

PROVIDING FOR SWEARING IN OF MR. BRIAN P. BILBRAY, OF CALIFORNIA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from California, Mr. BRIAN P. BILBRAY, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest, and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE BRIAN P. BILBRAY, OF CALIFORNIA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER. Will the Representative-elect and the members of the California delegation present themselves in the well.

The Representative-elect will please raise his right hand.

Mr. BILBRAY appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now a Member of the 109th Congress.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE BRIAN P. BILBRAY TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(Mr. STARK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, as dean of the California delegation, it is my distinct honor at this point to yield to the senior member of the Republican California delegation, Mr. DREIER.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, since March 4, 1789, when the United States Congress was established, 11,792 individuals have had the opportunity to serve as Members of the United States Congress. During that period of time, a grand total of 29 have left this institution and come back representing a different district. Five of our sitting colleagues now fall among those 29: Mr. INSLEE; Mr. COOPER; Mr. PAUL; our California colleague Mr. LUNGREN; and now the gentleman who is here to work and ready to make sure that we stop the problem of illegal immigration, deal with the global war on terror, and make sure that we suc-

ceed in growing our economy, our colleague, Mr. BILBRAY.

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to, first of all, in the traditional way, thank my family and my friends, who were willing to support me through this quite unusual campaign. I would like to thank the people of the 50th District for giving me their trust and huge responsibility to represent them.

For those who may not know, the 50th District is a classic California coastline district, very environmentally sensitive; and I am grateful today that they believe in recycling Congressmen.

I know there are those in this room that are not happy to see me return, and all I ask of those is give me a chance to work with you again. I think we had a good working relationship in the past, and I look forward to a great working relationship in the future.

I would like to thank those of you that stood up and helped me in every way. This was obviously a team effort, and it was one that was well thought, hard fought, and well won.

Ladies and gentlemen, I leave you with one message: there were 18 people running for this seat. The voters had one of the broadest choices of any congressional race. But there was one issue and only one issue that allowed me to be elected. It was not my experience. It was not my hard work, and God knows it was not my intellect. It was the fact that the people in the 50th District wanted something done, they wanted a job and a message sent to Washington, that now and here is the time to address illegal immigration.

We did not enjoy the situation or appreciate the problem that created the vacancy, but let me say quite clearly what is obvious in the last few months is that the greatest scandal in America is not that one man broke the law, but that 12 million illegal immigrants are in this country and Washington is not doing enough about it.

So I ask you, even if you disagree with me on this issue, let us join together and work to address this issue so that both sides, Democrat and Republican, and Independent, can go home proud that we did right by the American people and worked together for our future and our grandchildren's future.

Thank you very much.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from California, Mr. BRIAN P. BILBRAY, the whole number of the House is 433.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4939, EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE, THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR, AND HURRICANE RECOVERY, 2006

The SPEAKER. The unfinished business is the question of adoption of the conference report on the bill, H.R. 4939.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 351, nays 67, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 257]

YEAS—351

Aderholt	Cubin	Hoekstra
Akin	Cuellar	Holden
Alexander	Culberson	Hooley
Allen	Cummings	Hostettler
Andrews	Davis (AL)	Hoyer
Baca	Davis (CA)	Hulshof
Bachus	Davis (FL)	Hunter
Baird	Davis (IL)	Hyde
Baker	Davis (KY)	Inglis (SC)
Barrett (SC)	Davis (TN)	Israel
Barrow	Davis, Jo Ann	Issa
Bartlett (MD)	Davis, Tom	Istook
Bass	DeFazio	Jackson (IL)
Bean	DeGette	Jackson-Lee
Beauprez	Dent	(TX)
Becerra	Diaz-Balart, L.	Jefferson
Berman	Diaz-Balart, M.	Jenkins
Berry	Dicks	Jindal
Biggert	Dingell	Johnson (CT)
Bilbray	Doggett	Johnson (IL)
Billirakis	Doolittle	Johnson, E. B.
Bishop (GA)	Doyle	Johnson, Sam
Bishop (NY)	Drake	Jones (OH)
Bishop (UT)	Dreier	Kanjorski
Blunt	Edwards	Kaptur
Boehlert	Ehlers	Keller
Boehner	Emanuel	Kelly
Bonilla	Emerson	Kennedy (MN)
Bonner	Engel	Kennedy (RI)
Bono	English (PA)	Kildee
Boozman	Etheridge	Kipatrik (MI)
Boren	Everett	Kind
Boswell	Fattah	King (NY)
Boucher	Feeney	Kingston
Boustany	Ferguson	Kirk
Boyd	Fitzpatrick (PA)	Kline
Bradley (NH)	Foley	Knollenberg
Brady (PA)	Forbes	Kolbe
Brady (TX)	Ford	Kuhl (NY)
Brown (OH)	Fortenberry	LaHood
Brown (SC)	Fossella	Langevin
Brown, Corrine	Fox	Lantos
Brown-Waite,	Franks (AZ)	Larsen (WA)
Ginny	Frelinghuysen	Larson (CT)
Burgess	Gallely	Latham
Burton (IN)	Garrett (NJ)	LaTourrette
Butterfield	Gerlach	Leach
Buyer	Gibbons	Levin
Calvert	Gilchrest	Lewis (CA)
Camp (MI)	Gingrey	Lewis (KY)
Cantor	Gonzalez	Linder
Capito	Goode	Lipinski
Capuano	Goodlatte	LoBiondo
Cardin	Gordon	Lowe
Cardoza	Granger	Lucas
Carnahan	Graves	Lungren, Daniel
Carson	Green (WI)	E.
Carter	Green, Al	Lynch
Case	Green, Gene	Mack
Castle	Gutknecht	Maloney
Chabot	Hall	Marchant
Chandler	Harman	Marshall
Chocola	Harris	Matheson
Clay	Hart	Matsui
Cleaver	Hastings (FL)	McCarthy
Clyburn	Hastings (WA)	McCaul (TX)
Cole (OK)	Hayes	McCotter
Conaway	Hayworth	McCrery
Conyers	Hefley	McHugh
Cooper	Herger	McIntyre
Costa	Herseth	McKeon
Cramer	Higgins	McMorris
Crenshaw	Hinojosa	Meek (FL)
Crowley	Hobson	Meeks (NY)

Melancon	Rangel	Snyder
Mica	Regula	Sodrel
Millender-	Rehberg	Souder
McDonald	Reichert	Spratt
Miller (FL)	Renzi	Stearns
Miller (NC)	Reyes	Stupak
Miller, Gary	Reynolds	Sullivan
Mollohan	Rogers (AL)	Sweeney
Moore (KS)	Rogers (KY)	Tanner
Moran (KS)	Royce	Tauscher
Moran (VA)	Rohrabacher	Taylor (MS)
Murphy	Ros-Lehtinen	Taylor (NC)
Murtha	Ross	Terry
Myrick	Roybal-Allard	Thomas
Napolitano	Royce	Thompson (MS)
Ney	Ruppersberger	Thornberry
Northup	Ryan (OH)	Tiahrt
Norwood	Ryan (WI)	Tiberi
Nunes	Ryun (KS)	Towns
Oberstar	Sabo	Turner
Obey	Salazar	Udall (CO)
Ortiz	Sánchez, Linda	Udall (NM)
Osborne	T.	Upton
Otter	Sanchez, Loretta	Van Hollen
Oxley	Sanders	Velázquez
Pascrell	Saxton	Visclosky
Pastor	Schiff	Walden (OR)
Pearce	Schmidt	Walsh
Pelosi	Schwartz (PA)	Wamp
Peterson (MN)	Schwartz (MI)	Wasserman
Peterson (PA)	Scott (GA)	Schultz
Pickering	Scott (VA)	Waters
Pitts	Shadegg	Watt
Platts	Shaw	Weldon (FL)
Poe	Shays	Weldon (PA)
Pombo	Sherman	Weller
Pomeroy	Sherwood	Wexler
Porter	Shinkus	Whitfield
Price (GA)	Shuster	Wicker
Price (NC)	Simmons	Wilson (NM)
Pryce (OH)	Simpson	Wilson (SC)
Putnam	Skelton	Wolf
Radanovich	Slaughter	Wynn
Rahall	Smith (NJ)	Young (AK)
Ramstad	Smith (TX)	Young (FL)

NAYS—67

Abercrombie	Honda	Owens
Ackerman	Inslee	Pallone
Baldwin	Jones (NC)	Paul
Blackburn	King (IA)	Pence
Blumenauer	Kucinich	Petri
Campbell (CA)	Lee	Rothman
Cannon	Lofgren, Zoe	Schakowsky
Capps	Markey	Sensenbrenner
Coble	McCollum (MN)	Serrano
Costello	McDermott	Smith (WA)
Delahunt	McGovern	Solis
Duncan	McHenry	Stark
Eshoo	McKinney	Tancredo
Farr	McNulty	Thompson (CA)
Filner	Meehan	Tierney
Flake	Michaud	Watson
Frank (MA)	Miller, George	Waxman
Gohmert	Moore (WI)	Weiner
Grijalva	Musgrave	Westmoreland
Gutierrez	Nadler	Woolsey
Hensarling	Neal (MA)	Wu
Hinchey	Neugebauer	
Holt	Oliver	

NOT VOTING—14

Barton (TX)	Gillmor	Payne
Berkley	Lewis (GA)	Rush
Deal (GA)	Manzullo	Sessions
DeLauro	Miller (MI)	Strickland
Evans	Nussle	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Issa) (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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Mr. HOSTETTLER changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN

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

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, in February of this year there were approximately 112,311 Medicare part D seniors in my district. About 46,052, or 42 percent, were enrolled in a Medicare drug plan.

In March I held Medicare workshops throughout my district to educate our seniors about the Medicare part D coverage. The participation was overwhelming. As a result of these workshops, as of May 7, 2006, approximately 83,437, or 74 percent, of my eligible seniors were enrolled in the part D plan.

Currently, more than 38 million Medicare beneficiaries nationwide have good drug coverage. That is over 90 percent of all eligible beneficiaries. The Medicare prescription drug coverage is a big win for our seniors.

DEBATE ON THE WAR IN IRAQ

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, there will be a great debate this week about the war in Iraq. Will we debate whether Iraq had anything to do with 9/11? No, because everyone knows Iraq did not. Will we debate whether Iraq had weapons of mass destruction? No, because everyone knows Iraq did not. Will we debate the administration's exit strategy? No, because they don't have one.

It will be an interesting debate, because the very reasons which brought Members to vote for the war no longer have a basis in fact. They keep changing day by day, the reasons, why we are in Iraq. And as each new reason is brought to light, it keeps evaporating like the sun evaporates the morning dew.

After a while, the war becomes self-justifying, a patriotic exercise. So we will engage in a great debate about a war that is not so great, about a war based on a lie while our troops and innocent civilians die as we debate greatly.

THANK YOU TO OUR SOLDIERS

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

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, what an honor it is for me to stand here today and recognize three outstanding soldiers and citizens, Sergeant Kenneth Kraus, Staff Sergeant Jacob Long, and First Sergeant Michael Matthews. These brave men represent the best our country has to offer. They served in our military and now continue service in Roswell, Georgia, as police officers and city employees.

Just like the freedoms they protect, the heroism and selflessness embodied

by our brave soldiers must never be taken for granted. Each and every day these men and women sacrifice for the well-being of Americans and our allies, and they stand on the front lines in Iraq, Afghanistan, and around the world bringing freedom and hope to millions; and they do so with an unwavering dedication and professionalism.

We must insure that they have not only our gratitude but our genuine support in their continued efforts. Thanks to Sergeant Kraus, Staff Sergeant Long, and First Sergeant Matthews, as well as all members of the United States armed services for their contributions both at home and abroad.

You continue to make our Nation great and our friends and allies around the world secure and free. God bless you.

RISING COLLEGE EDUCATION COSTS

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

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, attention students: since the Bush administration took office in 2001, tuition and fees at 4-year public colleges have increased by 40 percent, forcing more and more students and their families to take out Federal loans. The typical student borrower now graduates from college with a record of \$7,500 debt, which they must start paying months after they graduate.

But thanks to the Bush administration, come July 1, interest rates will be raised by 7 percent, and for the parents 7.8 percent. To avoid adding potential thousands of dollars to the life of their loans, students and parents with Federal student loans should consolidate now before the July 1 rates take effect and lock in interest rates as low as 4.75 percent.

To circumvent increases caused by the Republican raid on student loans, a tax on student loans, borrowers should call the Department of Education at 1-800-557-7392. I repeat, to avoid this, call 1-800-557-7392.

5,172 MISSING CHILDREN ARE FOUND

(Mr. POE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, the ladies of the gulf, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, battered Louisiana and Texas, shattering families, scattering 5,172 children across the country. In the darkness of the night, children disappeared from their families. Searchers only hoped and prayed that they would be found.

Frantic parents upon arrival in safe harbors panicked because they were separated from their kids. While the hurricanes were a bad dream, losing their kids was a nightmare.