

Conyers Hefley Oxley  
Costello Hoeffel Payne  
Davis (AL) Istook Platts  
Davis (FL) Jackson-Lee  
DeGette (TX) Rogers (KY)  
DeMint John Sandlin  
Deutsch Jones (OH) Souder  
Dicks Lynch Sullivan  
Dooley (CA) Maloney Sweeney  
Doolittle McCrery Tauzin  
Duncan Meehan Towns  
Emanuel Meek (FL) Wamp  
English Michael Waters  
Gephardt Neal (MA) Weiner  
Gutierrez Owens Woolsey

Davis, Jo Ann Kennedy (RI) Porter  
Davis, Tom Kildee Portman  
Deal (GA) Kilpatrick Price (NC)  
DeFazio Kind Pryce (OH)  
Delahunt King (IA) Putnam  
DeLauro King (NY) Quinn  
DeLay Kingston Radanovich  
Diaz-Balart, L. Kirk Rahall  
Diaz-Balart, M. Kleczka Ramstad  
Dingell Kline Regula  
Doggett Knollenberg Rehberg  
Doyle Kolbe Renzi  
Dreier Kucinich Reyes  
Dunn LaHood Reynolds  
Edwards Lampson Rodriguez  
Ehlers Langevin Rogers (AL)  
Emerson Lantos Rogers (MI)  
Engel Larsen (WA) Rohrabacher  
English Larson (CT) Ros-Lehtinen  
Eshoo Latham Ross  
Etheridge LaTourette Rothman  
Evans Leach Roybal-Allard  
Everett Lee Royce  
Farr Levin Ruppersberger  
Fattah Lewis (CA) Rush  
Feeney Lewis (GA) Ryan (OH)  
Ferguson Lewis (KY) Ryan (WI)  
Filner Linder Ryun (KS)  
Flake Lipinski Sabo  
Foley LoBiondo Sanchez, Linda  
Forbes Lofgren T.  
Ford Lowey Sanchez, Loretta  
Fossella Lucas (KY) Sanders  
Frank (MA) Lucas (OK) Saxton  
Franks (AZ) Majette Schakowsky  
Frelinghuysen Maloney Schiff  
Frost Manzullo Schrock  
Gallegly Markey Scott (GA)  
Garrett (NJ) Marshall Scott (VA)  
Gerlach Matheson Sensenbrenner  
Gibbons Matsui Serrano  
Gilchrest McCarthy (MO) Sessions  
Gillmor McCarthy (NY) Shadegg  
Gingrey McCollum Shays  
Gonzalez McCotter Sherman  
Goode McDermott Sherwood  
Goodlatte McGovern Shimkus  
Gordon McHugh Shuster  
Goss McInnis Simmons  
Granger McIntyre Simpson  
Graves McKeon Skelton  
Green (TX) McNulty Slaughter  
Green (WI) Meeks (NY) Smith (NJ)  
Greenwood Menendez Smith (TX)  
Grijalva Millender Smith (WA)  
Gutknecht McDonald Snyder  
Hall Miller (FL) Solis  
Harman Miller (MI) Spratt  
Harris Miller (NC) Stark  
Hart Miller, Gary Stearns  
Hastings (FL) Miller, George Stenholm  
Hastings (WA) Mollohan Strickland  
Hayes Moore Stupak  
Hayworth Moran (KS) Sweeney  
Hensarling Moran (VA) Tancredo  
Herger Murphy Tanner  
Hill Murtha Tauscher  
Hinchey Musgrave Taylor (MS)  
Hinojosa Myrick Taylor (NC)  
Hobson Nadler Terry  
Hoekstra Napolitano Thomas  
Holden Nethercutt Thompson (CA)  
Holt Neugebauer Thompson (MS)  
Honda Ney Thornberry  
Hooley (OR) Northup Tiahrt  
Hostettler Norwood Tiberi  
Houghton Nunes Tierney  
Hoyer Nussle Toomey  
Hulshof Oberstar Turner (OH)  
Hunter Obey Turner (TX)  
Hyde Oliver Udall (CO)  
Inslee Ortiz Udall (NM)  
Isakson Osborne Upton  
Israel Ose Van Hollen  
Issa Otter Velázquez  
Jackson (IL) Pallone Visclosky  
Jackson-Lee Pascrell Vitter  
(TX) Pastor Walden (OR)  
Jefferson Paul Walsh  
Jenkins Pearce Waters  
Johnson (CT) Pelosi Watson  
Johnson (IL) Pence Watt  
Johnson, Sam Peterson (MN) Waxman  
Jones (NC) Peterson (PA) Weldon (FL)  
Kanjorski Petri Weldon (PA)  
Kaptur Pickering Weller  
Keller Pitts Wexler  
Kelly Pombo Whitfield  
Kennedy (MN) Pomeroy Wicker

Wilson (NM) Wu Young (FL)  
Wilson (SC) Wynn  
Wolf Young (AK)

## NOT VOTING—55

Abercrombie Dicks Neal (MA)  
Bachus Dooley (CA) Owens  
Ballance Doolittle Oxley  
Bass Duncan Payne  
Becerra Emanuel Platts  
Bereuter Gephardt Rangel  
Berkley Gutierrez Rogers (KY)  
Boehner Hefley Sandlin  
Brady (PA) Hoeffel Shaw  
Carson (OK) Istook Smith (MI)  
Chabot John Souder  
Collins Johnson, E. B. Sullivan  
Conyers Jones (OH) Tauzin  
Costello Lynch Towns  
Davis (AL) McCrery Wamp  
Davis (FL) Meehan Weiner  
DeGette Meek (FL) Woolsey  
DeMint Mica  
Deutsch Michaud

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised that 2 minutes remain in this vote.

## □ 1919

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for rollcall vote 210, Congratulating and saluting Focus: HOPE; rollcall vote 211, Recognizing and honoring the firefighters, police, public servants, civilians, and private businesses responding to the Richmond fire on March 26; rollcall vote 212, Honoring the Tuskegee Airmen.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" for rollcall votes 210, 211 and 212.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House floor during today's rollcall votes on H. Con. Res. 295, H. Res. 612, and H. Con. Res. 417. Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of each of these resolutions.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I missed rollcall votes 210 through 212 on Tuesday, June 1, 2004. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on each measure.

## MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BILL

(Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would like to share with the Chamber an email I received from a constituent last week.

The subject line of the email was "Gratitude" and the email reads as follows:

"Dear Ginny.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes left in this vote.

## □ 1902

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the 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. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained by airplane delay for rollcall vote 211 on H. Res. 612. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

## HONORING TUSKEGEE AIRMEN AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION IN CREATING AN INTEGRATED UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TERRY). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 417.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COLE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 417, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 378, nays 0, not voting 55, as follows:

[Roll No. 212]

YEAS—378

Ackerman Boehlert Capuano  
Aderholt Bonilla Cardin  
Akin Bonner Cardoza  
Alexander Bono Carson (IN)  
Allen Boozman Carter  
Andrews Boswell Case  
Baca Boucher Castle  
Baird Boyd Chandler  
Baker Bradley (NH) Chocoba  
Baldwin Brady (TX) Clay  
Ballenger Brown (OH) Clyburn  
Barrett (SC) Brown (SC) Coble  
Bartlett (MD) Brown, Corrine Cole  
Barton (TX) Brown-Waite, Cooper  
Beauprez Ginny Cox  
Bell Burgess Cramer  
Berman Burns Crane  
Berry Burr Crenshaw  
Biggert Burton (IN) Crowley  
Bilirakis Buyer Cubin  
Bishop (GA) Calvert Culberson  
Bishop (NY) Camp Cummings  
Bishop (UT) Cannon Cunningham  
Blackburn Cantor Davis (CA)  
Blumenauer Capito Davis (IL)  
Blunt Capps Davis (TN)

"Warmest regards to you, your family and staff.

"Out of the 50-plus emails you've received so far from me, here's one you'll genuinely enjoy reading, I suspect.

"Gratitude is the subject of my email to you today. Today, I was approved by Medicare for the \$600-per-year low-income credit with relation to the Medicare prescription drug bill. Thank you, the President, and the Republicans for assisting America's poor and disabled in this way.

"Others merely want your attention. We, however, need your attention. We thank you for your hard work and long hours assisting us."

Mr. Speaker, I want to point out that over 21,000 low-income seniors qualify for this \$600 exemption in my district alone. This constituent's correspondence is one example of the seniors who are celebrating nationwide the ability to have this program in effect this week.

#### SUPPORT THE CRANE-RANGEL BILL

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

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, President Bush came to northeast Ohio to Youngstown last week again to try to defend his economic program and argue that it is working for Ohio.

Ohio, since President Bush took office, has lost one out of six manufacturing jobs and has lost 165,000 manufacturing jobs overall. In fact, during the Bush administration, there have been 200 jobs lost in Ohio every single day of the Bush administration.

The President's answer: more tax cuts for the wealthy, hoping some of it will trickle down to the Ohio community that is not working, and more trade agreements, like NAFTA, that continue to ship jobs overseas.

Mr. Speaker, the answer is not the failed Bush economic policies, but instead, the Crane-Rangel bill, which will give incentives to those Ohio and American companies that do their manufacturing in this country instead of giving big companies incentives to ship jobs overseas.

#### CELEBRATING THE OAK TREE

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

Mr. GOODE. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to announce that the National Register of Big Trees from the conservation group American Forests has formally given the crown of the Nation's largest white oak tree, a quercus alba, to the oak tree in front of Bothwick Hall in Brunswick County, Virginia. The national champion oak is 86 feet high, with a circumference of 26 feet, and a crown spread of 116 feet.

The great white oak belongs to George and Mary Robinson from Brun-

wick County, which I am proud to represent. Beautiful and historic Brunswick County is the birthplace of the world-famous Brunswick stew and is now home to the Nation's largest white oak tree.

I am also proud to support H.R. 1775, legislation sponsored by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GOODLATTE), my friend and fellow Virginian, which would designate the oak tree as the national tree of the United States.

The meaningful history of the oak and magnificent trees such as that of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson make the oak the logical choice for the national tree. Long may the great Brunswick County white oak stand.

#### IT IS IMPORTANT FOR CONGRESS TO WORK TOGETHER

(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, today, June 1, causes me to reflect on two distinct and different occurrences.

First of all, we notice across the Nation senior citizens confused, not understanding and certainly not enrolling in the so-called prescription drug cards. We welcome our pharmaceuticals to really work with this Congress to produce a guaranteed Medicare prescription drug benefit, what the seniors have actually wanted for almost 10 years, in order for the seniors to truly get what they deserve, something they can count on and something that works.

It also causes me to reflect on the wonderful opportunity I had to visit with the troops in Bagram Air Force Base in Afghanistan and on the USS George Washington. It says that the political collapse that seems to be occurring in Iraq is not the fault of our soldiers, but bad political policies.

It is important for Congress to work together, to demand full investigations of the ills that are occurring in Afghanistan and Iraq in order to pay tribute to these hard-working soldiers every day on the front line. Let us not have the ills and the incompleteness of our political process undermine the tribute and the work that has been done by these fine outstanding United States military.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, 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 Nebraska (Mr. OSBORNE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I take my Special Order at this time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Indiana?

There was no objection.

#### THE CONNECTION BETWEEN SADDAM HUSSEIN AND OSAMA BIN LADEN

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. Mr. Speaker, there has been a lot of concern over the past year or so about whether or not Saddam Hussein was tied in with Osama bin Laden and the terrorist network and al Qaeda.

There is an article in The Weekly Standard this week called "The Connection," and I would urge all of my colleagues to read this article. It shows a picture of Saddam Hussein, Osama bin Laden, and some other terrorists on the front page of the magazine. The article is written by a gentleman named Stephen Hayes, and it follows an article that was written in the Wall Street Journal last week, and I would like to read some information from the two articles that I think verifies without much doubt that Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden, al Qaeda and other terrorist organizations were working together to try to destroy the United States and Western Civilization.

Let me read from the Wall Street Journal of May 27, 2004:

"One striking bit of new evidence is that the name of Ahmed Hikmat Shakir appears on three captured rosters of officers in Saddam Fedayeen, the elite paramilitary group run by Saddam's son Uday and entrusted with doing much of the regime's dirty work. Our government sources, who have seen translations of the documents, say Shakir is listed with the rank of lieutenant colonel. This matters because if Shakir was an officer in the Fedayeen, it would establish a direct link between Iraq and the al Qaeda operatives who planned" the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

"Shakir was present at the January 2000 al Qaeda 'summit' in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, at which the 9/11 attacks were planned. The U.S. has never been sure whether he was there on behalf of the Iraqi regime or whether he was an Iraqi Islamicist who hooked up with al Qaeda on his own."

The fact is he was an officer in the elite military of Saddam. He worked with his son Uday, and he was there when they planned the attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Further, the article goes on to say: "The CIA has confirmed that al Qaeda's number 2, Ayman al-Zawahiri, met with Iraqi intelligence in Baghdad