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Owens	Schrock	Towns
Pascarell	Serrano	Turner (TX)
Paul	Slaughter	Udall (NM)
Peterson (PA)	Smith (MI)	Vitter
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Quinn	Stark	Weiner
Rogers (KY)	Sweeney	Woolsey
Rogers (MI)	Tauzin	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the 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. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 441, 442, and 443, I was in the Cleveland airport awaiting a flight which was delayed. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on 441, "yes" on 442, and "yes" on 443.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on September 13, 2004, I was unavoidably absent due to an important meeting and missed Rollcall votes numbered 441 through 443.

Had I not been unavoidably detained earlier this afternoon, I would have voted "yea" on Rollcall votes No. 441, 442 and 443.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I was not present to vote on September 13th due to the death of a close family friend.

I intended to vote "nay" on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 363, condemning the human rights violations in Syria. While I am strongly opposed to the human rights abuses being perpetrated by the Syrian government, I am troubled by some of the language in the resolution. Specifically, the resolution states: "Whereas the family law of Syria as applied to Muslim women is governed by Sharia (Islamic) law and is discriminatory in marriage, divorce and inheritance matters." While I fundamentally disagree with this law, I feel that this statement unnecessarily denigrates the religious-based laws of a sovereign nation.

In addition, I would have voted "aye" on H. Con. Res. 667 and "aye" on H. Res. 760.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for Rollcall votes 441, 442, and 443. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 441, 442, and 443.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, on September 9, 2004, I was away from Washington

on official business in my district and unable to vote on several matters.

Had I been present, on rollcall 434 I would have voted "yea." On rollcall 435, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall 436, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall 437, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall 438, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall 439, I would have voted "yea." And on rollcall 440, I would have voted "yea."

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WALDEN of Oregon). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken tomorrow.

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO CITIES OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, AND NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK, FOR HOSTING 2004 NATIONAL POLITICAL CONVENTIONS

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 765) expressing gratitude to the cities of Boston, Massachusetts, and New York City, New York, for their extraordinary hospitality and successful planning and hosting of the 2004 national political conventions.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 765

Whereas the Democratic National Convention was held from July 26 through July 29, 2004, in Boston, Massachusetts;

Whereas the Republican National Convention was held from August 30 through September 2, 2004, in New York City, New York;

Whereas Mayor Thomas M. Menino, the Boston 2004 Host Committee, and the people of Boston, including a large number of dedicated volunteers, were extremely gracious in their hospitality;

Whereas Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, the New York City Host Committee 2004, and the people of New York City, including a large number of dedicated volunteers, were extremely gracious in their hospitality;

Whereas Police Commissioner Kathleen M. O'Toole and the entire Boston Police Department went to extraordinary lengths to keep Boston safe throughout the duration of the Democratic Convention;

Whereas Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly and the entire New York City Police Department went to extraordinary lengths to keep New York safe throughout the duration of the Republican Convention;

Whereas countless city, State, regional, and nationwide agencies cooperated to ensure the safety of each Convention, including the United States Capitol Police, which assisted the local jurisdictions, and the United States Secret Service, which coordinated Federal anti-terrorism and counter-terrorism assets for each of the Conventions as National Security Special Events;

Whereas Members of Congress, delegates from across the Nation, and other interested parties participated in the Conventions and benefited from the secure environments; and

Whereas millions of Americans watched, heard, or read about the Conventions and thereby participated in our national political process: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives thanks, pays tribute to, and expresses gratitude to all of those who assisted in the significant hospitality, logistical, and security efforts to successfully execute the 2004 national political conventions in Boston, Massachusetts, and New York City, New York.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY) and the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. LARSON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY).

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 765, and I am joined on the floor by our ranking member, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. LARSON); and it is good to be here to express the gratitude of the House of Representatives to the cities of Boston, Massachusetts, and New York, New York, for their extraordinary hospitality and successful planning and hosting of the 2004 national political conventions.

Mr. Speaker, I think I speak for everyone in the House in thanking the people of the cities of Boston and New York, their cities' host committees, and the countless volunteers for making both cities open and welcoming to the many Members of the Congress, delegates from across the Nation, and all other interested parties who participated in our great conventions.

Special recognition needs to go to the Boston Police Department and the New York City Police Department, whose professionalism and constant vigilance guaranteed not only the safety of the residents they routinely protect on a day-by-day basis but the many visitors who attended the conventions.

In addition, we have to thank the countless city, State, regional and nationwide agencies who cooperated to ensure the safety of everyone involved with both conventions. I would also like to recognize the exceptional efforts of the hundreds of United States Capitol Police Officers who provided around-the-clock security for all Members during the convention and who coordinated, of course, with the Secret Service, the FBI and, again, the New York City Police Department. And we cannot forget the firefighters in both New York and Boston that were on hand.

So I am here on a bipartisan basis, though I would note, Mr. Speaker, for the record, I did not see my colleague, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. LARSON), at the New York convention. But I am glad to be with him here tonight to thank both cities and everyone involved in both conventions.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. LARSON of Connecticut asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I want to associate myself with the remarks of the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY), my brilliant co-chair. And I also did not see him at the Boston convention; but, nonetheless, he would have been welcome, as was everybody there.

This is indeed a moment for us to celebrate the outstanding job that was done both in Boston and New York, led by Mayors Thomas Menino and Michael Bloomberg, respectively. Their tireless efforts to make the 2004 major-party conventions such successful events are deeply appreciated.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the two police commissioners, Kathleen O'Toole of Boston and Raymond Kelly of New York, now there is diversity for you, for making it possible for the delegates to nominate their candidates, which of course is the purpose of the convention.

I also want to thank the thousands of other public employees who helped to make this possible, not only the Boston and New York municipal governments but also at all levels, Federal, State, and local; and of course as the chairman has already pointed out, the outstanding job that was done by our Capitol Police and all the security that went into these two wonderful events.

I would especially like to thank the Massachusetts delegation for the hospitality that they provided for each and every one of us, and of course their two great Senators, Senator KENNEDY, for which this was a homecoming, and Senator KERRY as well, who was featured prominently in Boston as well, and our outstanding House delegation here from Boston as well. So I thank the chairman and join him in these remarks.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume to say that I am sure the minority leader, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI), did a wonderful job at the convention in Boston; and as far as our convention in New York, I want to thank the Speaker and also Scott Palmer, Ted Van Der Meid, and Bill Pitts, who did the rules and carried out the process at the convention and service to the Members.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from New York (Mr. REYNOLDS).

(Mr. REYNOLDS asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the cities and residents of Boston and New York City for their tremendous efforts in hosting this year's national political conventions. With two of the Nation's most historic and vibrant cities as their backdrops, the Democrat and Republican conventions were both great successes.

Boston and New York have long been known as centers of culture, education, and heritage. After this summer's conventions, it is apparent why they are also recognized for their hospitality, charm, and warm spirit. As tens of thousands of delegates, elected officials, volunteers, and tourists converged on these great cities, countless others worked behind the scenes and on the front lines to make sure programs ran smoothly and safely. These individuals labored tirelessly, not just during the conventions but for several weeks prior, crossing every "T" and dotting every "I."

These events would not have been possible without the efforts of everyone involved. A special thanks to those at the city, State, and regional, as well as national, levels who coordinated and secured the safety of Boston and New York. This includes, of course, the city police and fire departments, the United States Secret Service, the United States Capitol Police, and numerous other agencies that coordinated protective services for both convention-goers and city residents alike.

As the first political conventions held in the post-9/11 world, our police, firefighters, and first responders faced security risks never before envisioned. True to their great reputations, the respective agencies of New York and Boston exhibited consummate professionalism and ensured the safety and security of all those attending and visiting these great cities.

Those accolades extend as well to our Capitol Police and those Federal agencies that worked side by side with their brethren in New York and Boston to ensure a seamless coordination.

Mr. Speaker, the cities of Boston and New York have long represented the freedoms and liberty that nurtured democracy in this country. Today, several hundred years later, one of the best enduring examples of these fundamental rights is the ability to participate in the political process. National political conventions provide a forum for this participation like no other.

To all those who helped make the conventions possible, and to the gracious residents of Boston and New York, I wish to extend a heartfelt thanks on behalf of the House for helping to foster greater political participation.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution and join me in expressing gratitude to the cities of Boston and New York.

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, House Resolution 765.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of House Resolution 765, the resolution just agreed to.

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

There was no objection.

ONCOLOGISTS GIVE CONGRESS BAD NEWS

(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, oncology services are critical for Texans. The American Cancer Society expected 83,400 new cancer patients for Texas in 2003.

Cancer sufferers need access to care near where they live, and they need stability of care. An accessible, caring oncology clinic is welcome news for people who have heard some very bad news from their diagnosis. Congress gave some very bad news to oncologists in the passage of the Medicare bill this past session.

The American Society of Clinical Oncology came out on September 8 with their take on the effects of this bill. Their analysis finds that half of practices expect that they will pay more than they are reimbursed for specific drugs for anemia or lung, colon, or pancreas cancers; that they expect a loss of funds for community-based cancer care in the range of 43 to 54 percent; and that one-fourth of the drugs used for cancer treatment will cost the typical oncology practice more than what is covered by Medicare.

I urge my colleagues to press for restoring oncologists' ability to give cancer patients the ability and stability in treatment they need to fight their illnesses. Congress should not deny the drugs necessary to those who need them in this life or death struggle.

U.S. ECONOMY IS IN A MESS

(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, every time I hear the administration announce that the economy is going very well, I wish they could ride home on a United Airlines flight with me. On the way back today, four out of the six flight attendants raised the same question with me: Is there money in the pension guarantee fund for our pensions?

Mr. Speaker, we know that this country is in a mess. USAir declared bankruptcy this morning. There go the pension for those folks. And Delta Airlines over the weekend, they are talking