

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to section 2(a) of the National Cultural Center Act (20 U.S.C 76h(a)), amended by Public Law 107-117, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Boards of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts:

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio and
Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.
There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on the motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today.

PERMITTING USE OF ROTUNDA OF CAPITOL FOR CEREMONY TO PRESENT A GOLD MEDAL ON BEHALF OF CONGRESS TO FORMER PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN AND HIS WIFE NANCY REAGAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 305, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LINDER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 305, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 392, nays 0, not voting 42, as follows:

[Roll No. 47]

YEAS—392

Abercrombie	Blunt	Chabot
Ackerman	Boehlert	Chambliss
Aderholt	Bonilla	Clay
Akin	Bonior	Clayton
Allen	Bono	Clement
Andrews	Boozman	Clyburn
Armey	Boswell	Coble
Baca	Boucher	Collins
Bachus	Boyd	Combest
Baird	Brady (PA)	Conyers
Baker	Brady (TX)	Cooksey
Baldacci	Brown (FL)	Costello
Baldwin	Brown (OH)	Cox
Ballenger	Brown (SC)	Coyne
Barcia	Bryant	Cramer
Barr	Burr	Crane
Barrett	Burton	Crenshaw
Bartlett	Buyer	Crowley
Barton	Camp	Culberson
Bass	Cannon	Cummings
Bereuter	Cantor	Cunningham
Berkley	Capito	Davis (CA)
Berman	Capps	Davis (FL)
Berry	Capuano	Davis (IL)
Biggert	Cardin	Davis, Jo Ann
Bilirakis	Carson (IN)	Deal
Bishop	Carson (OK)	DeFazio
Blumenauer	Castle	DeGette

Delahunt	Kanjorski	Platts
DeLauro	Kaptur	Pomeroy
DeLay	Keller	Portman
DeMint	Kelly	Price (NC)
Deutscher	Kennedy (MN)	Pryce (OH)
Diaz-Balart	Kennedy (RI)	Putnam
Dicks	Kerns	Quinn
Dingell	Kildee	Radanovich
Doggett	Kind (WI)	Rahall
Dreier	King (NY)	Ramstad
Duncan	Kirk	Rangel
Dunn	Kleczka	Regula
Edwards	Knollenberg	Rehberg
Ehlers	Kolbe	Reyes
Ehrlich	Kucinich	Riley
Emerson	LaFalce	Rivers
Engel	LaHood	Rodriguez
English	Lampson	Roemer
Eshoo	Langevin	Rogers (KY)
Etheridge	Lantos	Rogers (MI)
Evans	Larsen (WA)	Rohrabacher
Everett	Larson (CT)	Ross
Farr	Latham	Rothman
Fattah	LaTourette	Roukema
Ferguson	Leach	Royce
Flake	Levin	Rush
Fletcher	Lewis (CA)	Ryan (WI)
Foley	Lewis (GA)	Ryun (KS)
Forbes	Lewis (KY)	Sabo
Ford	Linder	Sanders
Fossella	Lipinski	Sandlin
Frank	LoBiondo	Sawyer
Frelinghuysen	Lowe	Saxton
Frost	Lucas (KY)	Schaffer
Galleghy	Lucas (OK)	Schakowsky
Ganske	Luther	Schiff
Gekas	Lynch	Schrock
Gephardt	Maloney (CT)	Scott
Gibbons	Maloney (NY)	Sensenbrenner
Gilchrest	Manzullo	Serrano
Gillmor	Markey	Sessions
Gilman	Mascara	Shadeegg
Gonzalez	Matheson	Shaw
Goode	Matsui	Shays
Goodlatte	McCarthy (MO)	Sherman
Gordon	McCarthy (NY)	Sherwood
Goss	McCollum	Shimkus
Graham	McCrery	Shows
Granger	McDermott	Shuster
Graves	McGovern	Simmons
Green (TX)	McHugh	Simpson
Green (WI)	McInnis	Skeen
Greenwood	McIntyre	Skelton
Grucci	McKinney	Slaughter
Gutierrez	McNulty	Smith (MI)
Gutknecht	Meehan	Smith (NJ)
Hall (OH)	Meek (FL)	Smith (TX)
Hall (TX)	Meeks (NY)	Smith (WA)
Hansen	Menendez	Snyder
Harman	Mica	Souder
Hart	Miller, Dan	Spratt
Hastings (FL)	Miller, Gary	Stark
Hastings (WA)	Miller, George	Stearns
Hayes	Miller, Jeff	Stenholm
Hayworth	Mink	Strickland
Hefley	Mollohan	Stump
Herger	Moore	Stupak
Hill	Moran (KS)	Sullivan
Hilliard	Moran (VA)	Sununu
Hinchee	Morella	Sweeney
Hinojosa	Myrick	Tancredo
Hobson	Nadler	Tanner
Hoefel	Neal	Tauscher
Hoekstra	Nethercutt	Tauzin
Holden	Ney	Taylor (MS)
Holt	Northup	Terry
Honda	Norwood	Thomas
Hooley	Nussle	Thompson (CA)
Horn	Oberstar	Thompson (MS)
Hostettler	Obey	Thornberry
Houghton	Ortiz	Thune
Hoyer	Osborne	Thurman
Hulshof	Ose	Tiahrt
Hyde	Otter	Tiberi
Inlee	Owens	Tierney
Isakson	Oxley	Toomey
Israel	Pallone	Towns
Issa	Pascarell	Turner
Istook	Pastor	Udall (CO)
Jackson (IL)	Paul	Udall (NM)
Jackson-Lee	Payne	Upton
(TX)	Pelosi	Velazquez
Jenkins	Pence	Visclosky
Johnson (CT)	Peterson (MN)	Vitter
Johnson (IL)	Peterson (PA)	Walden
Johnson, E. B.	Petri	Walsh
Johnson, Sam	Phelps	Wamp
Jones (NC)	Pickering	Watkins (OK)
Jones (OH)	Pitts	Watt (NC)

Weiner	Wicker	Wu
Weldon (FL)	Wilson (NM)	Wynn
Weller	Wilson (SC)	Young (AK)
Whitfield	Wolf	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—42

Becerra	Hunter	Ros-Lehtinen
Bentsen	Jefferson	Roybal-Allard
Blagojevich	John	Sanchez
Boehner	Kilpatrick	Solis
Borski	Kingston	Taylor (NC)
Callahan	Lee	Trafficant
Calvert	Lofgren	Waters
Condit	McKeon	Watson (CA)
Cubin	Millender-	Watts (OK)
Davis, Tom	McDonald	Waxman
Dooley	Murtha	Weldon (PA)
Doolittle	Napolitano	Wexler
Doyle	Olver	Woolsey
Filner	Pombo	
Hilleary	Reynolds	

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, due to business in the District, I was unavoidably detained on, Tuesday, March 5. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 47—H. Con. Res. 305, permitting use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to present a gold medal on behalf of Congress to former President Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy Reagan.

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 47 (H. Con. Res. 305) I was conducting official business in my San Diego California district. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 47 on March 5, 2002 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

□ 1830

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

THE SALT LAKE 2002 WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES

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

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend my home State of Utah for hosting, in the words of NBC sportscaster Dick Ebersol, "far and away the most successful Olympics, summer or winter, in the history of the games." The State of Utah and their citizens were introduced to the world, and boy did they ever shine in the eyes of their national and international visitors. Never in the history of the Olympics has there been such a spirit of volunteerism exhibited by the host community. Visitors from around the world were duly impressed by the helpfulness and congeniality of the locals.

Salt Lake City, Utah, in the words of a Washington Post writer, is the "nice" capital of the world.

Mr. Speaker, not only did my home State shine in its hosting of the Winter Olympics, U.S. Olympians took home an unprecedented number of medals, 34 in all, placing a close second to Germany with 35 medals. The previous U.S. record for winter games was 13 medals. I commend our U.S. Olympic team for their tremendous showing. Furthermore, since the horrendous attacks on our country on September 11, United States citizens and the international community as a whole approached the 2002 Winter Olympic games with some trepidation. Thanks to the united efforts of thousands of Federal, State, local law enforcement and National Guard personnel, the Olympic games went off without a single incident.

Unfortunately, some in the press viewed the Olympics as a prime opportunity to take potshots at my home State and the predominant religion. Gladly, they were loudly renounced by our international visitors. Even the editors of their papers were compelled to apologize for their off-color remarks.

To the gentleman who writes for the Denver Post who took a shot at the State of Utah and then later apologized, he said that our areas out there were for beginners. He has never gone down Grizzly. Grizzly is where the downhill is and Grizzly has a sign up there that says: "Know your limitations. If you can't make this, take your skis, get on the gondola and go back down."

I used to ski, Mr. Speaker; but as I look at that, it is a 77 percent drop. You are doing 85 miles an hour in 300 feet. I have talked to a lot of the Olympians who said, "That's the best men's downhill in the world." To Mr. Paige from the Denver Post who has a perfect right under the first amendment to blast all of us, I have talked to the president and owner of Snowbasin. He said, "I have two tickets for Mr. Paige." We invite Mr. Paige to come to this beginners hill and for him to go straight down that hill. We do not want any of this back and forth stuff. We want a heebent for election straight on down.

I am sure the local TV people would find it very interesting to watch him do it, and we would love to have Mr. Paige come out. We offer him those free tickets to come out and see it.

Mr. Speaker, I did not realize the custom is to ring a cow bell during the Olympics and cow bells were ringing everywhere. It was a wonderful experience for America. It reenergized us. We could see something we felt good about. It was emotional. The opening ceremony was wonderful. The closing ceremony was tremendous. The Olympians were great. I cannot think of a better Olympics that ever occurred. I agree with all the people who said that this was the best one ever.

SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to urge a full and fair debate on Social Security. Three months ago, the President's commission issued a report. It called for sweeping changes to the Social Security system. It called for the creation of private accounts. It called for three plans to meet these goals. Then last week, in a speech to the Cato Institute, the majority leader urged a debate on this issue. He urged us to reform Social Security. He urged us to privatize Social Security. And the President of the United States argued the same in speeches also delivered last week. Yet in Congress, Republicans are refusing to have that full and fair debate on their schemes of privatization. Do they have something to hide?

We hear that soon we are going to get a proposal to send certificates out to seniors, at a cost of \$14 million, that tells them that if you are over the age of 62, your benefits will never be cut. The first question is, What if you are under 62? What should they assume? We are also told that CRS and other agencies have said that there is no legal effect to this document. It is not anything that anybody can rely on. Jo Anne Barnhart, the Social Security commissioner, suggests that the plan would drain millions of dollars from the administration's fund and alarm seniors who did not get their certificates. I could not agree with her more. The certificate idea is a political exercise that will squander taxpayer time and taxpayer money. It will create confusion. And it is an insult to seniors who put their faith and trust in Social Security.

We do not need a secret plan on Social Security. We do not want people to go into the voting booth and elect candidates next fall who say, "Oh, I'm going to guarantee your Social Security benefits," and then turn around the day after the election and cut their benefits in some scheme of privatization.

I am not afraid to stand on this floor and fight for my beliefs. I say to my Republican colleagues, in the words of the old hymn, "be not afraid." That hymn says that if you believe in something and you care about it, you ought to go ahead without fear. I want a debate on this issue before the election, not after the election. If Republicans fail to put Social Security on the floor, I intend to mount a discharge petition to bring up the Presidential commission's plans so that we can have a full and free debate, the House of Representatives at its best.

I think it is essential. Social Security is at the heart of our retirement security system. Thanks to Social Security, millions of Americans avoid poverty. They have lived their lives free from fear. People with disabilities and surviving family members have put

food on the table because of Social Security. They have roofs over their heads. For 67 years, Social Security has been there for the people of this country when they have needed it.

My mother is 94 years old. She lives in an independent-living facility in St. Louis, and about half the costs of that facility every month come from her Social Security. You better believe she cares about Social Security. And you better believe I care about Social Security. And you better believe that millions of Americans care about Social Security. And you better believe that there are millions of people out there who care about Social Security and are concerned and rightly concerned about secret Republican plans to wait until after the election to put forward plans that will cut their benefits.

We are not talking about an academic exercise here. We are talking about people's lives and what happens to them every month. We are talking about the biggest changes in the program that the President has proposed in the history of the program. We are talking about a sea change in the way this program works. The Republican Party has always sought to weaken Social Security. In 1935, they voted against it. In 1964, they wanted to make it voluntary. And in 1994, Representative ARMEY appeared on national television admitting that "I would never have created Social Security."

Today, the Republican slogan seems to be, "Save Social Security last, not first." In today's New York Times, Paul Krugman is dead on. His argument is that Social Security has never been a simple pension fund. It really, he says, is a social contract. Each generation pays taxes that support the previous generation's retirement and expects to receive the same treatment from the next generation. Republicans propose to allow younger workers to place their payroll taxes in private accounts, in effect to break this ongoing contract, in Krugman's words.

He says, we are left with two options: make room for the trillions diverted into private accounts by slashing baby boomer benefits, or use money from other, unidentified sources to replace the diverted funds. The Republican plan makes promises that sound too good to be true, because they are too good to be true. According to Krugman, private accounts will create a financing crisis requiring sharp benefit cuts or large infusions of money from unspecified sources, or both.

Republicans say privatization will not cost a dime. The Social Security actuaries say it will drain \$20 trillion from the budget. Republicans say privatization will strengthen people's retirement security. Tell that to the employees at Enron. They cannot even pay the cost of health care for their kids. Republicans say that 40 years of neglect have permanently damaged Social Security's financial health, in the words of Majority Leader ARMEY. Bob