ludwig Koons to his father now. We must bring our children home.

AMERICA IS ONE NATION UNDER GOD

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

Mr. REHBERG. Mr. Speaker, one Nation under God. These four solemn words form the very backbone of our

great democracy. In one short breath these patriotic words in the Pledge of Allegiance from which they are proudly spoken have guided the American experiment in democracy for generations.

Yesterday, through a gross example of misguided judicial activism, two Federal judges stripped these words from the American vocabulary. It is bizarre decisions like this that have given the Ninth Circuit the dubious distinction of being the most overturned court in the Nation. In one year alone, 26 of the Ninth Circuit's 27 rulings were thrown out.

This decision further brings the light the desperate need for the other body to quick blocking President Bush's judicial nominees and supply our courts with qualified judges that will interpret, not rewrite, the Constitution. I hope the Senate is listening.

Mr. Speaker, I do pledge allegiance to the flag; and I am proud to say that, despite the beliefs of the Ninth Circuit, this is still one Nation under God.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). The Chair would remind all Members to not urge action by the other body.

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INSURANCE PROTECTION ACT

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, my silence today reflects the fact that the Republicans gagged me by presenting to this House an Insurance Protection Act that takes away the rights of my mother and your mother and your father to be able to have a real guaranteed prescription drug benefit through Medicare that initially was signed by the President of the United States, Lyndon Baines Johnson, in 1965. I am gagged today, but I will not remain silent because I live in America; and I will fight this fight to get a real Medicare drug benefit for the American people. We will fight and we will win.

HONORING BAKER PRICE FALLS

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

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I want to honor a truly amazing young man from my district in North Carolina. Baker Price Falls spent his life serving others and serving the Lord. He would have turned 26 today, but sadly he passed away this year from leukemia. He spent his life doing missions work. Whether he was working in the inner city of Philadelphia or D.C. or doing

missions work over in Mexico or Alaska, he desired to be a servant for the Lord. As a member of the Harley Davidson Owners group in Gastonia, he spent that opportunity as well in service to the Lord. Baker was attending the University of Nations in Kona, Hawaii, where he was training for missions work in Africa, and in order to attend school he sold his most prized possession, which was his Harley.

Unfortunately, before he left for Africa, he was diagnosed with leukemia. Even in sickness he was a light and an inspiration to all who knew him and came around him during that time. He was always smiling and always faithful, and he was a witness of God's love even in very difficult circumstances. A very special person, we will always remember him.

PROTECTING AIR QUALITY

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

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to inform colleagues that North Carolina has become the first southern State to impose tough new pollution standards on aging coal-fired power plants.

This bipartisan legislation is an initiative of Governor Mike Easley, with the collaboration of industry and of environmental and public health advocates. It requires plants to reduce their sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions by 74 and 78 percent, respectively. These standards will improve the quality of life for North Carolinians, and they will save lives by reducing the incidence and severity of respiratory illness.

Ironically, as North Carolina takes steps to improve air quality, the Bush administration has proposed a major step backward, actually weakening the Clean Air Act. The EPA's proposed loosening of "new source review" regulations would allow thousands of the country's biggest polluters to avoid installing pollution-control equipment as they update and modernize their plants. So even though North Carolina will be doing its part to reduce pollution that causes ozone and acid rain, our State will continue to be stricken by pollution from other States.

North Carolina has taken a significant step, Mr. Speaker. I am hopeful that this will stiffen EPA's spine, to give all Americans the protection they need.

THE CALIFORNIA JUDICIARY

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

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, it is no surprise that yesterday the Ninth Circuit ruled in complete and total disregard for the wishes of the people of California. I heard earlier speakers address

the House and talk of the vacancies, and there are five on the Ninth Circuit, specifically because of the inaction of the Senate; and I would like to associate myself with those who have called for the Senate to take appropriate action.

But more importantly here today as a Californian, I want to make it very clear that when we are called the "left coast," they are only speaking about our courts; they are only speaking about the insane actions that often come from our judiciary. They are not speaking about the people of California up and down the State who embrace America's core values, including one Nation under God, indivisible.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). The Chair would again remind all Members that it is not appropriate during debate to urge action by the other body.

OUTRAGE OVER PRESCRIPTION DRUG RULE

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, we are one Nation under God, but God please help this House of Representatives. For the outrageous procedure that the Committee on Rules did this morning, we need God's blessing. For years and years seniors in our country have needed a prescription drug benefit, and yet early this morning Medicare was styled as a Soviet-style health care plan in the Committee on Rules, Medicare that was passed and had provided health care for seniors for over 35 years called Soviet care.

Well, the Soviet concern is what the procedure is today in the House of Representatives, not allowing an option except on the Republican prescription drug bill that is so filled with holes, it leaks so bad, no senior will be able to get any prescription drugs. They will not have these lifesaving pharmaceuticals. Now they are not turning on their electricity, they are taking half prescriptions, and yet the Republicans today are giving them a sieve to be able to sift through.

SHOCKED AND APPALLED BY NINTH CIRCUIT'S DECISION

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, like most Americans I believe in this country, I believe in God, and I believe in the power and importance of allegiance to our flag. As such, like millions of Americans, I was shocked and appalled by the Ninth Circuit's pledge decision.

Mr. Speaker, we open this House in prayer to God. The walls of this temple of democracy bear His name, but it is unconstitutional for our children to name God as they acknowledge their fealty to that very same Nation? Sadly, Mr. Speaker, this decision is part of a 35-year effort by radical secularists who would twist the freedom of religion into a freedom from religion.

We must reject this course of judiciary decisions. I pledge myself to fight every decision by the judiciary that seeks to drive expressions of faith, the Ten Commandments and voluntary prayer from schools, out of every corner of American life, so help me God.

MEDICARE WITHERING ON THE VINE

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

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, the Republican candidate for President several years ago proudly voted against Medicare. The former Speaker, Mr. Gingrich, said that he hoped that Medicare would wither on the vine. Many of us wondered what he really meant.

Today, in the Committee on Rules, we found out the truth. A gentleman from Georgia on the Committee on Rules said that there are two proposals before us today, the Republican proposal and a Soviet-style program. When pressed, he said we all know Medicare is a Soviet-style program.

There is where we are. The Republican plan is a plan to privatize Medicare, first by doing the drug benefit and then extending it into the rest. It is a Trojan horse designed to get rid of Medicare, and everybody who votes for that bill today will be setting that in motion.

My mother, my colleagues' mothers, their grandfathers, their fathers, they do not want Medicare to wither on the vine; but this House is prepared to prevent us from giving even an alternative to the American people. That is what Soviets do.

RECOGNIZING GREATER MIAMI JEWISH FEDERATION AND MICHAEL-ANN RUSSEL JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the Greater Miami Jewish Federation and the Michael-Ann Russel Jewish Community Center to commend them for their efforts on the Interfaith Solidarity with Israel rally which recently took place in my home district of Miami.

I want to especially thank Rachel Sapoznik, international division chairwoman from the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, Fanny Hanono and Avy