

Peterson (PA)	Sanders	Thomas	Bono	Frank (MA)	Lungren, Daniel	Rohrabacher	Simmons	Udall (CO)
Petri	Saxton	Thompson (CA)	Boozman	Franks (AZ)	E.	Ros-Lehtinen	Simpson	Udall (NM)
Pickering	Schakowsky	Thompson (MS)	Boren	Frelinghuysen	Lynch	Ross	Skelton	Upton
Pitts	Schmidt	Thornberry	Boucher	Gallegly	Mack	Rothman	Slaughter	Van Hollen
Platts	Schwartz (PA)	Tiahrt	Boustany	Garrett (NJ)	Maloney	Royce	Smith (NJ)	Velázquez
Poe	Schwarz (MI)	Tiberi	Boyd	Gerlach	Manzullo	Ruppersberger	Smith (TX)	Visclosky
Pombo	Scott (GA)	Tierney	Bradley (NH)	Gibbons	Marchant	Rush	Smith (WA)	Walden (OR)
Pomeroy	Scott (VA)	Towns	Brady (PA)	Gilchrest	Markey	Ryan (OH)	Snyder	Walsh
Porter	Sensenbrenner	Turner	Brady (TX)	Gillmor	Marshall	Ryan (WI)	Sodrel	Wamp
Price (GA)	Serrano	Udall (CO)	Brown (OH)	Gingrey	Matheson	Ryun (KS)	Solis	Wasserman
Price (NC)	Sessions	Udall (NM)	Brown (SC)	Gohmert	Matsui	Sabo	Souder	Schultz
Pryce (OH)	Shadegg	Upton	Brown, Corrine	Gonzalez	McCarthy	Salazar	Spratt	Waters
Putnam	Shaw	Van Hollen	Brown-Waite,	Goode	McCaul (TX)	Sánchez, Linda	Stark	Watson
Radanovich	Shays	Velázquez	Ginny	Goodlatte	McCollum (MN)	T.	Stearns	Watt
Rahall	Sherman	Visclosky	Burgess	Gordon	McCotter	Sanchez, Loretta	Strickland	Waxman
Ramstad	Sherwood	Walden (OR)	Burton (IN)	Granger	McCrery	Sanders	Stupak	Weiner
Rangel	Shimkus	Walsh	Butterfield	Graves	McDermott	Saxton	Sullivan	Weldon (FL)
Regula	Shuster	Wamp	Buyer	Green (WI)	McGovern	Schakowsky	Sweeney	Weldon (PA)
Rehberg	Simmons	Wasserman	Calvert	Green, Al	McHenry	Schmidt	Tancredo	Weller
Reichert	Simpson	Schultz	Calvert	Green, Gene	McHugh	Schwartz (PA)	Tanner	Westmoreland
Renzi	Skelton	Waters	Cannon	Camp	McIntyre	Schwarz (MI)	Tauscher	Wexler
Reyes	Slaughter	Watson	Cantor	Gutierrez	McKeon	Scott (GA)	Taylor (MS)	Whitfield
Reynolds	Smith (NJ)	Watt	Capito	Gutknecht	McKinney	Scott (VA)	Taylor (NC)	Terry
Rogers (AL)	Smith (TX)	Waxman	Capps	Hall	McMorris	Sensenbrenner	Thomas	Wicker
Rogers (KY)	Smith (WA)	Weiner	Capuano	Harman	McNulty	Serrano	Thompson (CA)	Wilson (NM)
Rogers (MI)	Snyder	Weldon (FL)	Cardin	Harris	Meehan	Sessions	Thompson (MS)	Wilson (SC)
Rohrabacher	Sodrel	Weldon (PA)	Cardoza	Hart	Meek (FL)	Shadegg	Thornberry	Wolf
Ros-Lehtinen	Solis	Weller	Carnahan	Hastings (FL)	Meeks (NY)	Shaw	Tiahrt	Woolsey
Ross	Souder	Westmoreland	Carson	Hastings (WA)	Melancon	Shays	Tiberi	Wu
Rothman	Spratt	Wexler	Carter	Hayes	Menendez	Sherman	Tierney	Wynn
Royce	Stearns	Whitfield	Case	Hayworth	Mica	Sherwood	Towns	Young (AK)
Ruppersberger	Strickland	Wicker	Castle	Hefley	Michaud	Shimkus	Turner	Young (FL)
Rush	Stupak	Wilson (NM)	Chabot	Hensarling	Millender-	Shuster		
Ryan (OH)	Sullivan	Wilson (SC)	Chandler	Herger	McDonald			
Ryan (WI)	Sweeney	Wolf	Chocoma	Herseth	Miller (FL)			
Ryun (KS)	Tancredo	Woolsey	Clay	Higgins	Miller (MI)			
Sabo	Tanner	Wu	Cleaver	Hinchee	Miller (NC)			
Salazar	Tauscher	Wynn	Clyburn	Hinojosa	Miller (NY)			
Sánchez, Linda	Taylor (MS)	Young (AK)	Coble	Hobson	Miller, Gary			
T.	Taylor (NC)	Young (FL)	Cole (OK)	Hoekstra	Miller, George			
Sanchez, Loretta	Terry		Conaway	Holden	Mollohan			

NOT VOTING—12

Andrews	Fattah	Lewis (GA)
Blunt	Grijalva	Murtha
Boswell	Keller	Royal-Ballard
Davis (FL)	Kingston	Schiff

□ 1827

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. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, due to a previous commitment, I was absent from legislative business on Monday, October 17, 2005 and Tuesday, October 18, 2005. Had I been present, I would have voted accordingly: On rollcall No. 521, approving the Journal, I would have voted "nay". On rollcall No. 522, passage of H. Res. 457, I would have voted "yea". On rollcall No. 523, passage of H. Res. 491, I would have voted "yea". On rollcall No. 524, passage of H. Res. 494, I would have voted "nay". On rollcall No. 525, passage of H.R. 1409, I would have voted "yea". On rollcall No. 526, passage of H. Res. 492, I would have voted "yea". On rollcall No. 527, passage of H.R. 3549, I would have voted "yea". On rollcall No. 528, passage of H.R. 3853, I would have voted "yea".

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I missed five votes on October 18th, 2005. Had I been present I would have voted "yes" on rollcall Nos. 525, 526, 527 and 528. I would have voted "no" on rollcall No. 524.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2290

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 2290.

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

NAYS—1

Abercrombie

NOT VOTING—10

Andrews	Keller	Schiff
Boswell	Kingston	Stark
Davis (FL)	Lewis (GA)	
Grijalva	Royal-Ballard	

□ 1819

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.

WILLIE VAUGHN POST OFFICE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 3853.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. PORTER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3853, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 421, nays 0, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 528]

YEAS—421

Abercrombie	Barrett (SC)	Biggert
Ackerman	Barrow	Bilirakis
Aderholt	Bartlett (MD)	Bishop (GA)
Akin	Barton (TX)	Bishop (NY)
Alexander	Bass	Bishop (UT)
Allen	Bean	Blackburn
Baca	Beauprez	Blumenauer
Bachus	Becerra	Boehlert
Baird	Berkley	Boehner
Baker	Berman	Bonilla
Baldwin	Berry	Bonner

Boon	Boozman	Boren	Boucher	Boustany	Boyd	Bradley (NH)	Brady (PA)	Brady (TX)	Brown (OH)	Brown (SC)	Brown, Corrine	Brown-Waite,	Burgess	Burton (IN)	Butterfield	Buyer	Calvert	Camp	Cannon	Cantor	Capito	Capps	Capuano	Cardin	Cardoza	Carnahan	Carson	Carter	Case	Castle	Chabot	Chandler	Chocoma	Clay	Cleaver	Clyburn	Coble	Cole (OK)	Conaway	Conyers	Cooper	Costa	Costello	Cramer	Crenshaw	Crowley	Cubin	Cuellar	Culberson	Cummings	Cunningham	Davis (AL)	Davis (CA)	Davis (IL)	Davis (KY)	Davis (TN)	Davis, Jo Ann	Davis, Tom	Deal (GA)	DeFazio	DeGette	DeLahunt	DeLauro	DeLay	Dent	Diaz-Balart, L.	Diaz-Balart, M.	Dicks	Dingell	Doggett	Doolittle	Doyle	Drake	Dreier	Duncan	Edwards	Ehlers	Emanuel	Emerson	Engel	English (PA)	Eshoo	Etheridge	Evans	Everett	Farr	Feehey	Ferguson	Finler	Fitzpatrick (PA)	Flake	Foley	Forbes	Ford	Fortenberry	Fossella	Fox
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McKeon	Scott (GA)	Taylor (MS)	Whitfield
McKinney	Scott (VA)	Taylor (NC)	Terry
McMorris	Sensenbrenner	Thomas	Wicker
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McDonald			

Andrews	Fattah	Lewis (GA)
Blunt	Grijalva	Murtha
Boswell	Keller	Royal-Ballard
Davis (FL)	Kingston	Schiff

There was no objection.

□ 1830

SALUTING THE HOUSTON ASTROS

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I know that we have spent the day on some very serious and very important issues.

Coming from Houston, Texas, however, I wanted to salute my team, even as they make their way to St. Louis to begin their journey and their trek that we hope will be a successful run at the World Series. The Houston Astros have given us a good run this season. It is not over. We had a challenging game last evening.

But I thought it was always appropriate to thank a team when it is on its way to making good. The Astros have played their hearts out. To Drayton McLane and family and to the Astros and their leadership, their coaches, their corporate office and all of the players and their families and all of the Houston fans, hold on and be strong.

Because we know that a good run and a strong play and the right kind of spirit will give us the opportunity to look down at Wednesday and Thursday for a better day. So thank you, Astros, for a season already done. And we look forward to a new day on Wednesday and Thursday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted, "aye" on rollcall vote 521, "aye" on rollcall vote 522 and "aye" on rollcall vote 523.

IRAQI ELECTIONS

(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 rise today to express my enthusiasm about what the future holds for Iraq's women. This past weekend marked yet another courageous showing of women who are eager to live in a democracy, first in Afghanistan and now in Iraq.

The message is very, very clear that these individuals are ready, willing, and able to vote for a change. President Bush stated that our fight in Iraq includes promoting the rights of women everywhere. This fight is a very important one. Our society proves that when women are given the same rights and opportunities as men, the entire nation benefits greatly.

The constitutional referendum specifies equality regardless of sex and actually reserves 25 percent of the national assembly for women. Because of this provision, for the first time in Iraq's

history, women will have a voice in their country.

Currently, two-thirds of all Iraqi women are illiterate. Since our presence in Iraq, 2,400 schools have been renovated, 3,000 teachers trained. And this is resulting in 2 million girls back in school.

The progress that has been made for the women of Iraq is exceptional. During Saddam Hussein's reign, women were imprisoned, tortured and raped; and their attackers faced no recourse. There was no justice under this dictator of terror.

Today, injustice no longer is the rule. Iraqi women will no longer have to fear the terribly cruelty of their past because they will have control of their future.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DENT). 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.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to speak out of order for 5 minutes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from California?

There was no objection.

BRING OUR TROOPS HOME FROM IRAQ

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I did not see any purple fingers in this Chamber so far this week. We all remember how the Iraqi elections in January were hailed by the President's supporters as the turning point in Iraq.

Well, now there has been another election, a referendum on the Constitution. And what we are hearing from the pro-war forces is that we are still in for a long and deadly occupation in Iraq.

It was all going to be so simple, remember? We would march into Baghdad and depose Saddam Hussein. The grateful Iraqis would embrace the American presence, and a glorious democracy would spontaneously bloom. The Iraq situation was often compared to Germany and Japan after World War II where we were able to quickly fashion functioning democracy.

The New York Times cites Richard Armitage, Bush's former deputy Sec-

retary of State, who notes that those were homogeneous societies, whereas Iraq is a patchwork of rival ethnic groups. Armitage also points out that Germany and Japan, in 1945, were cowed populations, exhausted and deeply shocked by the war.

Iraqis, however, were unshocked and unawed. They simply want their country back. So 2½ years and 2,000 body bags later, we are spinning our wheels and the President who drove us into this ditch in the first place has no plan for getting us out.

Instead, according to a New York Times article on Monday, he seems to be preparing us for, and I quote, "a struggle of Cold War proportions." Does that mean we can look forward to a half century of American boots on the ground in Iraq?

One of the President's aids says in the article that this is a struggle of ideologies that is not going to end with one election or one constitution, or even a string of elections. Is this what the American people signed up for, a titanic ideological struggle with no end in sight? No, they were told Saddam Hussein had to be removed because he had deadly weapons pointed at American cities.

As he has repeated over the last few years, the President is mixing apples and oranges. The President is saying that there is a threat of Islamic terrorism which is real and must be addressed, and that is true. Though I would argue we need to use more diplomatic and fewer military tools in that struggle.

Then there is the war in Iraq, which is and was not a country of Islamic terrorists until we actually invaded that area and actually inflamed Muslim extremists and served as a recruiting tool for al Qaeda.

In a twisted way it turns out that the Bush administration was right. You cannot separate Iraq from the war on terrorism. What they did not tell us is that invading Iraq has helped the wrong side of the war on terrorism.

That same Times article quotes Kenneth Pollack, a scholar who initially supported the Iraq invasion. Pollack now says, and I quote him, "The theory that democracy is the antidote to insurgency gets disproven on the ground every day."

So if we cannot defeat the insurgents by continuing to hold elections, what can we do? There is only one answer. We can take away the one thing that animates the insurgency in the first place, that is, our perceived military occupation of Iraq.

Mr. Speaker, I traveled to Iraq a few weeks ago to meet with our military and to learn more about their mission. I cannot tell you how impressed I was with their courage, their loyalty, their intelligence. From the officers down to the citizen soldiers of the National Guard, they are indeed the best America has to offer.

Unfortunately, they have been let down by their civilian superiors who