

Kaptur	Mitchell	Scott (VA)
Keller	Mollohan	Serrano
Kennedy	Moore (KS)	Sessions
Kildee	Moore (WI)	Sestak
Kilpatrick	Moran (VA)	Shays
Kind	Murphy (CT)	Shea-Porter
King (IA)	Murphy, Patrick	Sherman
King (NY)	Murphy, Tim	Shimkus
Kirk	Murtha	Shuler
Klein (FL)	Musgrave	Shuster
Kline (MN)	Myrick	Sires
Knollenberg	Nadler	Skelton
Kucinich	Napolitano	Slaughter
Kuhl (NY)	Neal (MA)	Smith (NE)
LaHood	Neugebauer	Smith (NJ)
Lamborn	Nunes	Smith (TX)
Lampson	Oberstar	Smith (WA)
Langevin	Obey	Snyder
Lantos	Olver	Solis
Larsen (WA)	Ortiz	Souder
Larson (CT)	Pallone	Spratt
Latham	Pascrell	Stearns
LaTourette	Pastor	Stupak
Lee	Payne	Sullivan
Levin	Pearce	Sutton
Lewis (GA)	Pence	Tancredo
Lewis (KY)	Perlmutter	Tanner
Linder	Peterson (MN)	Tauscher
Lipinski	Peterson (PA)	Taylor
LoBiondo	Pickering	Terry
Loebach	Pitts	Thompson (CA)
Lofgren, Zoe	Platts	Thompson (MS)
Lowey	Poe	Thornberry
Lucas	Pomeroy	Tiberi
Lungren, Daniel	Porter	Tierney
E.	Price (GA)	Towns
Lynch	Price (NC)	Turner
Mack	Pryce (OH)	Udall (CO)
Mahoney (FL)	Putnam	Udall (NM)
Maloney (NY)	Radanovich	Upton
Marchant	Rahall	Van Hollen
Markey	Ramstad	Velázquez
Marshall	Rangel	Visclosky
Matheson	Regula	Walberg
Matsui	Rehberg	Walden (OR)
McCarthy (CA)	Reichert	Walsh (NY)
McCarthy (NY)	Renzi	Walz (MN)
McCaul (TX)	Reyes	Wamp
McCollum (MN)	Reynolds	Wasserman
McCotter	Rodriguez	Schultz
McCrery	Rogers (AL)	Waters
McDermott	Rogers (KY)	Watson
McGovern	Rogers (MI)	Watt
McHenry	Rohrabacher	Waxman
McHugh	Ros-Lehtinen	Weiner
McIntyre	Roskam	Welch (VT)
McKeon	Roybal-Allard	Weldon (FL)
McMorris	Royce	Weller
Rodgers	Ruppersberger	Westmoreland
McNerney	Ryan (OH)	Whitfield
McNulty	Ryan (WI)	Wicker
Meehan	Salazar	Wilson (NM)
Meek (FL)	Sali	Wilson (OH)
Melancon	Sánchez, Linda	Wilson (SC)
Mica	T.	Wolf
Michaud	Sanchez, Loretta	Woolsey
Millender-	Sarbanes	Wu
McDonald	Saxton	Wynn
Miller (FL)	Schakowsky	Yarmuth
Miller (MI)	Schiff	Young (AK)
Miller (NC)	Schmidt	Young (FL)
Miller, Gary	Schwartz	
Miller, George	Scott (GA)	

NAYS—16

Abercrombie	Duncan	Petri
Barrett (SC)	Flake	Sensenbrenner
Blackburn	Fox	Shadegg
Cannon	Goode	Tiahrt
Conaway	Manzullo	
Deal (GA)	Paul	

NOT VOTING—21

Brady (TX)	Gilchrest	Ross
Brown, Corrine	Hastings (WA)	Rothman
Clay	Hunter	Rush
Cubin	Kingston	Simpson
Davis, Jo Ann	Lewis (CA)	Space
Davis, Tom	Meeks (NY)	Stark
DeFazio	Moran (KS)	Wexler

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes remaining in the vote.

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Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.” Mr. WAMP changed his vote from “nay” to “yea”.

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 556, NATIONAL SECURITY FOREIGN INVESTMENT REFORM AND STRENGTHENED TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2007

Mr. ARCURI, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-25) on the resolution (H. Res. 195) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 556) to ensure national security while promoting foreign investment and the creation and maintenance of jobs, to reform the process by which such investments are examined for any effect they may have on national security, to establish the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

HONORING JOHN J. McNULTY, JR.

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

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute a very special constituent of mine on the occasion of his 85th birthday, which is today. He has been an outstanding son, husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, and he has also been an outstanding public servant, having first been elected to public office in the year 1949 and having been elected to office in seven different decades. He served as a town supervisor and mayor, a sheriff, a member of the New York State Commission of Corrections.

Mr. Speaker, I want to salute and pay tribute to him today on the occasion of his 85th birthday, the Honorable John J. McNulty, Jr., and, yes, Mr. Speaker, he is my dad.

CONGRESSIONAL INACTION JEOPARDIZES JEFFERSON COUNTY'S AWARD WINNING JUVENILE PROGRAM

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

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, the failure of Congress to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act amounts to a breach of faith to more than 600 forested counties and 4,400

school districts across America, including Jefferson County in Oregon, where more than 50 percent of the land is in Federal ownership, which means the county's Community Work Service program for primarily juvenile offenders will be eliminated.

Under the program, juvenile community service work crews remove trash from public lands, rehabilitate hiking trails, revegetate denuded areas, and repair resource damage due to vandalism. In 2004 alone, these young people removed more than 150 tons of garbage and more than 2 miles of old barbed wire fence from BLM lands.

In fact, the Bureau of Land Management awarded this program the National Volunteer Award for making a difference on the public lands in 2005. It has been very successful in addressing recidivism and introducing a new generation to America's forests.

Former Madras Mayor Rick Allen said: “Loss of these funds will cripple community services.”

My colleagues, Congress must keep the Federal Government's promise to timbered communities. Pass H.R. 17. Time is running out.

HONORING DR. JAMES L. COLEMAN, JR.

(Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, it is understood that overall America's health care facilities face a decline in the quality of their staff. But South Carolina is graciously blessed with Dr. James L. Coleman, Jr., whose mission it is to improve the ways we provide the best and accessible primary and preventive health care to folks in our State who lack the means for quality medical care.

Currently serving as chief executive officer of the Margaret J. Weston Medical Center, Dr. Coleman is known for providing a message of diversity in health care. He and his staff at the medical center understand that in order to have healthy citizens, it is essential to provide affordable health care services.

With degrees from Winthrop, Central Arkansas and a doctorate of education from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Dr. Coleman is a teacher and local crusader for the improvement of lives by the improvement of health services.

During February's Black History Month, I would like to recognize Dr. Coleman. His efforts to provide better health care to underprivileged South Carolina citizens has not gone unnoticed.

BIG READ, AN EXCERPT FROM “THE GRAPES OF WRATH”

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

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, today my community celebrates the birthday of

John Steinbeck, one of our famous native sons, born in Salinas and raised in and around Monterey Bay. At home in my district this month, the National Steinbeck Center will get the whole community to read one book together, "The Grapes of Wrath," one of the best, well-known tomes by Steinbeck.

The book is being read across the country as part of NEA's Big Read program, designed to bring reading for pleasure back into our lives. Since I am a citizen of Monterey County myself, I would like to offer my own participation in this celebration by reading the following passage from "The Grapes of Wrath":

"The people came out of their houses and smelled the hot stinging air and covered their noses from it . . . Men stood by their fences and looked at the ruined corn, drying fast now, only a little green showing through the film of dust. The men were silent and they did not move often. And the women came out of the houses to stand beside their men—to feel whether this time the men would break. The women studied the men's faces secretly, for the corn could go, as long as something else remained . . . The children sent exploring senses out to see whether men and women would break . . . After a while, the faces of the watching men lost their bemused perplexity and became hard and angry and resistant. Then the women knew that they were safe and that there was no break. Then they asked, What'll we do? And the men replied, I don't know. But all was all right. The women knew it was all right and the watching children knew it was all right . . . The men sat still—thinking—figuring."

This is Steinbeck at his best.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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.

U.S. MUST FOCUS EFFORTS IN AFGHANISTAN

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor this evening to discuss more recent developments regarding the U.S. involvement in Afghanistan and Pakistan. The Taliban and al Qaeda seem to be growing in strength, and the evidence shows that they are in the planning stages for a spring offensive.

Mr. Speaker, I have spoken on the floor many times about the forgotten war in Afghanistan. It was promising to see the Bush administration finally wake up and bring the issue to the forefront this weekend with Vice President DICK CHENEY making a trip to Af-

ghanistan and Pakistan. I was relieved to hear that Vice President CHENEY was not hurt after a deadly suicide bombing took place near the U.S. military base he was visiting in Afghanistan.

A few hours after the attack, a Taliban official took credit for the tragic bombing and claimed that it was an attack on the Vice President, and this incident only underscores the recent resurgence the Taliban and al Qaeda have seen in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The details of Vice President CHENEY's trip to Afghanistan and Pakistan were kept extremely classified. This is in contrast with last year, when President Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice both visited Pakistan with far less secrecy. The increased level of confidentiality for Vice President CHENEY's trip illustrates the growing strength of al Qaeda in Afghanistan and Pakistan and shows that the administration is obviously aware of the increased dangers that al Qaeda poses in the region.

During his trip to Pakistan, the Vice President apparently delivered a stiff message, as he said, to Pakistani President Musharraf. The administration will not provide details of the encounter between the two leaders, but reports claim that the Vice President warned President Musharraf that American aid to Pakistan could be in jeopardy.

The Vice President is obviously referencing provisions in H.R. 1, a bill crafted by Democrats in Congress, that implements the recommendations of the bipartisan 9/11 Commission. These provisions will end U.S. military assistance and armed sales licensing to Pakistan unless the Pakistani President certifies that the Islamabad Government makes all possible efforts to end Taliban activities in Pakistan.

Now, President Musharraf responded to these comments from Vice President CHENEY by claiming that "Pakistan does not accept dictation from any side or any source."

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It is unacceptable though, in my opinion, Mr. Speaker, for the Pakistani President to completely disregard the numerous accounts that show al Qaeda training camps flourishing in the western region of his country.

The Pakistani President seems to forget that the U.S. has sent over \$10 billion in aid to Pakistan over the last 5 years alone. It is my opinion that unless President Musharraf takes necessary steps to eradicate al Qaeda training camps in Pakistan, this aid should be put to an end.

It is encouraging to see the Bush administration increase the focus on Afghanistan and Pakistan, but more needs to be done to ensure the Taliban doesn't reach the level of power it achieved prior to the U.S. invasion in 2001. Taliban commanders are already claiming that they have 10,000 fighters

and thousands of suicide bombers at their disposal.

The U.S. and NATO must also work to support local elders in towns such as Musa Qala, where a failed peace deal between town leaders and NATO troops has allowed the Taliban regime to regain control of the town. It is clear that the Taliban has regrouped and that peace deals, such as the one in Musa Qala, are dangerous and cannot be relied upon without proper support from U.S. and NATO troops.

Furthermore, our country must focus the humanitarian assistance we are sending to Afghanistan on rural development efforts that give Afghan farmers an alternative to the illicit opium trade.

Mr. Speaker, President Bush wrongly continues the war in Iraq at the expense of the largely forgotten war in Afghanistan. I urge my colleagues to keep the attention on where the real war on terror is happening, and that is in Afghanistan.

CONGRESSIONAL CONSTITUTION CAUCUS

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

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to announce and renew our hope to be a regular occurrence on the House floor for the 110th Congress. The members of the Congressional Constitution Caucus will use this opportunity to emphasize for our colleagues and for the Nation as well the necessity of ensuring that our government is operating according to the intent of the our Founding Fathers. As the 10th amendment affirms, the authority over most domestic issues belong to the States and local governments and the people themselves.

But before I begin, let me express my sincere gratitude to my friend Utah who has led this important education effort in the past and this year as well. He has faithfully championed the notion of a limited, effective and efficient Federal Government, and continues to fight for the authority granted to his home State and the other 49 states as well when each was admitted into this most cherished Nation.

I look forward to working with other like-minded Members of this Congress who share the sentiment that our Federal Government has seized control of programs that State governments have traditionally been much more effective in administering. I invite my colleagues to consider joining this important effort regularly as well.

This Congressional Caucus, I strongly believe that this body must begin to focus on the principles delineated in the 10th amendment. Our Founders were precise when they established our system of government. They intended to set up a republic of sovereign, self-governing States with a small central