

NOT VOTING—29

Bachus	Diaz-Balart, M.	Kind
Bonner	Everett	McDermott
Brown, Corrine	Ford	Platts
Calvert	Fortenberry	Reynolds
Clyburn	Gallely	Ros-Lehtinen
Cole (OK)	Goode	Sabo
Costello	Harris	Udall (CO)
Cubin	Hayworth	Weiner
Davis (FL)	Hinchev	Wynn
DeGette	Hyde	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

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Ms. HART and Messrs. ROYCE, TURNER, BUYER, GINGREY and HERGER changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. NUSSLE and Mr. LATHAM changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds of those voting having responded in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate agreed to the following resolution:

S. RES. 330

In the Senate of the United States, December 12, 2005.

Whereas Eugene J. McCarthy devoted many years of his life to teaching in public high schools and other institutions of higher learning in the service of the youth of our Nation;

Whereas Eugene J. McCarthy served in the House of Representatives from 1949 to 1959;

Whereas Eugene J. McCarthy served the people of Minnesota with distinction from 1959 to 1971 in the United States Senate;

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable Eugene J. McCarthy, former member of the United States Senate;

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable Eugene J. McCarthy.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed without an amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 4340. An act to implement the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2093. An act to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to provide funds for training in tribal leadership, management, and policy, and for other purposes.

S. 2094. An act to reauthorize certain provisions relating to Indian tribal justice systems.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HONORABLE JOHN D. DINGELL'S SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Administration be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 594) honoring the 50th anniversary of the Honorable JOHN D. DINGELL's service in the House of Representatives, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES 594

Whereas John D. Dingell learned firsthand about the institution of Capitol Hill at an early age, serving as a House of Representatives Page from 1938 to 1943;

Whereas John D. Dingell served his country during the World War II as a member of the United States Army;

Whereas John D. Dingell has served 50 years in the House of Representatives, since succeeding his late father, the Honorable John David Dingell, Sr., a 12-term incumbent, in a special election to the 84th Congress on December 13, 1955;

Whereas a member of the Dingell family has represented the Detroit metropolitan area in the House of Representatives since 1933;

Whereas John D. Dingell, the Dean of the House of Representatives since the 104th Congress, is the longest serving current Member of the House of Representatives, having been re-elected on 25 subsequent occasions;

Whereas John D. Dingell's term of service is the third-longest term of service in the history of the House of Representatives and the fifth-longest in Congressional history; and

Whereas John D. Dingell has served on the Energy and Commerce Committee (and its predecessors) since the 85th Congress in 1957, and chaired that panel from the 97th through the 103rd Congresses (1981–1995): Now, therefore, be it

Resolved,

SECTION 1. HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF JOHN D. DINGELL'S SERVICE IN THE HOUSE.

The House of Representatives—

(1) honors the lifelong commitment of the Honorable John D. Dingell to the ideals of our Nation;

(2) recognizes the Honorable John D. Dingell's half-century of exceptional dedication to his constituents, to the State of Michigan, and to the United States; and

(3) congratulates the Honorable John D. Dingell on 50 years of superior service in the United States Congress.

SEC. 2. TRANSMISSION OF ENROLLED RESOLUTION.

The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Honorable John D. Dingell.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HASTERT) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. HASTERT. Ladies and gentlemen, it is important for the House to recognize important milestones. Tonight, the Democratic leader and I on behalf of the House take this brief time to honor our colleague JOHN DINGELL.

If Members would also like to add words of congratulations, I would encourage them to insert remarks as part of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD or partake in a Special Order following votes tonight.

I rise in support of this resolution saluting and congratulating our good friend, JOHN DINGELL, for 50 years of service in the U.S. House of Representatives.

As the Clerk said, only two other House Members have made the 50-year milestone, Jamie Whitten and Carl Vinson. For a half century, JOHN has walked the Halls of this Capitol doing the business of the people of southeast Michigan. And I must say the Congress is a better place because we have men like JOHN DINGELL.

I first met JOHN when I came to the House in 1986, and he had already been here three decades at that time. We really got to know each other better when I started my third term when I was named to the House Energy and Commerce Committee. I knew him as Mr. Chairman. In fact, I think I only started to call him JOHN after I became Speaker.

Mr. DINGELL earned my respect early on. He knew the issues under his committee's jurisdiction, which was just about everything. He knew their legislative history. He knew how to count votes. He knew how to get legislation through the process. He was tough, but he was fair.

His congressional work has done much to benefit the American people. During his time in the House, he has left his mark on historic legislation like the Clean Air Act of 1990, the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and every other major energy and telecommunications bill since the 1970s. In fact, during the 1980s, he oversaw the investigation into the safety of the Nation's blood supply, including the procedures that we now have to ensure that donated blood is disease free.

As Dean of the House, JOHN DINGELL administers the oath of office to the Speaker. The Speaker then administers the oath of office to all the Members as well. I could not be more proud to have had JOHN DINGELL administer my oath four times.

Mr. Speaker, in this age of sound-bite politicians, JOHN DINGELL is the real deal. You always know where he stands, and you can always rest assured that he stands for something. And so today we salute JOHN DINGELL for 50 years of service with dignity, with dedication, with courage, with principle, and with honor. I thank you, JOHN, for your good work.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI), the Democratic leader, for her remarks.

Ms. PELOSI. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

I am proud to join you in co-sponsoring this resolution honoring the 50th anniversary of the Honorable JOHN D. DINGELL's service in the House of Representatives. As we celebrated at the National Building Museum before, I am pleased to join you once again in congratulating JOHN DINGELL. It is impossible to acknowledge his service and congratulate him for his great leadership without also acknowledging Debbie Dingell, who has been his partner in so much of his life's work.

As I mentioned, Mr. Speaker, you and I had the privilege of celebrating this milestone with Congressman DINGELL at an extraordinary event at the National Building Museum on October 26. Something phenomenal happened that night when Republicans and Democrats came together in unity to praise this great man. Everyone in the bipartisan group, President Clinton, Vice President CHENEY, Governor Granholm of Michigan, and so many of JOHN's colleagues in the House and Senate, including his chairman, JOE BARTON, who regaled us with DINGELL stories that night, agreed that JOHN DINGELL is an American statesman of the highest order.

President Kennedy could have been describing JOHN DINGELL when he said: "No government is better than the people who serve it. We want the best, we need the best, and we deserve the best." For 50 years in JOHN DINGELL we have had the best.

To the pages in the room, I want to say tonight we could really be celebrating his 54th anniversary in the House because from age 12 to 16, he served here as a page, the longest-serving page in history. It was as a page in 1941 that JOHN DINGELL was standing on the House floor when President Roosevelt asked Congress to declare war on Japan. It was World War II that would ultimately call him to service.

He served in the Army with distinction, rising to the rank of second lieutenant. John would later say of his service, "It taught me the meaning of discipline and respect, two qualities which I believe are key to success in the United States." It also began a public life dedicated to making America strong both at home and abroad.

A member of the Greatest Generation, JOHN DINGELL applied his brilliant mind, his great judgment, and his broad vision to making the future better for generations to come. JOHN always made clear that a strong America had to be a healthy America. Continuing a tradition his father began, in every Congress he has introduced a bill for universal national health insurance. Because of his tireless work in securing health care for the elderly, JOHN presided in the House in 1965 when Medicare was passed into law. The gavel he used that day still sits on his desk. He was a very young man at the time, still is.

As part of his focus on future generations, JOHN was one of the first elected

officials to link public health with environmental health, and he has had a hand in almost every major environmental legislation of the past 40 years. He has done as much to clean up government as he has to clean up the environment. For the last 50 years, Federal agencies have checked their mail with one eye squinted open hoping they have not received what became known as "Dingell-grams."

In the 1980s, the EPA even had an employee whose sole responsibility was responding to Chairman DINGELL's inquiries, and it was recognized that her job was not an easy one. To work alongside JOHN DINGELL is to be inspired by the history of our institution and humbled by the seriousness of our work. JOHN is a giant in Congress and a symbol of continuity.

Fifty years ago on December 13, 1955, JOHN DINGELL took over the seat that had been opened by his father. After hearing his father's colleagues eulogize John, Sr., JOHN stepped up and said, "My father loved and respected the House and all of its Members. If I can be half the man that my father was, I shall feel that I am a great success."

On this 50th anniversary, we say that we love and respect JOHN DINGELL and by any measure his leadership and his success have been unsurpassed. I am sure that John Dingell, Sr., is very, very proud. We may call JOHN DINGELL the Dean of the House, as the Speaker has done; but for many of us here tonight he has also been a teacher.

I know I speak for all of the Members of the House when I say we are proud to call JOHN DINGELL colleague.

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We are all so glad that your lifetime of service continues. The best is yet to come. Thank you, JOHN DINGELL.

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, today, December 13, 2005, JOHN D. DINGELL, Jr. marks 50 years of distinguished service to the people of Michigan. I have enormous respect for my friend, the gentleman from Michigan, who serves the people he represents, and the country, well and with distinction.

I was a member of this body when the last gentleman to serve 50 years in the House was acknowledged—Congressman Jamie Whitten. And the tribute Mr. DINGELL paid to Mr. Whitten also is fitting in tribute to Mr. DINGELL—For all the wisdom the gentleman from Michigan has displayed during his tenure in the House, his constituents have shown even more wisdom in returning him to Congress 25 times.

Upon reflecting on Mr. Dingell's career, I am reminded of the quote by Martin Luther King, Jr. who said, "the quality, not the longevity, of one's life is what is important."

After half a century of service in this body, serving with 10 presidents and in 25 Congresses, all marvel at the longevity of the gentleman's career. But it is the quality of Mr. DINGELL's service that his colleagues, his constituents and the American people remember.

And let us not forget in celebrating the gentleman's past accomplishments and distinguished service that his career is far from over.

True, his efforts on behalf of the Civil Rights Movement, the American laborer and our Na-

tion's neediest individuals helped shape the second half of the 20th Century.

But as we look to the future, a future where JOHN DINGELL will undeniably play a significant role, we are comforted by the fact that the gentleman from Michigan, always true to his word and with a quick wit, will continue to lead us for many years to come.

I am proud of my friend JOHN and thank him for many years of personal kindnesses and professional courtesies.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the resolution.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SMALL PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY ACT

The SPEAKER. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 3422, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. OXLEY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3422, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 387, nays 2, not voting 44, as follows:

[Roll No. 625]

YEAS—387

Abercrombie	Burgess	Doggett
Ackerman	Burton (IN)	Doolittle
Aderholt	Butterfield	Doyle
Akin	Buyer	Drake
Alexander	Camp (MI)	Dreier
Allen	Campbell (CA)	Duncan
Andrews	Cannon	Edwards
Baca	Capito	Ehlers
Baird	Capps	Emanuel
Baker	Capuano	Emerson
Baldwin	Cardin	Engel
Barrett (SC)	Cardoza	English (PA)
Barrow	Carnahan	Eshoo
Bartlett (MD)	Carson	Etheridge
Barton (TX)	Carter	Evans
Bass	Case	Farr
Bean	Castle	Fattah
Beauprez	Chabot	Feeney
Becerra	Chandler	Ferguson
Berkley	Chocola	Filner
Berman	Clay	Fitzpatrick (PA)
Berry	Cleaver	Flake
Biggert	Cole (OK)	Foley
Bilirakis	Conaway	Forbes
Bishop (GA)	Conyers	Fortenberry
Bishop (NY)	Cooper	Fossella
Bishop (UT)	Costa	Frank (MA)
Blackburn	Cramer	Franks (AZ)
Blumenuauer	Crenshaw	Frelinghuysen
Blunt	Crowley	Garrett (NJ)
Boehlert	Cuellar	Gerlach
Boehner	Culberson	Gibbons
Bonilla	Cummings	Gilchrest
Bono	Davis (AL)	Gillmor
Boozman	Davis (CA)	Gingrey
Boren	Davis (IL)	Gohmert
Boswell	Davis (KY)	Gonzalez
Boucher	Davis (TN)	Goodlatte
Boustany	Davis, Jo Ann	Gordon
Boyd	DeFazio	Granger
Bradley (NH)	Delahunt	Graves
Brady (PA)	DeLauro	Green (WI)
Brady (TX)	DeLay	Green, Al
Brown (OH)	Dent	Green, Gene
Brown (SC)	Diaz-Balart, L.	Grijalva
Brown-Waite,	Dicks	Gutierrez
Ginny	Dingell	Gutknecht