

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 Nos. 521 and 522.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF THE HOUSE WITH RESPECT TO RAISING AWARENESS AND ENHANCING STATE OF COMPUTER SECURITY AND SUPPORTING GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 491.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SMITH) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 491, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 354, nays 13, not voting 66, as follows:

[Roll No. 523]

YEAS—354

Abercrombie	Chandler	Foley	Johnson, E. B.	Miller (MI)	Schakowsky
Ackerman	Chocola	Forbes	Johnson, Sam	Miller (NC)	Schmidt
Aderholt	Clay	Fortenberry	Kanjorski	Miller, Gary	Schwartz (PA)
Akin	Cleaver	Fossella	Kaptur	Miller, George	Schwarz (MI)
Allen	Clyburn	Foxx	Kelly	Mollohan	Scott (GA)
Andrews	Coble	Frank (MA)	Kennedy (MN)	Moore (KS)	Scott (VA)
Baca	Cole (OK)	Franks (AZ)	Kildee	Moore (WI)	Sensenbrenner
Bachus	Conaway	Frelinghuysen	Kind	Moran (KS)	Serrano
Baird	Conyers	Garrett (NJ)	King (NY)	Murphy	Shaw
Baker	Cooper	Gilchrest	Kingston	Musgrave	Shays
Baldwin	Costa	Gillmor	Kirk	Myrick	Sherman
Barrett (SC)	Costello	Gingrey	Kline	Nadler	Sherwood
Bartlett (MD)	Cramer	Gohmert	Knollenberg	Napolitano	Shuster
Bass	Crenshaw	Gonzalez	Kolbe	Neugebauer	Simmons
Bean	Crowley	Goodlatte	Kucinich	Ney	Simpson
Beauprez	Cubin	Gordon	Kuhl (NY)	Northup	Skelton
Berkley	Cuellar	Granger	Langevin	Nunes	Slaughter
Berman	Culberson	Graves	Lantos	Nussle	Smith (NJ)
Berry	Cummings	Green (WI)	Larsen (WA)	Oberstar	Smith (WA)
Bilirakis	Cunningham	Green, Al	Larson (CT)	Obey	Snyder
Bishop (GA)	Davis (AL)	Green, Gene	Latham	Ortiz	Sodrel
Bishop (NY)	Davis (CA)	Gutknecht	LaTourette	Osborne	Solis
Bishop (UT)	Davis (IL)	Hall	Leach	Otter	Souder
Blackburn	Davis (KY)	Hart	Lungren, Daniel E.	Pallone	Spratt
Blunt	Davis (TN)	Hastings (FL)	Lynch	Pastor	Stupak
Boehlert	Davis, Jo Ann	Hastings (WA)	Mack	Payne	Sweeney
Boehner	Davis, Tom	Hayes	Maloney	Pearce	Tancredo
Bonilla	Deal (GA)	Hayworth	Marchant	Pelosi	Tanner
Bonner	DeGette	Hefley	Markay	Pence	Tauscher
Bono	Delahunt	Herger	Marshall	Peterson (MN)	Taylor (MS)
Boozman	DeLauro	Herseth	Matheson	Peterson (PA)	Taylor (NC)
Boren	DeLay	Higgins	Matsui	Pitts	Thomas
Boustany	Dent	Hinchey	McCarthy	Platts	Thompson (CA)
Boyd	Diaz-Balart, M.	Hinojosa	McCaul (TX)	Poe	Thompson (MS)
Bradley (NH)	Dicks	Hobson	McCollum (MN)	Rahall	Thornberry
Brady (TX)	Dingell	Hoekstra	McCrery	Rombo	Tiberi
Brown (OH)	Doggett	Holden	McDermott	Pomeroy	Tierney
Brown (SC)	Doolittle	Holt	McHenry	Porter	Turner
Brown-Waite, Ginny	Doyle	Honda	McHugh	Price (GA)	Udall (CO)
Burgess	Drake	Hooley	McIntyre	Pryce (OH)	Udall (NM)
Burton (IN)	Dreier	Hostettler	McKinney	Putnam	Van Hollen
Buyer	Duncan	Hoyer	McMorris	Radanovich	Velázquez
Camp	Edwards	Hulshof	McDermott	Rahall	Walsh
Cannon	Ehlers	Hunter	McNulty	Ramstad	Wamp
Cantor	Emanuel	Hyde	McHenry	Regula	Waters
Capito	Emerson	Inglis (SC)	McHugh	Rehberg	Watson
Capps	English (PA)	Inslee	McIntyre	Reichert	Waxman
Capuano	Eshoo	Israel	McKinney	Renzi	Weiner
Cardoza	Etheridge	Issa	McMorris	Reynolds	Weldon (FL)
Carnahan	Evans	Jackson (IL)	McNulty	Rogers (AL)	Weldon (PA)
Carson	Everett	Jefferson	McHenry	Rogers (MI)	Weller
Carter	Farr	Jenkins	McHugh	Rohrabacher	Westmoreland
Castle	Fattah	Jindal	Meek (FL)	Ross	Wexler
Chabot	Filner	Johnson (CT)	Melancon	Rothman	Whitfield
	Fitzpatrick (PA)	Johnson (IL)	Menendez	Royce	Wicker
			Micheaud	Ruppersberger	Ryan (OH)
			Millender-T.	Ryan (WI)	Ryan (NM)
			McDonald	Sabo	Ryan (SC)
			Miller (FL)	Sanchez, Linda	Wilson (NM)
				Salazar	Wilson (SC)
				Sánchez, Linda	Wu
				Sabu	Woolsey
				Shimkus	Young (AK)
					Young (FL)

NAYS—13

Barton (TX)	Norwood	Stearns
Ferguson	Paul	Upton
Flake	Sessions	Walden (OR)
Hensarling	Shadegg	
Jones (NC)	Shimkus	

NOT VOTING—66

Alexander	Grijalva	Pickering
Barrow	Gutierrez	Price (NC)
Becerra	Harmann	Rangel
Biggert	Harris	Reyes
Blumenauer	Istook	Rogers (KY)
Boswell	Jackson-Lee	Ros-Lehtinen
Boucher	(TX)	Royal-Allard
Brown, Corrine	Jones (OH)	Rush
Butterfield	Keller	Ryun (KS)
Calvert	Kennedy (RI)	Sanders
Cardin	Kilpatrick (MI)	Schiff
Carling	King (IA)	Smith (TX)
Case	LaHood	Stark
Davis (FL)	McCotter	Strickland
DeFazio	McGovern	Sullivan
Diaz-Balart, L.	McKeon	Terry
Engel	Meeks (NY)	Tiaht
Feeney	Moran (VA)	Towns
Jenkins	Murtha	Visclosky
Gallegly	Neal (MA)	Wasserman
Gerlach	Olver	Schultz
Gibbons	Oxley	Watt
Goode	Pascarel	

□ 1920

Mr. BUYER and Mr. DELAY changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

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

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, personal reasons require my absence from legislative business today, Monday, October 17, 2005. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on approving the Journal (rollcall No. 521); "yea" on H. Res. 457, recognizing the importance and positive contributions of chemistry (rollcall No. 522); "yea" on H. Res. 491, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and enhancing the state of computer security in the U.S. (rollcall No. 523).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I regrettably was absent from votes this evening due to commitment in my Congressional District. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 521 on approving the previous days Journal; "yea" on rollcall No. 522, to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 457 recognizing National Chemistry Week; and "yea" on rollcall No. 523, to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 491, recognizing National Cyber Security Awareness Month.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3954

Ms. HERSETH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Utah (Mr. BISHOP) be removed from H.R. 3954.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NEUGEBAUER). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from South Dakota?

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 17, 2005.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on October 17, 2005, at 4:42 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President consistent with the Trade Act of 2002 whereby he notifies the Congress of his intention to enter into a Free Trade Agreement with the Sultanate of Oman.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

GERASIMOS VANS,
Deputy Clerk of the House.

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO FREE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH THE SULTANATE OF OMAN—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 109-60)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Consistent with section 2105(a)(1)(A) of the Trade Act of 2002, (Public Law 107-210) (the “Trade Act”), I am pleased to notify the Congress of my intention to enter into a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the Sultanate of Oman.

The Agreement will generate export opportunities for U.S. companies, farmers, and ranchers, help create jobs in the United States, and help American consumers save money while offering them more choices. Entering into an FTA with Oman will build on the FTAs that we already have with Israel, Jordan, and Morocco, as well as the FTA that we have concluded with Bahrain, and will be an important step on the path to fulfilling my vision of developing economic growth and democracy in the Middle East and creating a U.S.—Middle East Free Trade Area (MEFTA) by 2013.

Consistent with the Trade Act, I am sending this notification at least 90 days in advance of signing the FTA. My Administration looks forward to working with the Congress in developing appropriate legislation to approve and implement this Agreement.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, October 17, 2005.

ON THE IRAQ VOTE

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

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, the Washington Post has done it again for us. They ran an article on the retirement of Turkey’s ambassador to the United States, and I was struck by a comment that the ambassador made regarding Iraq and our efforts to reshape that country in the Middle East.

This is what he said: “Pessimism debilitates you. Don’t ignore the facts, but be optimistic. Some of the apparent clumsiness is democracy in the making.” Democracy in the making.

Mr. Speaker, too many in this body and in the media have fed the pessimism. Those of us standing with the President and our military in Iraq are not playing Pollyanna on this. We know it is going to be a tough, tough endeavor. But we believed and we still believe that failing to act was a poor long-term solution to the fundamental crisis of terrorism that exists in the Middle East.

Today, we should all take a moment and praise our troops, our leadership, and the Iraqi people for voting on a constitution last Saturday. Nearly 63 percent of eligible voters cast a ballot. That is tremendous, and it should be cause for celebration both here and around the world.

Again, to quote the ambassador, “Pessimism debilitates you.” Let us celebrate this success.

STOP ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

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

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, illegal immigration is a huge concern to the vast majority of Americans. Some States are welcoming illegal aliens with driver’s licenses, in-State college tuition, and access to social services. One has to wonder how can this be. It appears to many that we are rewarding those that break the laws.

Whoever said crime does not pay must not have been talking about those who enter our country illegally. Crossing the border illegally is a criminal act; however, we give these people access to everything you can imagine. Lax enforcement of our immigration policies is making every day payday for illegal aliens.

States other than Texas, Arizona, and California are now more burdened than ever picking up the tab for illegal aliens, with Georgia, my home State, ranking in the top 10 with illegal alien populations.

Hospitals and others are being forced to scrape the bottom of the barrel to look for money, money that should be spent on American citizens and those here legally.

Mr. Speaker, not tomorrow, not the day after that, not next week, not next month, but today, today is the time to stop illegal immigration. H.R. 3693 will do just that.

IRAQ ELECTION ON CONSTITUTION

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, as the representative of the 48th Brigade and the 3rd Infantry Division, I have thousands of constituents in Iraq. I look each day, as most Americans do, for good news to come from that area of the world; and good news did come this weekend with their unprecedented election.

This election, which had a lot of high stakes, will hopefully, when the tally is counted, ratify their constitution, which so many have worked on in the international community for so long.

The election itself, though, was a great success, with an over-60 percent turnout. In over 6,000 different polling places, violence was absent. Compare that to the June election, when there

was a lot more absence and a lot less participation. This Saturday was a success.

Even the Sunni population, the minority population that has a lot of apprehension about this constitution, showed up in record numbers. And, remember, they boycotted the election in June.

There is a lot of progress that is happening in Iraq. I hope that this constitution does pass. I hope that the elections in December are a success. I hope that the new national government takes hold and does a great job of moving this great country to democracy.

America has made this possible, and America is standing behind our friends in Iraq.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BURGESS). 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.

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

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

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, this evening I rise to recognize October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Thankfully, we have made progress in raising awareness and attention of domestic violence and providing assistance to the affected victims. However, it is a problem that has not gone away.

We must not forget about these crimes that disrupt homes and destroy families. It is estimated that over 2 million acts of domestic violence take place each year here in the United States. According to a recent study in my home State of Kansas, one domestic violence act occurs every 24 minutes.

Domestic violence is an issue that affects all aspects of our society and is not bound by race, economics or age. It can be blamed for increased medical care costs, decreased productivity, and increased absence from work. Domestic violence also promotes a culture of depression, hopelessness and fear. One incidence of domestic violence can create a cycle of despair that is difficult for not only the victim but also the entire family to overcome.

In my small hometown of Plainville, Kansas, a family grieves over the loss of their daughter. Patty Kruse-Hicks, a kind, loving daughter, and a devoted mother to her three children, lost her life due to domestic violence. On April 19, 2004, the world changed forever for her family and all those who loved her. Patty is more than a statistic. Her legacy and love will live in the hearts of