

Melancon	Rangel
Mica	Regula
Millender-	Rehberg
McDonald	Reichert
Miller (FL)	Renzi
Miller (NC)	Reyes
Miller, Gary	Reynolds
Mollohan	Rogers (AL)
Moore (KS)	Rogers (KY)
Moran (KS)	Rogers (MI)
Moran (VA)	Rohrabacher
Murphy	Ros-Lehtinen
Murtha	Ross
Myrick	Roybal-Allard
Napolitano	Royce
Ney	Ruppersberger
Northup	Ryan (OH)
Norwood	Ryan (WI)
Nunes	Ryun (KS)
Oberstar	Sabo
Obeys	Salazar
Ortiz	Sánchez, Linda
Osborne	T.
Otter	Sanchez, Loretta
Oxley	Sanders
Pascarella	Saxton
Pastor	Schiff
Pearce	Schmidt
Pelosi	Schwartz (PA)
Peterson (MN)	Schwartz (MI)
Peterson (PA)	Scott (GA)
Pickering	Scott (VA)
Pitts	Shadegg
Platts	Shaw
Poe	Shays
Pombo	Sherman
Pomeroy	Sherwood
Porter	Shimkus
Price (GA)	Shuster
Price (NC)	Simmons
Pryce (OH)	Simpson
Putnam	Skelton
Radanovich	Slaughter
Rahall	Smith (NJ)
Ramstad	Smith (TX)

NAYS—67

Abercrombie	Honda
Ackerman	Inslee
Baldwin	Jones (NC)
Blackburn	King (IA)
Blumenauer	Kucinich
Campbell (CA)	Lee
Cannon	Lofgren, Zoe
Capps	Markey
Coble	McCollum (MN)
Costello	McDermott
Delahunt	McGovern
Duncan	McHenry
Eshoo	McKinney
Farr	McNulty
Filner	Meehan
Flake	Michaud
Frank (MA)	Miller, George
Gohmert	Moore (WI)
Grijalva	Musgrave
Cutierrez	Nadler
Hensarling	Neal (MA)
Hinchey	Neugebauer
Holt	Olver

NOT VOTING—14

Barton (TX)	Gillmor
Berkley	Lewis (GA)
Deal (GA)	Manzullo
DeLauro	Miller (MI)
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.

□ 1202

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 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, scattering 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.

This is when the child crusaders came together, without hesitation, launching into action, combing 50 States, searching among thousands of people. In the end, all 5,172 children were brought home. After hundreds of hours of manpower, success occurred because of the dogged determination of the National Center For Missing and Exploited Children.

Through the tenacious work of peace officers and the tireless efforts of the U.S. Postal Service and thousands of nameless citizen volunteers, children were united with their parents. Yesterday, I was with the President at the White House when the First Lady honored these valid heroes, demonstrating the face of tragedy is best met by strong hearts and iron wills, and people just taking care of people.

And that's just the way it is.

HOUSE GOP IGNORES THE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF AMERICA'S WORKING CLASS

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

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, having come to Congress in this 109th, I am come to the conclusion that it is not good for any party to have complete power here in Washington. It creates a hubris that then, I think, does immense damage to the Nation. Over the last 6 years, we have seen the control of Congress and the White House by Republicans; and for whatever reason, it appears that the economic direction that we have taken in the country is in favor of the upper class, and the benefits are supposed to trickle down.

Mr. Speaker, there is a tsunami of frustration rolling across America. People are hurt. The average family is now paying \$1,200 more a year for health insurance. College tuition has jumped 40 percent and gas prices have doubled. Housing is the least affordable in the last 14 years. A tsunami of frustration is rolling across America.

Mr. Speaker, I believe we can do better.

PROBLEMS WITH SENATE IMMIGRATION APPROACH

(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 speak out against the Senate's amnesty plan. Their bill is fundamentally unfair as it benefits only those who came to this country by breaking our laws. No illegal alien is left behind by this bill, because it gives aliens in-state tuition rates at colleges.

Further, the Senate bill would allow 217 million new immigrants to come here over the next 20 years. That is two-thirds of our current population. Some of my constituents have been

sending me bricks suggesting that they go toward building the wall on our southern border.

When constituents have to step in to help send bricks to Congress, obviously they feel very strongly about the immigration issue. Actually, Americans should start sending bricks over to the Senate, and I hope that they do. However, the problem is they probably will not mail them. They will be throwing them at the Senate.

DO-NOTHING CONGRESS

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

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, the House is back in session for yet another week. The sad fact is that this House has only been in session 43 days this year; but once again, the Republican majority refuses to schedule any meaningful legislation to address our Nation's energy crisis. So that is why we call this the do-nothing Congress.

The Republican Party's cosy relationship with Big Oil is causing pain for the American consumer and jeopardizing our national security. Last year, Big Oil recorded record profits, thanks partly to billions in tax breaks that Republicans rewarded their friends last year. Yet, House Republicans remain defiant in their opposition to repealing the \$8 billion in tax breaks they have given to their friends in the oil industry.

Mr. Speaker, this is really a question of fairness. Why should oil companies continue to receive giant tax breaks from the Federal Government when they are recording record profits. Democrats want to repeal these unnecessary subsidies so we can provide consumers with some relief.

WAR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I am proud of our Speaker and the majority leader for taking a fiscally responsible stance on the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense and the Global War on Terror. Our leaders pledged that this House would reject an emergency supplemental spending package that exceeded the amount requested by the President, and this was absolutely the right stand to take.

I am sure there are folks who could argue the merits of the additional funding proposed by the Senate, but we should debate those merits at another time. This war supplemental spending is for emergency spending for the war on terror. It should not be used as a free-for-all for nonemergency spending that should be debated in our yearly budget and appropriations process.

I am very pleased that the House and Senate reached an agreement on this supplemental package that eliminated

the \$14 billion in additional funding that had been added by the Senate. This action proved that this Congress is committed to fiscal discipline.

The conference report now accomplishes its original goal by providing \$65.8 billion in funding for our troops so that they have the equipment and resources they need to win the war on terror.

DEMOCRATS FIGHTING TO EXPAND OPPORTUNITY TO ALL

(Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, the American people want Congress to focus on their priorities, and that is exactly what the House Democrats are doing. We are fighting to expand opportunity to all Americans, not just a privileged few.

At a time when the average college student graduates with more than \$17,000 in debt, Democrats want to expand the opportunities available to them by cutting the interest rates on their college loans, not increasing them, like the Republicans are doing.

At a time when wages remain stagnant for most Americans, Democrats continue to fight to raise the minimum wage because we want a fair and working wage. By increasing the minimum wage, we would not only expand opportunity for 7 million workers, but we would also increase wages for middle-class workers who have not seen a substantial pay raise in over 5 years.

At a time when high-paying jobs are going overseas, Democrats have an innovation agenda for science, engineering, information technology.

Mr. Speaker, it is time that this House really got to work.

□ 1215

SCHOOL SAFETY ACT

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

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, today the House will consider the School Safety Act authored by Congressman PORTER of Nevada. This bipartisan legislation will help make every classroom in America safer.

Recently, Michigan officials found that while the schools check their own State criminal records before hiring a coach or a teacher, 2,500 felons were still hired by Michigan's schools because they had out-of-state arrest records.

In 1998, President Clinton authorized States to share arrest records in compacts, and 25 States have done this but 25 have not, including Illinois.

John Porter's bill will link the criminal records for all 50 States. It will give school boards the tools they need to prevent a felon with an in-state or out-of-state arrest record from being put in charge of a classroom or team.