

Congress; and while the practice may be routine and have minimal costs, these provisions do make vital changes that are important to our businesses, farmers, workers, retailers and, of course, our consumers.

This year, in addition to cutting tariffs, there is a provision that clamps down on the illegal import of tobacco products by clarifying certain laws and increasing coordination between the U.S. Customs and statewide enforcement officials. Smuggling is a problem that affects every State, especially those with significant ports such as Florida, and cuts into the States and Federal tax and duty collection.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 4944 enjoys broad and bipartisan support. I would like to recognize the hard work of the members and staff of both parties for their hard work on this legislation. Each provision included in this legislation has been thoroughly vetted for support, and it has been made public record for some time. The legislation we now consider raises no objection from either party and has to be determined to be administratable upon enactment.

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that we were able to take some small yet important steps to improve livability across the country in this Miscellaneous Trade Bill. The bill includes a section allowing three streetcars manufactured in the Czech Republic to enter the United States duty free (there are no domestic producers of streetcars). These streetcars are additions to a system in Portland, Oregon that is undergoing expansion. The current system has led to \$2.2 billion in new development within three blocks of the streetcar corridor and ridership is up to 2.8 million per year.

There are also a handful of provisions that allow several types of bicycle parts and components for which there is no major U.S. producer to be imported duty free. The transportation reauthorization bill that passed last year does much to make cycling safer and more accessible to communities across the country. The provisions in this trade bill will help make bikes and accessories more affordable to the increasing number of riders nationwide, especially school children taking advantage of the new federal Safe Routes to School program.

I strongly support these provisions.

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I would yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. REHBERG). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMAS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4944.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the

Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H.R. 4944.

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

There was no objection.

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 6 o'clock and 18 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. REHBERG) at 6 o'clock and 30 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. Con. Res. 354, by the yeas and nays;
H. Con. Res. 190, by the yeas and nays;
H.R. 4944, by the yeas and nays.

The first and third electronic votes will be conducted as 15-minute votes. The second vote in this series will be a 5-minute vote.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF CONGRESS REGARDING ACCESS OF MILITARY RECRUITERS TO INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 354.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. DRAKE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 354, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 347, nays 65, answered “present” 2, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 39]

YEAS—347

Aderholt	Doyle	Leach
Akin	Drake	Lewis (CA)
Alexander	Dreier	Lewis (KY)
Allen	Edwards	Linder
Andrews	Ehlers	Lipinski
Baca	Emanuel	LoBiondo
Bachus	Engel	Lowe
Baird	English (PA)	Lucas
Baker	Eshoo	Lungren, Daniel
Barrett (SC)	Etheridge	E.
Barrow	Everett	Lynch
Bartlett (MD)	Fattah	Mack
Barton (TX)	Feeney	Manzullo
Bass	Ferguson	Marchant
Bean	Fitzpatrick (PA)	Marshall
Beauprez	Flake	Matheson
Becerra	Foley	Matsui
Berkley	Forbes	McCarthy
Berman	Fortenberry	McCaul (TX)
Berry	Fox	McCollum (MN)
Biggert	Franks (AZ)	McCotter
Bilirakis	Frelinghuysen	McCrery
Bishop (GA)	Gallely	McHenry
Bishop (NY)	Garrett (NJ)	McHugh
Bishop (UT)	Gerlach	McIntyre
Blackburn	Gibbons	McKeon
Blumenauer	Gilchrest	McMorris
Blunt	Gillmor	McNulty
Boehlert	Gingrey	Meek (FL)
Boehner	Gohmert	Melancon
Bonilla	Gonzalez	Mica
Bonner	Goode	Millender-
Bono	Goodlatte	McDonald
Boozman	Gordon	Miller (FL)
Boren	Granger	Miller (MI)
Boswell	Graves	Miller (NC)
Boucher	Green (WI)	Miller, Gary
Boustany	Green, Gene	Mollohan
Boyd	Gutknecht	Moore (KS)
Bradley (NH)	Hall	Moran (KS)
Brady (PA)	Harman	Murphy
Brady (TX)	Hart	Murtha
Brown (OH)	Hastings (WA)	Musgrave
Brown (SC)	Hayes	Myrick
Brown, Corrine	Hayworth	Neugebauer
Brown-Waite,	Hefley	Ney
Ginny	Hensarling	Northup
Burgess	Herger	Norwood
Burton (IN)	Herseth	Nunes
Butterfield	Higgins	Nussle
Buyer	Hinojosa	Oberstar
Calvert	Hobson	Obey
Camp (MI)	Hoekstra	Ortiz
Campbell (CA)	Holden	Osborne
Cannon	Hookey	Otter
Cantor	Hostettler	Oxley
Capito	Hoyer	Paul
Cardin	Hulshof	Pearce
Cardoza	Hunter	Pence
Carnahan	Hyde	Peterson (MN)
Carter	Inglis (SC)	Peterson (PA)
Case	Inslee	Petri
Castle	Israel	Pickering
Chabot	Issa	Pitts
Chandler	Istook	Platts
Chocola	Jefferson	Poe
Clay	Jenkins	Pombo
Cleaver	Jindal	Pomeroy
Clyburn	Johnson (CT)	Porter
Coble	Johnson (IL)	Price (GA)
Cole (OK)	Johnson, E. B.	Price (NC)
Conaway	Johnson, Sam	Pryce (OH)
Cooper	Jones (NC)	Putnam
Costa	Jones (OH)	Rahall
Costello	Kanjorski	Ramstad
Cramer	Kaptur	Regula
Crenshaw	Keller	Rehberg
Crowley	Kelly	Reichert
Cubin	Kennedy (MN)	Renzi
Cuellar	Kennedy (RI)	Reyes
Cummings	Kildee	Reynolds
Davis (AL)	Kind	Rogers (AL)
Davis (CA)	King (IA)	Rogers (KY)
Davis (KY)	King (NY)	Rogers (MI)
Davis (TN)	Kingston	Rohrabacher
Davis, Jo Ann	Kirk	Ros-Lehtinen
Davis, Tom	Kline	Ross
DeFazio	Knollenberg	Roybal-Allard
DeLay	Kolbe	Royce
Dent	Kuhl (NY)	Ruppersberger
Diaz-Balart, L.	LaHood	Ryan (OH)
Diaz-Balart, M.	Langevin	Ryan (WI)
Dicks	Larsen (WA)	Ryun (KS)
Dingell	Larson (CT)	Sabo
Doggett	Latham	Salazar
Doolittle	LaTourette	Sanchez, Loretta

Saxton	Snyder	Udall (NM)
Schiff	Sodrel	Upton
Schmidt	Souder	Van Hollen
Schwartz (PA)	Spratt	Visclosky
Schwarz (MI)	Stearns	Walden (OR)
Scott (GA)	Stupak	Walsh
Sensenbrenner	Sullivan	Wamp
Sessions	Tancredo	Weldon (FL)
Shadegg	Tanner	Weldon (PA)
Shaw	Tauscher	Weller
Shays	Taylor (MS)	Westmoreland
Sherman	Taylor (NC)	Whitfield
Sherwood	Terry	Wicker
Shinkus	Thomas	Wilson (NM)
Shuster	Thompson (CA)	Wilson (SC)
Simmons	Thompson (MS)	Wolf
Simpson	Thornberry	Wu
Slaughter	Tiahrt	Wynn
Smith (NJ)	Tiberi	Young (AK)
Smith (TX)	Turner	Young (FL)
Smith (WA)	Udall (CO)	

NAYS—65

Abercrombie	Lee	Pelosi
Ackerman	Levin	Rangel
Baldwin	Lewis (GA)	Rothman
Capps	Lofgren, Zoe	Rush
Capuano	Maloney	Sánchez, Linda
Carson	Markey	T.
Conyers	McDermott	Sanders
DeGette	McGovern	Schakowsky
Delahunt	Meehan	Scott (VA)
DeLauro	Meeks (NY)	Serrano
Farr	Michaud	Solis
Frank (MA)	Miller, George	Stark
Grijalva	Moore (WI)	Tierney
Gutierrez	Moran (VA)	Towns
Hastings (FL)	Nadler	Velázquez
Hinchey	Napolitano	Waters
Holt	Neal (MA)	Watson
Honda	Olver	Waxman
Jackson (IL)	Owens	Weiner
Jackson-Lee	Pallone	Wexler
(TX)	Pascarell	Woolsey
Kucinich	Pastor	
Lantos	Payne	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—2

Green, Al Watt

NOT VOTING—18

Culberson	Filner	Skelton
Davis (FL)	Ford	Strickland
Davis (IL)	Fossella	Sweeney
Deal (GA)	Harris	Wasserman
Duncan	Kilpatrick (MI)	Schultz
Emerson	McKinney	
Evans	Radanovich	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. REHBERG) (during the vote). The Chair announces that the time for resumption of proceedings on House Concurrent Resolution 190 and on H.R. 4944 is re-designated as tomorrow. After completion of the electronic vote now in progress, no other votes are planned for today.

□ 1926

Ms. PELOSI and Ms. CARSON and Messrs. LANTOS, TOWNS, HASTINGS of Florida, DELAHUNT, ROTHMAN, MORAN of Virginia and RANGEL changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Ms. ESHOO and Messrs. MARSHALL, OBERSTAR, KENNEDY of Rhode Island, REYNOLDS and CROWLEY changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

Mr. CAPUANO changed his vote from "present" to "nay."

So (two-thirds of those voting having responded in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, personal business requires my presence in the congressional district, and I am unable to be present for legislative business scheduled for today, Tuesday, March 14, 2006. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on H. Con. Res. 354, a resolution expressing the support of Congress for requiring an institution of higher education to provide military recruiters access to the institution's campus and students at least equal in quality and scope to that which is provided to any other employer in order to be eligible for the receipt of certain Federal funds (rollcall No. 39).

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 39, on H. Con. Res. 354, I was en route from my Congressional District on official business. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 4857

Mr. DICKS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name withdrawn as a cosponsor of H.R. 4857.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. TANNER. 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, 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.

REPUBLICAN RECORD ON NATIONAL SECURITY

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

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, as Members of Congress, our first responsibility is to protect our country from all of those who wish to harm us. House Republicans have built a record of action on national security issues, supporting our military, providing for a strong national defense, and aggressively prosecuting the war on terror.

The PATRIOT Act that the President signed last week will give our law enforcement personnel the tools that they really need to continue to keep our Nation safe from terrorist threats. This week, we will take up another very important national security bill, the supplemental appropriations bill to fund the war on terror.

This bill provides for essential tools for our troops, such as armored Humvees and tracking vehicles, training for Iraqi and Afghani security forces, and it has increased oversight of war expenditures to ensure that taxpayers' dollars are spent wisely.

House Republicans remain committed to giving our troops the resources they need and funding, fighting, and winning the war on terror. We will continue to meet our obligation to defend our Nation from every threat, at home and abroad.

□ 1930

NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

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

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to reintroduce the "Expand and Rebuild America's Schools Act," H.R. 4945.

This important piece of legislation would create a class of bonds that would provide for much-needed construction of new schools. The bonds will be targeted to help overcrowded, high growth rate schools that are struggling to provide a learning space for their students.

To be eligible to participate in this program, schools must be able to fulfill certain requirements: Schools must seek out more assistance from local, private businesses and corporations through public-private partnerships; they must demonstrate that programs to alleviate overcrowding have already been implemented; and they must have high growth rates and high teacher-to-student ratios.

My bill will help schools with limited financial resources combat their major overcrowding problems, and help stop the continuing infrastructure crisis in our schools.

If passed, this bill will provide local school districts with a real incentive to pass their own local school construction bonds. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this new school construction by cosponsoring the Expand and Rebuild America's Schools Act.

COMMENDING NORTH CAROLINA'S EIGHTH DISTRICT AMERICAN IDOL FINALISTS

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

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to announce that not one but two talented individuals from the Eighth Congressional District of North Carolina have made it to the final 12 on the hit show "American Idol." Stanly County's Kellie Pickler and Richmond County's Bucky Covington are using their God-given talents to compete and make their dreams come true. Both Kellie and Bucky's communities are