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So (two-thirds of those voting having responded in the affirmative) 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

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, because of a previously scheduled event which required my attendance at a high school in my congressional district this evening, I missed the three rollcall votes under suspension of the rules today. In conjunction with the Loudoun County Public Schools' Academy of Science, I had invited Dr. Robert Ballard, founder of the JASON project, to speak to students and parents at Dominion High School in Loudoun County about the importance of science education in our Nation's schools. JASON is funded through the Science-State-Justice-Commerce appropriations subcommittee which I chair. Dr. Ballard also is the explorer-in residence at the National Geographic Society and discoverer of the RMS Titanic shipwreck.

Had I been present and voting, I would have voted "yes" on H.J. Res. 81, providing for the appointment of Phillip Frost as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; H. Res. 703, recognizing the 20th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster and supporting continued efforts to control radiation and mitigate the adverse health consequences related to the Chernobyl nuclear power plant, and H. Res. 744, expression support for the Good Friday Agreement of 1998 as the blueprint for lasting peace in Northern Ireland and support for continued police reform in Northern Ireland as a critical element in the peace process.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, due to increased traffic resulting from the 2006 NCAA Final Four in Indianapolis, I was unavoidably detained in my home district and unable to record my vote for rollcall votes 82–84. Had I been present I would have voted "yes."

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 4297, TAX RELIEF EXTENSION RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2005

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. 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 agree to the provisions of section 102 (relating to credit for elective deferrals and IRA contributions), and section 108 (relating to extension and modification of research credit), of the Senate amendment,

(2) to agree to the provisions of section 106 of the Senate amendment (relating to exten-

sion and increase in minimum tax relief to individuals),

(3) 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

(4) 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.

#### ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 754) and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 754

*Resolved*, That the following Members be and are hereby elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

Committee on Science: Mr. Neugebauer to rank after Mr. Feeney, and Mr. Mario Diaz-Balart of Florida.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### SADDAM HUSSEIN CHARGED WITH GENOCIDE

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, the Iraqi tribunal recently announced additional charges against Iraq's former dictator. These include genocide, crimes against humanity, and the use of chemical weapons on thousands of innocent civilians.

The new case involves Saddam's role in "Operation Anfal," which resulted in 5,000 men, women and children being murdered through a gas attack on their village.

One of the pieces of evidence to be presented at the trial is a government decree signed by Saddam in 1987 in which he ordered special artillery bombs to kill as many people as possible in the Kurdish area.

This new case clearly shows that the world is indeed a safer place without Saddam Hussein, and it shows the progress being made in Iraq as the Iraqi people are finally able to seek justice through their legal system.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on March 30 I was detained on official business at the installation and inauguration of the Prime Minister of Jamaica as part of the congressional delegation that was authorized by the Speaker and therefore I was not

present on the following rollcall votes. Rollcall vote No. 75, the rule, if present, I would have voted "no," H. Res. 742.

Rollcall vote No. 76, the Pelosi resolution, if present, I would have voted "no" on the motion to table.

Rollcall vote No. 77, on the Gohmert amendment, if present, I would have voted "yes."

Rollcall vote No. 78, the Kennedy of Rhode Island amendment, if present, I would have voted "yes."

Rollcall vote No. 79, the King of Iowa amendment, if present, I would have voted "no."

Rollcall vote No. 80, the Miller substitute, if present, I would have voted "yes."

And on final passage, rollcall vote No. 81, if present, I would have voted "no."

#### CONGRATULATING NCAA BASKETBALL CHAMPION FLORIDA GATORS

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

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my University of Florida basketball team for winning the first NCAA basketball championship for any college or university in the State of Florida. Go Gators.

Last night the Gators finished their run of winning six games in the tournament, winning by an average of 16 point per game.

The waltz was all blue and orange.

The Final Four's most outstanding player, Joakim Noah, certainly deserves the praise. He broke the title record with six blocked shots, in addition to 16 points, nine rebounds and three assists. He also owns the tournament record of 29 blocks.

Coach Billy Donovan deserves credit for building this team from scratch and teaching the players how to win and act like champions. On behalf of all of the people of Florida, I want to say, "Go Gators."

#### TRIBUTE TO NORMAN BORLAUG

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

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, when all is said and done, what defines our country is the people who are the American family.

In a world which today is rife with conflict, it is particularly appropriate to pause and give recognition to an individual who has dedicated his life to bringing hope and sustenance to the family of man. No one symbolizes a sense of common purpose and community more than a native son of Iowa, Norman Borlaug.

In the spring of 1941, the newly elected Vice President of the United States,