

Upton	Watson	Wilson (NM)
Van Hollen	Watt	Wilson (SC)
Velázquez	Weiner	Wolf
Visclosky	Welch (VT)	Woolsey
Walden (OR)	Westmoreland	Wu
Walsh (NY)	Wexler	Wynn
Walz (MN)	Whitfield	Yarmuth
Waters	Wicker	Young (FL)

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—8

Akin	Goode	Sali
Forbes	King (IA)	Walberg
Franks (AZ)	Musgrave	

NOT VOTING—66

Boehner	Hastert	Pryce (OH)
Brady (PA)	Hastings (FL)	Rohrabacher
Brown, Corrine	Hulshof	Schmidt
Butterfield	Hunter	Shays
Buyer	Jefferson	Shea-Porter
Carney	Jindal	Shuster
Carson	Johnson (IL)	Simpson
Chabot	Kilpatrick	Smith (WA)
Conaway	Klein (FL)	Souder
Costello	Kucinich	Spratt
Cubin	LaHood	Tancredo
Davis (KY)	Lampson	Taylor
Deal (GA)	Marchant	Udall (CO)
Dicks	Meek (FL)	Wamp
English (PA)	Myrick	Wasserman
Ferguson	Nadler	Schultz
Flake	Neal (MA)	Waxman
Frelinghuysen	Paul	Weldon (FL)
Gohmert	Payne	Weller
Granger	Pence	Wilson (OH)
Green, Gene	Peterson (PA)	Young (AK)
Grijalva	Pickering	Pitts
Gutierrez		

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes to record your vote.

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Mr. GOODE changed his vote from "yea" to "present."

So (two-thirds being 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

Ms. KILPATRICK. Madam Speaker, due to official business in the 13th Congressional District of Michigan, I was unable to make several votes today. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on final passage of H.R. 3224, the Dam Rehabilitation and Repair Act of 2007; "yea" on final passage of H. Res. 573—Recognizing and commending the efforts of the United States public and advocacy groups to raise awareness about and help end the worsening humanitarian crisis and genocide in Darfur, Sudan, and for other purposes; and "yea" on final passage of H. Res. 747—Recognizing the religious and historical significance of the festival of Diwali.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. SHAYS. Madam Speaker, on October 29, 2007, I missed 3 recorded votes.

I take my voting responsibility very seriously and would like the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to reflect that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on recorded vote No. 1010, "yea" on recorded vote 1011 and "yea" on recorded vote 1012.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, on Monday, October 29, 2007, I was absent from the House due to travel complications. Had I been present I would have voted:

On rollcall No. 1010—"nay"—H.R. 3224, Dam Rehabilitation and Repair Act of 2007.

On rollcall No. 1011—"yea"—H. Res. 573, Recognizing and commending the efforts of the United States public and advocacy groups to raise awareness about and help end the worsening humanitarian crisis and genocide in Darfur, Sudan, and for other purposes.

On rollcall No. 1012—"yea"—H. Res. 747, Recognizing the religious and historical significance of the festival of Diwali.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I took a leave of absence on October 29, 2007; unfortunately my airline flight was delayed. The following list describes how I would have voted had I been in attendance today.

"Yea" on H.R. 3224—Dam Rehabilitation and Repair Act of 2007, Representative Salazar—Transportation and Infrastructure.

"Yea" on H.R. 573—Recognizing and commending the efforts of the United States public and advocacy groups to raise awareness about and help end the worsening humanitarian crisis and genocide in Darfur, Sudan, and for other purposes, Representative Moran (VA)—Foreign Affairs.

"Yea" on H.R. 747—Recognizing the religious and historical significance of the festival of Diwali, Representative Wilson (SC)—Foreign Affairs.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2074

Mr. McCARTHY of Texas. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 2074.

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

There was no objection.

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SUPPORT OUR VETERANS

(Mrs. DRAKE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. DRAKE. Madam Speaker, this is day 29. That is 29 days so far that our veterans have not had the use of the increased funding for their benefits and health care. That is \$18.5 million dollars a day not able to be used. And why? Because the Democratic leadership has decided to not complete this bill and send it to the President who has agreed to sign it.

In June this House passed this appropriation bill with a \$6 billion increase in a bipartisan manner. We are proud of our work and grateful to our veterans.

On September 6, the Senate completed their bill. This work is done. Our veterans are not pawns in a political game. They are heroes.

America expects us to get the job done. America expects us to provide the best care to our veterans.

Please join me in calling upon the Democratic leadership to put our veterans first and send this bill to the President now.

CONDEMNING THE ATTACKS ON AFRICAN UNION PEACEKEEPERS IN HASKANITA, DARFUR, SUDAN

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, today on the floor of the House, I was very pleased to have debated H. Res. 740 that I authored with Congressman CHABOT from Ohio and joined by 55 of my colleagues.

This resolution denounced the attack on African Union peacekeepers. And it was a result of the codel led by myself, joined by Congressman CHABOT and Congressman SMITH from Nebraska, the first codel to go into Darfur since the signing of the agreement dealing with the peacekeepers.

It is time now for our eyes to focus on a safe return of those who have suffered to their homeland, 2.4 million displaced Sudanese, Darfurians, who live in a state of flux and fear.

It is an outrage that these peacekeepers would be attacked. It is an outrage that, as the African Union has stood up to be counted and provided soldiers on the field to protect those refugees, it is an outrage that they are being attacked.

We ask the U.N. to intervene to provide more peacekeepers. We ask that the genocide stop. And we ask that Khartoum recognize that they have an obligation to the people of Sudan. Stop the genocide.

IN MEMORY OF SERGEANT EDWARD PHILPOT

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today, with great sympathy, in honor of the memory of Sergeant Edward Philpot of South Carolina National Guard's 218th Brigade Combat Team. Sergeant Philpot and his fellow soldiers were traveling as a convoy near Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, last Tuesday when his Humvee accidentally went off the road.

Sergeant Philpot is the first member of the 218th, my former National Guard Brigade, to lose his life while serving in Afghanistan. His sacrifice is a reminder of the courage and dedication to duty shared by so many of our fellow Americans. We must never forget the immense sacrifices these brave men and women are making to defend freedom and to protect American families.

My thoughts and prayers are with Sergeant Philpot's wife, Stephanie; their three daughters; his parents, Ottas and Willa; and his entire family, friends, and fellow soldiers who continue to defend our country overseas. His sacrifice is a testament to the love for his country, his family, and his fellow soldiers.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th.

THE DRIVE ACT

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, last week the Capitol hosted a display of electric cars, hybrids like the Toyota Prius and various generations.

And there was one car that got my attention. It was an Auto-Cycle. It was a one-man car. It would go 75 miles an hour. And the owner of it did not drive it in from Ohio where it was made, but he said he could have. It goes 75 miles an hour. And if you have a car like that in town, you basically plug it in every day and you run all day long, and you don't use one ounce of gas.

I am a cosponsor of something called the DRIVE Act. It is a bipartisan bill cosponsored by me and ELIOT ENGEL of New York. The idea behind it is to get off Middle East oil by increasing the incentive to buy hybrid cars, flex-fuel vehicles, electric vehicles, biodiesels, cars that run on ethanol, and a number of other alternative-fuel vehicles. We have the technology that's out there.

We are doubling, in the DRIVE Act, the tax credit for buying hybrids in such cars. I believe that this is a step in the right direction, and I urge my colleagues to cosponsor the DRIVE Act.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. CLARKE). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

HONORING LIEUTENANT MICHAEL P. MURPHY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mr. BISHOP) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, it is with honor and with a profound sadness that I rise to recognize Lieutenant Michael P. Murphy of the United States Navy, who last week was posthumously awarded our Nation's highest award for valor: the Medal of Honor.

Among my greatest privileges was attending last week's ceremonial presentations of the Medal of Honor to his family at the White House and the Navy Memorial.

Known fondly as "Murph," Michael was born on May 7, 1976, in Smithtown, New York, and grew up in Patchogue, in my district on eastern Long Island. He was raised by a family of policemen, lifeguards, firemen, and teachers who instilled values reflecting that public service is a noble calling.

In high school, Lieutenant Murphy life-guarded at the Brookhaven town beach in Lake Ronkonkoma, a job he returned to each summer through his college years. He graduated from Patchogue-Medford High School in 1994.

Lieutenant Murphy attended Penn State University, where he was an exceptional all-around athlete and student. He excelled at ice hockey, graduated with honors, and was accepted to several law schools, but instead wanted to serve his country as part of the world's most elite fighting force: the U.S. Navy SEALs.

Slightly built at 5 feet, 10 inches, he attended SEAL mentoring sessions at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point and was accepted to the Navy Officer Candidate School in 2000. Lieutenant Murphy was commissioned as an ensign and after 6 months completed Basic Underwater Demolition SEAL training in 2001. He then attended Army Jump School, SEAL Qualification Training, SEAL Delivery Vehicle School, and earned his SEAL Trident by 2002.

Lieutenant Murphy was later deployed to Qatar and to the Horn of Africa in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 2005, Lieutenant Murphy was assigned to SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team ONE as assistant officer in charge of ALFA Platoon and deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Madam Speaker, the Congressional Medal of Honor commemorates Lieutenant Murphy's actions as the officer in charge of a four-man SEAL unit in support of Operation Red Wing, tasked with finding a key Taliban commander in the mountainous terrain of northeastern Afghanistan.

On June 28, 2005, shortly after inserting into the objective area, the SEALs were spotted by three goat herders who were initially detained and then released. It is believed they reported the SEALs' presence to Taliban fighters.

A fierce gun battle ensued on the steep face of the mountain between the SEALs and a much larger enemy force. Despite the intensity of the firefight and suffering grave gunshot wounds himself, Lieutenant Murphy is credited with risking his own life to save the lives of his teammates.

He had moved into the open where he could gain a better position to transmit a call for help. This deliberate and heroic act deprived him of cover and made him a target for the enemy. While continuing to be fired upon, he made contact with Bagram Air Base to request assistance. He calmly reported his unit's location and the size of the enemy force while requesting support for his team.

He was shot in the back, causing him to drop the transmitter. He picked it back up, completed the call, and continued firing at the enemy closing in. Severely wounded, he returned to his men and continued the battle.

In response to Lieutenant Murphy's call, an MH-47 Chinook helicopter,

with eight additional SEALs and eight Army Night Stalkers aboard, was sent. As the Chinook drew near, a rocket-propelled grenade hit the helicopter, causing it to crash, killing all 16 men aboard.

On the ground and nearly out of ammunition, the four SEALs continued to fight. After 2 hours Lieutenant Murphy, Matthew Axelson, and Daniel Dietz had fallen. Over 30 Taliban were also killed.

The fourth SEAL, Petty Officer Marcus Luttrell, was knocked unconscious and over a ridge by the blast of a rocket-propelled grenade. Though severely wounded, he evaded the enemy for nearly a day and was rescued by local nationals who cared for him until U.S. forces arrived for him 3 days later.

Lieutenant Michael P. Murphy was buried at Calverton National Cemetery, less than 20 miles from his hometown. His other awards include the Purple Heart, Combat Action Ribbon, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Ribbon, and National Defense Service Medal.

Throughout his life, he was known for his unwavering loyalty and an instinctive responsibility to help others. With unwavering courage in the face of certain death, he gave his life for his country and teammates, reflecting great credit upon himself and upholding the Navy's highest traditions.

Madam Speaker, our Nation is blessed to have a military full of great Americans like Lieutenant Michael P. Murphy who are serving with great distinction. He epitomized the selfless devotion to duty our young men and women have demonstrated time and again in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other hostile regions. My heart goes out to the Murphy family and the people of Patchogue, New York, for they have lost one of America's very finest.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. POE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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HONORING LIEUTENANT MICHAEL P. MURPHY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. DENT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DENT. Madam Speaker, I just want to follow up on what my friend Mr. BISHOP of New York has just said.

We all learned about Lieutenant Michael Murphy's bravery. And, of course, last week, as was just stated, he received the Congressional Medal of Honor from President Bush on October 22.

I also want to share with you an experience over the weekend prior to the