

February 7, 2006. It was a great triumph for the country to hold "free and fair" presidential and legislative elections. Reports were that the elections were peaceful and that 60 percent, over 2.2 million Haitians, many who stood in line for 6 hours or more, participated. This election is a great advancement of a return to normalcy for this great country and its stupendous citizens.

This is a pivotal point in history for Haiti and the world. I now call on the international community, with the U.S. in the lead, to support democracy in this determined country. I am hopeful that this first step will serve as the beginning of national reconciliation of democracy as well as social and economic development for Haiti.

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in favor of H. Con. Res. 353.

I think it is important for this House to recognize the Republic of Haiti for recently holding successful, democratic elections, and to congratulate President-elect René García Préal on his electoral victory.

Haiti is the world's oldest Black republic and the second-oldest republic in the Western Hemisphere, after the United States. While street violence, kidnappings, and political instability have plagued Haiti in recent years, and are still threats, the democratic will of the people persevered and elections were embraced by the nation.

The presidential and legislative elections on February 7, 2006 saw unprecedented voter turnout. A member of my staff traveled to Haiti as an election monitor. Many Haitians were required to walk for miles to their designated voting centers and then were forced to wait for hours in line; nonetheless, more than 60 percent of those registered exercised their right to vote and participated in electing a new, democratic government.

This election marks a significant moment in Haiti; it not only serves as the basis of hope along the road to democracy, but also serves as a testament to the resolve and character of the Haitian people during their long struggle for peace, reconciliation, and prosperity.

Now is the time for the United States to commit itself to long-term support to Haiti. The task facing President-elect Préval is daunting; he must establish a new government, reform the judiciary, establish and maintain domestic order, create jobs, jumpstart the economy, and end Haiti's endemic malnutrition and crushing poverty. In the past, this Congress has turned a deaf ear to Haiti's needs—specifically by not passing the Haiti Economic Recovery Opportunity Act, which I have introduced in this Congress, along with Senator MIKE DEWINE in the Senate. It is my hope that President-elect Préval's election will mark a new, more supportive era in Haitian-American relations, in this Congress and in this administration.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 353.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 36 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

□ 1833

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Michigan) at 6 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 4882, by the yeas and nays;

S. 2120, by the yeas and nays.

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL VISITOR CENTER ENFORCEMENT ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 4882, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. PEARCE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4882, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 404, nays 4, not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 68]

YEAS—404

Abercrombie	Bonner	Chabot	Diaz-Balart, L.	King (IA)	Pickering
Ackerman	Bono	Chandler	Diaz-Balart, M.	King (NY)	Pitts
Aderholt	Boozman	Chocola	Dicks	Kingston	Platts
Akin	Boren	Clay	Dingell	Kirk	Poe
Alexander	Boucher	Cleaver	Doggett	Kline	Pombo
Allen	Boustany	Clyburn	Doolittle	Knollenberg	Pomeroy
Andrews	Bradley (NH)	Coble	Doyle	Kolbe	Porter
Baca	Brady (PA)	Cole (OK)	Drake	Kucinich	Price (GA)
Bachus	Brady (TX)	Conaway	Dreier	Kuhl (NY)	Price (NC)
Baird	Brown (OH)	Conyers	Duncan	LaHood	Pryce (OH)
Baker	Brown (SC)	Cooper	Edwards	Langevin	Putnam
Baldwin	Brown, Corrine	Costa	Ehlers	Lantos	Radanovich
Barrett (SC)	Brown-Waite,	Costello	Emanuel	Larsen (WA)	Rahall
Barrow	Ginny	Cramer	Emerson	Larson (CT)	Ramstad
Bartlett (MD)	Burgess	Crenshaw	Engel	Latham	Rangel
Barton (TX)	Burton (IN)	Cubbin	English (PA)	LaTourette	Regula
Bass	Butterfield	Cuellar	Eshoo	Leach	Rehberg
Bean	Buyer	Culberson	Etheridge	Lee	Reichert
Becerra	Calvert	Cummings	Everett	Levin	Renzi
Berkley	Camp (MI)	Davis (AL)	Farr	Lewis (CA)	Reyes
Berman	Campbell (CA)	Davis (CA)	Fattah	Lewis (GA)	Reynolds
Berry	Cannon	Davis (IL)	Feeney	Lewis (KY)	Rogers (AL)
Biggett	Cantor	Davis (KY)	Ferguson	Linder	Rogers (KY)
Bilirakis	Capito	Davis (TN)	Filner	Lipinski	Rogers (MI)
Bishop (GA)	Capps	Davis, Jo Ann	Flake	LoBiondo	Rohrabacher
Bishop (NY)	Cardin	Davis, Tom	Foley	Lofgren, Zoe	Ros-Lehtinen
Bishop (UT)	Cardoza	DeFazio	Fortenberry	Lowey	Ross
Blackburn	Carnahan	DeGette	Fossella	Lucas	Rothman
Blunt	Carson	DeLauro	Fox	Lungren, Daniel	Royall-Allard
Boehrlert	Carter	DeLay	Frank (MA)	E.	Royce
Boehner	Case	Dent	Franks (AZ)	Lynch	Ruppersberger
Bonilla	Castle		Frelinghuysen	Mack	Ryan (OH)
			Gallegly	Maloney	Ryan (WI)
			Garrett (NJ)	Manzullo	Ryun (KS)
			Gerlach	Markey	Sabo
			Gilchrest	Marshall	Salazar
			Gingrey	Matheson	Sánchez, Linda
			Gohmert	Matsui	T.
			Gonzalez	McCarthy	Sanchez, Loretta
			Goode	McCaul (TX)	Sanders
			Goodlatte	McCollum (MN)	Saxton
			Granger	McCotter	Shakowsky
			Graves	McCrery	Schiff
			Green (WI)	McDermott	Schmidt
			Green, Al	McGovern	Schwartz (PA)
			Green, Gene	McHenry	Schwarz (MI)
			Grijalva	McHugh	Scott (GA)
			Gutierrez	McIntyre	Scott (VA)
			Gutknecht	McKeon	Sensenbrenner
			Hall	McKinney	Serrano
			Harman	McMorris	Sessions
			Harris	McNulty	Shadegg
			Hart	Meehan	Shaw
			Hastings (FL)	Meek (FL)	Shays
			Hastings (WA)	Meeks (NY)	Sherman
			Hayes	Melancon	Sherwood
			Hayworth	Mica	Shimkus
			Hefley	Michaud	Shuster
			Hensarling	Millender-	Simmons
			Hergert	McDonald	Simpson
			Herseth	Miller (FL)	Skelton
			Higgins	Miller (MI)	Slaughter
			Hinche	Miller (NC)	Smith (NJ)
			Hinojosa	Miller, Gary	Smith (TX)
			Hobson	Miller, George	Smith (WA)
			Hoekstra	Mollohan	Snyder
			Holden	Moore (KS)	Sodrel
			Holt	Moore (WI)	Solis
			Honda	Moran (KS)	Souder
			Hooley	Moran (VA)	Spratt
			Hostettler	Murphy	Stark
			Hoyer	Murtha	Stearns
			Hulshof	Myrick	Strickland
			Hunter	Nadler	Stupak
			Hyde	Napolitano	Sullivan
			Inglis (SC)	Neal (MA)	Tancredo
			Inslee	Neugebauer	Tanner
			Israel	Ney	Tauscher
			Issa	Northup	Taylor (MS)
			Jackson (IL)	Norwood	Taylor (NC)
			Jackson-Lee	Nussle	Thomas
			(TX)	Oberstar	Thompson (CA)
			Jefferson	Obey	Thompson (MS)
			Jindal	Oliver	Thornberry
			Johnson (CT)	Osborne	Tiahrt
			Johnson (IL)	Otter	Tiberi
			Johnson, E. B.	Owens	Tierney
			Johnson, Sam	Oxley	Towns
			Jones (NC)	Pallone	Turner
			Jones (OH)	Pascarella	Udall (CO)
			Kanjorski	Pastor	Udall (NM)
			Kaptur	Paul	Upton
			Keller	Payne	Van Hollen
			Kelly	Pearce	Velázquez
			Kennedy (MN)	Pelosi	Vislosky
			Kennedy (RI)	Pence	Walden (OR)
			Kildee	Peterson (MN)	Walsh
			Kilpatrick (MI)	Peterson (PA)	Wamp
			Kind	Petri	

Wasserman	Weldon (FL)	Wilson (SC)
Schultz	Weldon (PA)	Wolf
Waters	Westmoreland	Woolsey
Watson	Wexler	Wynn
Watt	Wicker	Young (AK)
Weiner	Wilson (NM)	Young (FL)

NAYS—4

Blumenauer	Weller
Waxman	Wu

NOT VOTING—24

Beauprez	Fitzpatrick (PA)	Marchant
Boswell	Forbes	Musgrave
Boyd	Ford	Nunes
Capuano	Gibbons	Ortiz
Crowley	Gillmor	Rush
Davis (FL)	Gordon	Sweeney
Deal (GA)	Istook	Terry
Evans	Jenkins	Whitfield

□ 1854

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to ensure the proper remembrance of Vietnam veterans and the Vietnam War by designating a site for a visitor center for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MILK REGULATORY EQUITY ACT
OF 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Michigan). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, S. 2120.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GOODLATTE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 2120, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 285, nays 128, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 69]

YEAS—285

Ackerman	Cannon	Dent
Akin	Cantor	Diaz-Balart, L.
Allen	Capito	Diaz-Balart, M.
Andrews	Capps	Dingell
Baca	Cardin	Doolittle
Baird	Cardoza	Drake
Barrett (SC)	Carnahan	Duncan
Barrow	Carson	Edwards
Bartlett (MD)	Carter	Ehlers
Barton (TX)	Case	Emanuel
Bass	Castle	Engel
Bean	Chabot	English (PA)
Becerra	Chandler	Eshoo
Berkley	Chocola	Etheridge
Berman	Cleaver	Everett
Berry	Coble	Farr
Bishop (UT)	Conaway	Fattah
Blackburn	Cooper	Feeney
Boehlert	Costa	Finer
Boehner	Costello	Fitzpatrick (PA)
Boozman	Crenshaw	Flake
Boren	Crowley	Foley
Boucher	Cubin	Fortenberry
Boustany	Cuellar	Fossella
Bradley (NH)	Cummings	Fox
Brown (OH)	Davis (AL)	Franks (AZ)
Brown (SC)	Davis (CA)	Gallegly
Brown, Corrine	Davis (KY)	Garrett (NJ)
Burgess	Davis (TN)	Gerlach
Burton (IN)	Davis, Jo Ann	Gilchrest
Buyer	Davis, Tom	Gingrey
Camp (MI)	DeGette	Gohmert

Gonzalez	Marshall	Ryan (WI)
Goode	Matheson	Ryun (KS)
Goodlatte	Matsui	Sabo
Graves	McCaul (TX)	Salazar
Green (WI)	McCollum (MN)	Sánchez, Linda
Green, Al	McCotter	T.
Green, Gene	McHugh	Sanchez, Loretta
Grijalva	McIntyre	Sanders
Gutierrez	McMorris	Schakowsky
Gutknecht	McNulty	Schiff
Hall	Meehan	Schmidt
Harman	Melancon	Schwartz (PA)
Harris	Mica	Schwarz (MI)
Hart	Michaud	Scott (VA)
Hastings (WA)	Miller (MI)	Sensenbrenner
Hayes	Miller, Gary	Sessions
Hayworth	Miller, George	Shadeeg
Hensarling	Moore (KS)	Shays
Hерger	Moran (KS)	Sherman
Herseeth	Murphy	Sherwood
Higgins	Myrick	Shimkus
Hinchev	Napolitano	Shuster
Hinojosa	Neugebauer	Simmons
Hoekstra	Ney	Simpson
Holden	Northup	Skelton
Honda	Norwood	Slaughter
Hostettler	Nunes	Smith (TX)
Hoyer	Nussle	Sodrel
Hulshof	Oberstar	Solis
Inglis (SC)	Ortiz	Souder
Inslee	Osborne	Spratt
Israel	Otter	Stearns
Issa	Owens	Strickland
Jindal	Oxley	Sullivan
Johnson (CT)	Pastor	Tanner
Johnson (IL)	Pearce	Tauscher
Johnson, Sam	Pelosi	Taylor (MS)
Jones (NC)	Pence	Thomas
Kanjorski	Peterson (MN)	Thompson (CA)
Keller	Peterson (PA)	Thompson (MS)
Kelly	Petri	Thornberry
Kennedy (MN)	Pickering	Tiahrt
Kildee	Pitts	Tiberi
Kind	Platts	Turner
King (IA)	Poe	Udall (NM)
King (NY)	Pombo	Upton
Kline	Pomeroy	Van Hollen
Kuhl (NY)	Porter	Velázquez
Lantos	Price (GA)	Walden (OR)
Larsen (WA)	Price (NC)	Wamp
Latham	Pryce (OH)	Wasserman
Leach	Putnam	Schultz
Levin	Radanovich	Waters
Lewis (GA)	Ramstad	Watt
Lewis (KY)	Reichert	Weiner
Linder	Renzi	Weldon (PA)
Lipinski	Reyes	Westmoreland
Lofgren, Zoe	Reynolds	Wexler
Lowe	Rogers (AL)	Whitfield
Lucas	Rogers (MI)	Wilson (NM)
Lungren, Daniel	Ross	Wilson (SC)
E.	Roybal-Allard	Woolsey
Mack	Ruppersberger	Wu
Manzullo	Ryan (OH)	Wynn

NAYS—128

Abercrombie	Dicks	LaTourette
Aderholt	Doggett	Lee
Alexander	Doyle	Lewis (CA)
Bachus	Dreier	LoBiondo
Baker	Emerson	Lynch
Baldwin	Ferguson	Maloney
Biggett	Frank (MA)	Markey
Bilirakis	Frelinghuysen	McCarthy
Bishop (GA)	Granger	McCrery
Bishop (NY)	Hastings (FL)	McDermott
Blumenauer	Hefley	McGovern
Blunt	Hobson	McHenry
Bonilla	Holt	McKeon
Bonner	Hooley	McKinney
Bono	Hunter	Meek (FL)
Brady (PA)	Hyde	Meeks (NY)
Brady (TX)	Jackson (IL)	Millender-
Brown-Waite,	Jackson-Lee	McDonald
Ginny	(TX)	Miller (FL)
Butterfield	Jefferson	Miller (NC)
Calvert	Johnson, E. B.	Mollohan
Campbell (CA)	Jones (OH)	Moore (WI)
Clay	Kaptur	Moran (VA)
Clyburn	Kennedy (RI)	Murtha
Cole (OK)	Kilpatrick (MI)	Nadler
Conyers	Kingston	Neal (MA)
Cramer	Kirk	Obey
Culberson	Knollenberg	Oliver
Davis (IL)	Kolbe	Pallone
DeFazio	Kucinich	Pascarell
Delahunt	LaHood	Paul
DeLauro	Langevin	Payne
DeLay	Larson (CT)	Rahall

Rangel	Shaw	Visclosky
Regula	Smith (NJ)	Walsh
Rehberg	Smith (WA)	Watson
Rogers (KY)	Snyder	Waxman
Rohrabacher	Stark	Weldon (FL)
Ros-Lehtinen	Stupak	Weller
Rothman	Tancredo	Wicker
Royce	Taylor (NC)	Wolf
Saxton	Tierney	Young (AK)
Scott (GA)	Towns	Young (FL)
Serrano	Udall (CO)	

NOT VOTING—19

Beauprez	Forbes	Marchant
Boswell	Ford	Musgrave
Boyd	Gibbons	Rush
Capuano	Gillmor	Sweeney
Davis (FL)	Gordon	Terry
Deal (GA)	Istook	
Evans	Jenkins	

□ 1911

Mrs. MALONEY changed her vote from "yea" to "nay."

Messrs. SHAYS, SCOTT of Virginia, GREEN of Wisconsin, and HOYER 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.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 4200

Mr. SAXTON. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be withdrawn as a cosponsor of H.R. 4200.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Michigan). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO
OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT
CONFEREES ON H.R. 4297, TAX
RELIEF EXTENSION RECONCILI-
ATION ACT OF 2005

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, under rule XXII, clause 7(c), I hereby announce my intention to offer a motion to instruct on H.R. 4297, the tax reconciliation conference report.

The form of the motion is as follows:

I move that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4297 be instructed—

(1) to insist on the provisions of section 106 of the Senate amendment (relating to extension and increase in minimum tax relief to individuals),

(2) to recede from the provisions of the House bill that extend the lower tax rate on dividends and capital gains that would otherwise terminate at the close of 2008, and

(3) to the maximum extent possible within the scope of conference, to insist on a conference report which will neither increase the Federal budget deficit nor increase the amount of the debt subject to the public debt limit.

TRIBUTE TO BUCK OWENS

(Mr. THOMAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1