

Moore (WI) Rehberg Snyder
 Moran (KS) Reichert Sodrel
 Murphy Renzi Solis
 Murtha Reyes Spratt
 Musgrave Reynolds Stark
 Myrick Rogers (AL) Stearns
 Nadler Rogers (KY) Strickland
 Napolitano Rogers (MI) Stupak
 Neugebauer Rohrabacher Sullivan
 Ney Ross Tancred
 Northup Rothman Tanner
 Norwood Roybal-Allard Tauscher
 Nunes Royce Taylor (NC)
 Nussle Rumpersberger Terry
 Oberstar Rush Thomas
 Obey Ryan (OH) Thompson (CA)
 Olver Ryan (WI) Thompson (MS)
 Ortiz Ryun (KS) Thornberry
 Osborne Sabo Tiahrt
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 Owens Sánchez, Linda Tierney
 Oxley T. Towns
 Pallone Sanchez, Loretta Turner
 Pascrell Sanders Udall (CO)
 Pastor Saxton Udall (NM)
 Paul Schakowsky Upton
 Payne Schiff Van Hollen
 Pearce Schwartz (PA) Velázquez
 Pelosi Schwarz (MI) Visclosky
 Pence Scott (GA) Walden (OR)
 Peterson (MN) Scott (VA) Walsh
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 Petri Serrano Watson
 Pickering Sessions Watt
 Pitts Shadegg Waxman
 Platts Shaw Weiner
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 Pombo Sherman Weller
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 Porter Shimkus Whitfield
 Price (GA) Shuster Wilson (NM)
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NOT VOTING—42

Ackerman Gutierrez Moran (VA)
 Barrett (SC) Holden Neal (MA)
 Brady (TX) Istook Pryce (OH)
 Brown, Corrine Kanjorski Ros-Lehtinen
 Burton (IN) Kaptur Souder
 Carson Kilpatrick (MI) Sweeney
 Clay Lantos Taylor (MS)
 Davis (AL) Larsen (WA) Wasserman
 Davis (IL) Larson (CT) Schultz
 Diaz-Balart, L. Lewis (GA) Waters
 Diaz-Balart, M. Manzullo Weldon (FL)
 Doyle Marshall Wexler
 Gilchrest Meek (FL) Wicker
 Gohmert Millender
 Graves McDonald Young (FL)

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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.

NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL MAINTENANCE FUND ACT OF 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 2107.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. RENZI) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2107, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 392, nays 0, not voting 41, as follows:

[Roll No. 173]

YEAS—392

Abercrombie DeLauro Jones (OH)
 Aderholt DeLay Kaptur
 Akin Dent Keller
 Alexander Diaz-Balart, M. Kelly
 Allen Dicks Kennedy (MN)
 Andrews Dingell Kennedy (RI)
 Baca Doggett Kildee
 Bachus Doolittle Kind
 Baird Drake King (IA)
 Baker Dreier King (NY)
 Baldwin Duncan Kingston
 Barrow Edwards Kirk
 Bartlett (MD) Ehlers Kline
 Barton (TX) Emanuel Knollenberg
 Bass Emerson Kolbe
 Bean Engel Kucinich
 Beauprez English (PA) Kuhl (NY)
 Becerra Eshoo LaHood
 Berkeley Etheridge Langevin
 Berman Evans Latham
 Berry Everrett LaTourrette
 Biggart Farr Leach
 Bilirakis Fattah Lee
 Bishop (GA) Feeney Levin
 Bishop (NY) Ferguson Lewis (CA)
 Bishop (UT) Filner Lewis (GA)
 Blackburn Fitzpatrick (PA) Lewis (KY)
 Blumenauer Flake Linder
 Blunt Foley Lipinski
 Boehlert Forbes LoBiondo
 Boehner Fortenberry Lofgren, Zoe
 Bonilla Fossella Lowey
 Bonner Foxx Lucas
 Bono Frank (MA) Lungren, Daniel
 Boozman Franks (AZ) E.
 Boren Frelinghuysen Lynch
 Boswell Gallegly Mack
 Boucher Garrett (NJ) Maloney
 Boustany Gerlach Marchant
 Boyd Gibbons Markey
 Bradley (NH) Gillmor Matheson
 Brady (PA) Gingrey Matsui
 Brown (OH) Gonzalez McCarthy
 Brown (SC) Goode McCaul (TX)
 Brown-Waite, Goodlatte McCollum (MN)
 Ginny Gordon McCotter
 Burgess Granger McCrery
 Butterfield Green (WI) McDermott
 Buyer Green, Al McGovern
 Calvert Green, Gene McHenry
 Camp Grijalva McHugh
 Cannon Gutknecht McIntyre
 Cantor Hall McKeon
 Capito Harman McKinney
 Capuano Harris McMorris
 Cardin Hart McNulty
 Cardoza Hastings (FL) Meehan
 Carnahan Hastings (WA) Meeks (NY)
 Carter Hayes Melancon
 Case Hayworth Menendez
 Castle Hefley Mica
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 Chandler Herger Miller (FL)
 Choccola Herse Miller (MI)
 Cleaver Higgins Miller (NC)
 Clyburn Hinchey Miller, Gary
 Coble Hinojosa Miller, George
 Cole (OK) Hobson Mollohan
 Conaway Hoekstra Moore (KS)
 Conyers Holt Moore (WI)
 Cooper Honda Moran (KS)
 Costa Hooley Murphy
 Costello Hostettler Murtha
 Cox Hoyer Musgrave
 Cramer Hulshof Myrick
 Crenshaw Hunter Nadler
 Crowley Hyde Napolitano
 Cubin Inglis (SC) Neugebauer
 Cuellar Inslee Ney
 Culberson Israel Northup
 Cummings Issa Norwood
 Cunningham Jackson (IL) Nunes
 Davis (CA) Jackson-Lee Nussle
 Davis (FL) (TX) Oberstar
 Davis (KY) Jefferson Obey
 Davis (TN) Jenkins Olver
 Davis, Jo Ann Jindal Ortiz
 Davis, Tom Johnson (CT) Osborne
 Deal (GA) Johnson (IL) Otter
 DeFazio Johnson, E. B. Owens
 DeGette Johnson, Sam Oxley
 Delahunt Jones (NC) Pallone

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 Pastor Ryan (WI) Sullivan
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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from this chamber today. I would like the RECORD to show that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 171, 172 and 173.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I was regrettably delayed in my return to Washington, DC and therefore unable to be on the House floor for rollcall votes 171, 172, and 173. Had I been here I would have voted "yea" for rollcall vote 171, "yea" for rollcall vote 172, and "yea" for rollcall vote 173.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, personal business in my district prevents me from being present for legislative business

scheduled for today, Monday, May 16, 2005. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on H.R. 627, designating the "Linda White-Epps" Post Office in Hamden, CT (rollcall No. 171); "yea" on H. Res. 266, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day (rollcall No. 172); and "yea" on H.R. 2107, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and Maintenance Fund Act of 2005 (rollcall No. 173).

UPPER HOUSATONIC VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA ACT

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

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank the gentleman from California (Mr. POMBO), chairman of the Committee on Resources, for bringing out today and through this House H.R. 938, legislation that establishes the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area and designates a number of other National Heritage Areas as well.

This program of National Heritage Areas is really a wonderful program. The 29 towns that encompass the Upper Housatonic Valley have worked together, their first selectmen, their historic societies, and a very large group of volunteers to inventory the historic, the economic, and the environmental assets of this area. And truly, in my district as in the others, they are unique areas, uniquely important historically and uniquely endowed environmentally.

By having a structure within which they could work together with the technical experts from the Federal level, they have developed a knowledge that enables them to plan and will enable them to strengthen the economy through thoughtful tourism programs. Truly this is a partnership between the Federal Government and very small local governments that will bless every life in the Upper Housatonic Valley and the other Heritage Areas throughout the country.

IMPORTANT ISSUES NOT BEING ADDRESSED

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

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, how disappointing that instead of using the first months of this new Congress to address the important issues facing our Nation, we have spent most of our time on issues that cater to special interests.

Instead of helping retirees by strengthening our pension system, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are seeking to dismantle Social Security. They want to take away the safety net, a safety net that seniors depend on, in favor of giving even more money to Wall Street.

Instead of developing a meaningful energy policy to lessen our dependence

on foreign oil, we spend time on the House floor passing an energy bill that will do nothing to relieve rising gas prices, but instead give tax incentives to big oil and gas companies.

The Republican leadership must stop abusing this body and the people we represent. They are doing it for their own self-interests, and it is time the people take this House back. It is the people's House.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES AND THE COST OF HEALTH CARE

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

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, for those Members who are going home and having town hall meetings and meeting with constituents, the one issue that comes up with almost every small business, big business, medium-sized businesses, and it comes up with families and school boards, as well as coming up with representatives of State legislatures, it is the cost of health care.

One of the issues we talk a lot about in Minnesota, because we are so close to the Canadian border, is the difference between what we pay for prescription drugs and what people on the other side of the Canadian border pay for the same drugs.

I have in my hands two boxes of Celebrex. We had a hearing last week in the Committee on Government Reform and I held these up and asked: Can anyone tell me which one of these drugs came from another country and which one came from the United States? Well, the answer is you cannot tell because they are exactly the same. Another question, though, about the Celebrex, is which one is safe? Well, according to the FDA, and now according to the company itself, depending upon the condition you may have with your heart and blood, neither one of them may actually be safe.

What I want to talk a little bit about tonight is the differences between what we pay here in the United States and what they pay in Germany for the same drugs. I have a list here, and we have some pharmacies now around the world who, on a regular basis, will send us via e-mail what the pricing is right then for anyone who walks in off the street to buy the drugs.

Here are a few examples. I am going to talk later about the drug Nexium. You can buy that at the Metropolitan Pharmacy in Frankfurt, Germany, for \$60.25. That same drug, same potency, same everything, made in the same

plant, sells at a local pharmacy in Rochester, Minnesota, for \$145.33.

Look at Prevacid. In Germany, it is \$35.22, American. In the United States it is \$146.47. Zocor. This is an interesting drug. You can walk in off the street with a prescription and you can buy it in Germany, 30 tablets, 10 milligrams, for \$23.83. That same drug in Rochester, Minnesota, will be \$85.

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But what I want to talk about is the Germans. Even if we add up 10 of the most commonly prescribed drugs, in Germany you can buy all of those for \$455.57. Those same drugs in the United States would be more than double that at \$1,040.04.

That is bad enough, but what makes it even worse is the Germans are looking at cutting the cost that they paid for prescription drugs. Recently, the German health care system announced that they would not pay for Lipitor. Why not? Well, the ministry decided last year it could no longer cover the high prices of some of the branded drugs because they were deemed to have the same medical efficacy as available generics.

The point is even though they are buying Lipitor considerably cheaper than we buy it here in the United States, they still think it is too much and the manufacturers cannot justify the price.

The other story is from The Washington Post where even the Department of Defense is starting to get it right. They are saying they will not reimburse for Nexium except in rare circumstances. Nexium is the new purple pill, and it came out to replace Prilosec. That is why we have to pay so much for these drugs, because these are blockbuster drugs.

The truth of the matter is by their only filings with the FDA, Nexium is not much more effective than Prilosec. As the Department of Defense says in the article, Nexium is not worth the money. It goes on to say it is pretty dubious to pay \$4 a pill for Nexium when over-the-counter Prilosec is 67 cents.

Mr. Speaker, I think Americans ought to have access to world-class drugs. I think we ought to pay our fair share. I think we ought to be willing to subsidize the starving people in sub-Saharan Africa, but I do not think Americans should have to subsidize the starving Swiss. I do not think Americans ought to be forced to pay the world's highest prices for these drugs. No one can tell the difference. These are the same drugs. They come from the same plants; and yet as Members can see, we are paying many times 50, 60, 70 percent more for the same drugs.

I am asking Members to join in this effort by cosponsoring my Pharmaceutical Market Access bill. We have been working on this for several years. It has passed the House a couple of