

Heller	McDermott
Hensarling	McGovern
Herger	McHugh
Herseth Sandlin	McIntyre
Higgins	McKeon
Hill	McMorris
Hinchey	Rodgers
Hinojosa	McNerney
Hirono	McNulty
Hobson	Meek (FL)
Hodes	Meeks (NY)
Holden	Melancon
Holt	Mica
Honda	Michaud
Hooley	Miller (FL)
Hoyer	Miller (MI)
Hulshof	Miller (NC)
Inglis (SC)	Miller, Gary
Inslee	Miller, George
Israel	Mitchell
Issa	Mollohan
Jackson (IL)	Moore (KS)
Jackson-Lee (TX)	Moore (WI)
Johnson (GA)	Moran (KS)
Johnson (IL)	Moran (VA)
Johnson, Sam	Murphy (CT)
Jones (NC)	Murphy, Tim
Jones (OH)	Musgrave
Jordan	Myrick
Kagen	Nadler
Kanjorski	Napolitano
Kaptur	Neal (MA)
Keller	Neugebauer
Kennedy	Nunes
Kildee	Oberstar
Kilpatrick	Obey
Kind	Olver
King (IA)	Ortiz
King (NY)	Pascrall
Kirk	Pastor
Klein (FL)	Paul
Kline (MN)	Payne
Knollenberg	Pearce
Kucinich	Pence
Kuhl (NY)	Perlmutter
Lamborn	Peterson (MN)
Lampson	Peterson (PA)
Langevin	Pickering
Larsen (WA)	Pitts
Larson (CT)	Platts
Latham	Poe
LaTourette	Pomeroy
Lee	Porter
Levin	Price (GA)
Lewis (CA)	Price (NC)
Lewis (GA)	Putnam
Lewis (KY)	Radanovich
Linder	Rahall
LoBiondo	Ramstad
Loebsack	Rangel
Lofgren, Zoe	Regula
Lowey	Rehberg
Lucas	Reichert
Lungren, Daniel E.	Renzi
Lynch	Reynolds
Mack	Rodriguez
Mahoney (FL)	Rogers (AL)
Maloney (NY)	Rogers (KY)
Manzullo	Rogers (MI)
Markey	Rohrabacher
Marshall	Ros-Lehtinen
Matheson	Roskam
Matsui	Rothman
McCarthy (CA)	Royal-Allard
McCarthy (NY)	Royce
McCaul (TX)	Ruppersberger
McCullom (MN)	Ryan (OH)
McCrey	Ryan (WI)

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Abercrombie	Graves
Andrews	Hoekstra
Becerra	Hunter
Berman	Jefferson
Bishop (GA)	Jindal
Bonner	Johnson, E. B.
Butterfield	Kingston
Calvert	LaHood
Capuano	Lipinski
Carson	Marchant
Carter	McCotter
Conyers	McHenry
Cubin	Meehan
Davis, Jo Ann	Murtha
Flake	Pallone

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REPORT ON H.R. 2764, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2008

Mrs. LOWEY, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-197) on the bill (H.R. 2764) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1, rule XXI, all points of order are reserved on the bill.

FAST TRACK TRADE AUTHORITY

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

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, on June 30, 2007, Fast Track trade authority will expire. Now is the time for Congress to replace an outdated system that removes congressional authority, as set out in the Constitution, “to regulate commerce with foreign nations.”

As it stands with Fast Track in place, Congress has no control over the content of trade agreements. We can vote on trade agreements only after they have been negotiated and signed, but we are responsible for trade agreements negative effects. Over 3 million American manufacturing jobs have been lost.

American wages have stagnated. We have lost our family farms, and we have failed to encourage income equality in the developing nations with which we have trade agreements. That’s after Fast Track.

Let’s replace Fast Track with a better system. Congress should be able to decide with whom we negotiate trade agreements and what goes into those agreements. Let’s restore the balance of powers on trade established in the Constitution.

RECOGNIZING SEVERAL OUTSTANDING STUDENTS FROM ROBERTS WESLEYAN COLLEGE

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

Mr. KUHL of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize several outstanding students from the Roberts Wesleyan College, which is located in my congressional district.

In today’s world, if we needed an innovative cutting-edge solution to a challenge, we look to our institutions of higher education. Each year, the Motion Picture Association of America partners with Students in Free Enterprise to host a national competition to produce a public service announcement regarding the importance of intellectual property rights. For the second year in a row, Roberts Wesleyan College placed among the top 3 of over 40 competitors.

These talented Roberts Wesleyan students won a cash award, and their broadcast now has a chance to achieve national exposure. Their outstanding accomplishment will have an impact on both the local and the national level.

I commend the efforts of these students.

ALMOST 4,000 DEAD IN IRAQ

(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. Mr. Speaker, sadly, we are moving toward almost 4,000 dead in Iraq. I don’t believe there are enough times that we can recount for the American people how many have already died; 25,000 are injured.

I am grateful to the Democratic leadership for providing enhanced funding for the veterans hospitals and the Veterans Affairs Department to break the backlog of those veterans’ wait for services and to help those in outpatient centers who need care.

But the real issue is when is the Iraqi Government going to stand up?

Just this past weekend, bombing occurred in Afghanistan where we need to turn our attention, but we understand that there is a possibility that the Iraqi Parliament will end its work and go off on a vacation for July and August while our soldiers are dying.

It is time now for this administration to understand the misdirection of this mission, to cause the Iraqi Government to stand up so that we can stand down. How many more lives, how many more families for these brave and wonderful men and women on the front lines of Iraq? They are our heroes, they are the patriots. We salute them.

It is time now for the administration to stand up for them and make the Iraqi Government stand up and take care of the Iraqi people.

□ 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KLEIN of Florida). 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.

BOO WHO?

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

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, when Ms. USA recently appeared in Mexico City, she was repeatedly booed every time she was onstage. Apparently, the host and hostess and the "Politically Correct Police" missed it or just ignored it.

The pro-amnesty crowd is moving right along in its efforts to convince the American public that illegal immigration exists because people would do anything to be an American; interesting logic considering recent events. But I've never understood the logic in rewarding 12 to 20 million law breakers with amnesty for any reason.

In America, we seem to do things a little bit different. We cheer for our country. We wave our flag. We invest in our country, and we respect our neighbors. And by respecting neighbors, I don't mean we invade somebody else's country, demand benefits and protest brazenly in the streets waving foreign flags. And where I come from, we never boo a lady.

The booing incident of Americans doesn't come as a big shock to most of us. It has happened before in U.S.-Mexico sporting events. The Mexican team and the Mexican fans booed the U.S. players. It is the disappointment in the lack of reaction from some of our leaders to realize that they are not welcoming future Americans into our country with their amnesty giveaway; they are just giving away the country.

A pathway to citizenship, or earned citizenship, or any other giveaway program they want to call it only works if people really want to become Americans. If you want to be an American, then there are some responsibilities to that. You just don't get to take all you can and leave when you are done.

I don't agree that this amnesty nonsense is what's best for America, and I know, without a doubt, that the uncontrolled border is a natural disaster. Sure, it's great for Mexico. Their struggling economy depends on our citizens; or rather, their citizens' loyalty to their country, not loyalty to our country.

But the argument is that we have to allow those living in our country illegally the opportunity to come out of the shadows and be a part of our country and our culture. That simply is not going to happen, because their loyalty lies with their former nation. And an amnesty giveaway is going to legalize their loyalty to their home country, not make them Americans.

Mexico and other countries promote illegal immigration to the United States with one understanding: You send your money back home to Mexico. And America is not home. Billions

headed south last year to Mexico alone. Remittances from the United States were the second highest revenue for Mexico, right behind the sale of crude oil, beating out tourism.

So when the United States gets booed, people that don't understand this are a bit taken aback. Is it irony or arrogance? Most people don't bite the hands that feed them, especially when you have them eating out of your hand.

The administration recently said, "Those determined to find fault with this bill will always be able to look at a narrow slice of it and find something they don't like. If you want to kill this bill, if you don't want to do what's right for America, you can pick out one little aspect of it."

Although I respect the President greatly, I respectfully suggest he is in error. We cannot accept the narrow slice or the whole amnesty pie. We are not that much of a glutton for this pie in the sky.

Americans deserve better. They deserve real immigration reform that secures the borders with the utmost of urgency and an end to political preference policy for illegals, a policy that discriminates against American citizens and legal immigrants.

We need to end employment opportunities and social benefits intended and entitled to Americans and have legislation that puts the needs and benefits of Americans first.

Kowtowing to Mexico, the country that takes and takes from America but booed Ms. USA off the stage, is exactly what's wrong with this new Senate amnesty bill and this administration's position.

And that's just the way it is.

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

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

WAITING FOR THE NEXT BIG EVENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, last month, despite my objections and many of my colleagues, Congress passed a bill to continue funding the occupation of Iraq. Now everyone is waiting for the next big event in the war, General Petraeus's report on whether the escalation, the surge, is succeeding. This report is due in September.

But with our brave American troops and innocent Iraqis continuing to die, we are remiss if we twiddle our thumbs and wait for September. We need to hold this administration accountable for its actions in Iraq, and we need to do it today, not 3 months from now.

So I want to go back to January 10 of this year, the night that the President announced his new surge policy in a speech to the Nation, to see if he is delivering on what he promised. On that night, he said, "America will hold the Iraqi government to the benchmarks it has announced."

But here we are, Mr. Speaker, 6 months later, and the Iraqi government has made virtually no progress on any of its benchmarks. Even Lieutenant General Douglas Lute, our new war czar, expressed frustration about this in his Senate confirmation hearing. General Lute said, "My assessment would be that the Iraqis have shown very little progress."

Mr. Speaker, back on January 10, we were told that the surge would help the Iraqis carry out their campaign to put down sectarian violence. But the Pentagon's own report on the current situation, which was released last Wednesday, said that the violence continues to be driven by sectarianism. In other words, we've sent our troops to fight a civil war that has nothing to do with protecting America from terrorism.

Also, back on January 10, the escalation speech included these words: "Our military forces in Anbar are killing and capturing al Qaeda leaders."

Yet, Mr. Speaker, in the Senate hearing I mentioned a moment ago, Senator EVAN BAYH quoted a top CIA expert in saying that the American presence in Iraq is creating more members of al Qaeda than we are killing.

The President claims that he has the power to grab people off the streets of America, declare them enemy combatants and order the military to hold them indefinitely. But last week, a Federal Appeals Court ruled that, "to sanction such authority would have disastrous consequences for the Constitution and for the country."

The President says that he is a strict constructionist when it comes to the Constitution. But he has shown that he is not a strict constructionist, not a loose constructionist, but a non constructionist who simply ignores the Constitution.

It is time, Mr. Speaker, for a new policy in Iraq. We must fully fund the safe redeployment of our troops. We must guarantee the very best health care for our veterans. We must work with the Iraqi people and the international community to provide for the reconstruction of Iraq. We must look to diplomacy, not preemptive war, to help Iraq and its neighbors to achieve political solutions to the region's problems, and there must be no permanent American military bases in Iraq.

And America must rely, once again, on our most powerful weapons in the fight against terrorism, our Constitution and our democratic values.

And, Mr. Speaker, we must bring our troops home.