

year, responding to the GAO report, informs specifically, with specificity, how all of the recommendations of the GAO report have been implemented.

And so I highly recommend the reading of the GAO report and also the response by the administrating agency with regard to the implementation of the recommendations of the GAO report, Mr. Speaker.

It's important that we help those who risk their lives and the safety of their families day in and day out to achieve freedom, a democratic transition in our closest neighbor, 90 miles away, that at this time is a state sponsor of terrorism and an anti-American totalitarian regime. And what those heroes of the pro-democracy movement are risking their lives and their families' freedom for is a democratic transition to a reality with the rule of law, obviously a democratically elected government that will no longer be allied with state sponsors of terrorism, anti-American state sponsors of terrorism but that will, rather, be worried and working for the needs to better the lives of the long oppressed people within Cuba.

Mr. Speaker, again I thank my good friend Mr. HASTINGS for yielding the time. I thank any of my colleagues who may have been listening to this debate for their attention. Once again I would plead that they join from both sides of the aisle to bring up to the President's request the assistance for the Cuba pro-democracy movement.

With that, Mr. Speaker, and acknowledging the complexities and yet the importance of the underlying legislation brought to the floor today by this rule, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, America's leadership role is not limited to the Presidency. Nor does it solely fall upon the shoulders of this body. Branches of our government must share responsibility.

During this critical time in world history, when America's image as a global leader is tarnished and questioned, we must lead from this Chamber. We must take it upon ourselves to make it possible for America's image in the world to be restored. We must make it our business to try and make all that is wrong right.

When America leads in a constructive, inclusive and thoughtful manner, others in the world follow. This approach toward global leadership is not, as some have charged, a soft approach to conducting the war on terrorism. On the contrary, it is a clear recognition that America cannot do this alone.

If we have learned anything in the last 6 years, it is that no one in this world is safe from the directions of terrorism. It will take a global effort to curb the efforts of those who are seeking to destroy us and others in the world.

But if we have learned anything else during the last 6 years, it is that the policies of the present administration

have failed and America's standing in the world is in dire need of restoration.

Parts of the Middle East, from Iraq to Gaza, are living in a civil war. People are dying in Darfur as we and others around the world do nothing. And children throughout the world are starving to death and dying of malnourishment and lack of potable fresh water.

The underlying legislation, the first Foreign Operations appropriations bill of this new Democratic majority, sends a clear message to our friends and enemies alike that America's priorities in the world are making must-needed changes.

I urge a "yes" vote on the previous question and on the rule.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered. The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1429. An act to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, to expand access, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 277. An act to modify the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park to include certain land within the GT Park Subdivision, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 1429) "An Act to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, to expand access, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DODD, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GREGG, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BURR, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. COBURN, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 105 (adopted April 13, 1989), as amended by S. Res. 149 (adopted October 5, 1993), as amended by Public Law 105-275, further amended by S. Res. 75 (adopted March 25, 1999), amended by S. Res. 383 (adopted October 27, 2000), and amended by S. Res. 355 (adopted November 13, 2002), and further amended by S. Res. 480 (adopted November 20, 2004), the Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, announces the appointment of the following Senators to serve as

members of the Senate National Security Working Group for the One Hundred Tenth Congress:

The Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR).

The Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER).

The Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS).

The Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI).

The Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER).

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.R. 923, by the yeas and nays;
- H. Con. Res. 21, by the yeas and nays;
- H.R. 2359, by the yeas and nays;
- H.R. 2284, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

EMMETT TILL UNSOLVED CIVIL RIGHTS CRIME ACT OF 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 923, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 923, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 422, nays 2, not voting 8, as follows:

[Roll No. 512]

YEAS—422

Abercrombie	Blunt	Cardoza
Ackerman	Boehner	Carnahan
Aderholt	Bonner	Carney
Akin	Bono	Carson
Alexander	Boozman	Carter
Allen	Boren	Castle
Altmire	Boswell	Castor
Andrews	Boucher	Chabot
Arcuri	Boustany	Chandler
Baca	Boyd (FL)	Clarke
Bachmann	Boyda (KS)	Clay
Bachus	Brady (PA)	Cleaver
Baird	Brady (TX)	Clyburn
Baker	Braley (IA)	Coble
Baldwin	Brown (SC)	Cohen
Barrett (SC)	Brown, Corrine	Cole (OK)
Barrow	Brown-Waite,	Conaway
Bartlett (MD)	Ginny	Conyers
Barton (TX)	Buchanan	Cooper
Bean	Burgess	Costa
Berkley	Burton (IN)	Costello
Berman	Butterfield	Courtney
Berry	Buyer	Cramer
Biggart	Calvert	Crenshaw
Bilbray	Camp (MI)	Crowley
Bilirakis	Campbell (CA)	Cuellar
Bishop (GA)	Cannon	Culmings
Bishop (NY)	Cantor	Cummings
Bishop (UT)	Capito	Davis (AL)
Blackburn	Capps	Davis (CA)
Blumenauer	Capuano	Davis (IL)

Davis (KY) Jefferson
 Davis, David Jindal
 Davis, Lincoln Johnson (GA)
 Davis, Tom Johnson (IL)
 Deal (GA) Johnson, E. B.
 DeFazio Johnson, Sam
 DeGette Jones (NC)
 Delahunt Jones (OH)
 DeLauro Jordan
 Dent Kagen
 Diaz-Balart, L. Kanjorski
 Diaz-Balart, M. Kaptur
 Dicks Keller
 Dingell Kennedy
 Doggett Kildee
 Donnelly Kilpatrick
 Doolittle Kind
 Doyle King (IA)
 Drake King (NY)
 Dreier Kingston
 Duncan Kirk
 Edwards Klein (FL)
 Ehlers Kline (MN)
 Ellison Knollenberg
 Ellsworth Kucinich
 Emanuel Kuhl (NY)
 Emerson LaHood
 Engel Lamborn
 English (PA) Lampson
 Eshoo Langevin
 Etheridge Lantos
 Everett Larsen (WA)
 Fallin Larson (CT)
 Farr Latham
 Fattah LaTourette
 Feeney Lee
 Ferguson Levin
 Filner Lewis (CA)
 Flake Lewis (GA)
 Forbes Lewis (KY)
 Fortenberry Linder
 Fossella Lipinski
 Foxx LoBiondo
 Frank (MA) Loebsock
 Franks (AZ) Lofgren, Zoe
 Frelinghuysen Lowey
 Gallegly Lucas
 Garrett (NJ) Ruppertsberger
 Gerlach E.
 Giffords Lynch
 Gilchrist Mack
 Gillibrand Mahoney (FL)
 Gillmor Maloney (NY)
 Gingrey Manzullo
 Gohmert Marchant
 Gonzalez Markey
 Goode Marshall
 Goodlatte Matheson
 Gordon Matsui
 Granger McCarthy (CA)
 Graves McCarthy (NY)
 Green, Al McCaul (TX)
 Green, Gene McCollum (MN)
 Grijalva McCotter
 Gutierrez McDermott
 Hall (NY) McGovern
 Hall (TX) McHenry
 Hare McHugh
 Harman McIntyre
 Hastert McKeon
 Hastings (FL) McMorris
 Hastings (WA) Rodgers
 Hayes McNeerney
 Heller McNulty
 Hensarling Meehan
 Hergert Meek (FL)
 Herseth Sandlin Meeks (NY)
 Higgins Melancon
 Hill Mica
 Hinchey Michaud
 Hinojosa Miller (FL)
 Hirono Miller (MI)
 Hobson Miller (NC)
 Hodes Miller, Gary
 Hoekstra Miller, George
 Holden Mitchell
 Holt Mollohan
 Honda Moore (KS)
 Hooley Moore (WI)
 Hoyer Moran (KS)
 Hulshof Moran (VA)
 Hunter Murphy (CT)
 Inglis (SC) Murphy, Patrick
 Inslee Murphy, Tim
 Israel Murtha
 Issa Musgrave
 Jackson (IL) Myrick
 Jackson-Lee Nadler
 (TX) Napolitano

Neal (MA) Thornberry
 Neugebauer Tiahrt
 Nunes Tiberi
 Oberstar Tierney
 Obey Towns
 Olver Turner
 Pallone Udall (CO)
 Pascrell Udall (NM)
 Pastor Upton
 Payne Van Hollen
 Pearce Velázquez
 Pence Visclosky
 Perlmutter Walberg
 Peterson (MN)
 Peterson (PA)
 Petri
 Pickering
 Pitts
 Platts
 Poe
 Pomeroy
 Porter
 Price (GA)
 Price (NC)
 Pryce (OH)
 Putnam
 Radanovich
 Rahall
 Ramstad
 Rangel
 Regula
 Rehberg
 Reichert
 Renzi
 Reyes
 Reynolds
 Rodriguez
 Rogers (AL)
 Rogers (KY)
 Rogers (MI)
 Rohrabacher
 Ros-Lehtinen
 Roskam
 Ross
 Rothman
 Roybal-Allard
 Royce
 Ruppertsberger
 Rush
 Ryan (OH)
 Ryan (WI)
 Salazar
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 Sánchez, Linda
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 Sanchez, Loretta
 Sarbanes
 Saxton
 Schakowsky
 Schiff
 Schmidt
 Schwartz
 Scott (GA)
 Scott (VA)
 Sensenbrenner
 Serrano
 Sessions
 Sestak
 Shadegg
 Shays
 Shea-Porter
 Sherman
 Shimkus
 Shuler
 Shuster
 Simpson
 Sires
 Skelton
 Slaughter
 Smith (NE)
 Smith (NJ)
 Smith (TX)
 Smith (WA)
 Snyder
 Solis
 Souder
 Space
 Spratt
 Stark
 Stearns
 Stupak
 Sutton
 Tancredo
 Tanner
 Tauscher
 Taylor
 Terry
 Thompson (CA)
 Thompson (MS)

Walsh (NY) Wexler
 Walz (MN) Whitfield
 Wamp Wilson (NM)
 Wasserman Wilson (OH)
 Schultz Wilson (SC)
 Waters Wolf
 Watson Woolsey
 Watt Wu
 Waxman Wynn
 Weiner Yarmuth
 Welch (VT) Young (AK)
 Weldon (FL) Young (FL)
 Weller

NAYS—2

Paul Westmoreland

NOT VOTING—8

Becerra McCrery Walden (OR)
 Cubin Ortiz Wicker
 Davis, Jo Ann Sullivan

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. WICKER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 512, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF THE LATE ROBIN BEARD

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to make the body aware of the loss of our colleague and friend, Robin Beard, former Congressman from the old Sixth District, who passed away last Saturday. His district basically overlapped with the current Seventh District of Tennessee. He served in this body from 1973 until 1983.

Robin Beard really had a storied and amazing life in which he dedicated himself to public service, and he did love it.

He received a B.A. in history from Vanderbilt in 1962. He was a veteran, serving 4 years in the Marine Corps, where he was a Marine Corps officer in charge of the Gemini IV offshore recovery mission, and attained the rank of lieutenant colonel.

While in Congress, he served on the Armed Services Committee. He was a strong supporter of and friend to Fort Campbell, which was located in both his district and mine.

He was appointed by the House Speaker as a congressional advisor to the Strategic Arms Negotiations in Geneva and the U.N. General Assembly Special Session on Disarmament.

He also served as an assistant Republican whip, was cochairman of the Republican Research Committee on Defense, and an executive committee member of the Republican Study Committee.

His expertise extended to domestic issues, and he served as an executive

committee member of the Congressional Task Force on Economic Policy.

After leaving Congress, he continued to serve the public, twice named as NATO Deputy Secretary General.

He is being laid to rest today in the Protestant French Huguenot Church in Charleston, South Carolina.

He is survived by his wife, Cathy, two children and five grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. TANNER).

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank Mrs. BLACKBURN for bringing this to our attention.

Robin Beard was a friend of all of ours from Tennessee, and many of you, both professionally and personally. I actually got to know him when he served two stints as Assistant Secretary General in NATO parliamentary, or the NATO organization in Brussels.

He had a keen sense of humor, and he was a man who enjoyed the collegiality of the House. He was a House man, and he served his country well, both in uniform and out, when he was with NATO.

And so I join on behalf of all of our Members from Tennessee and, really, all of the House and Mrs. BLACKBURN in this tribute to our fallen colleague, Mr. Beard.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I would ask that the body join our Tennessee delegation in a moment of silence in remembrance of our former colleague, Robin Beard.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

CALLING ON UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL TO CHARGE IRANIAN PRESIDENT WITH CERTAIN VIOLATIONS BECAUSE OF HIS CALLS FOR DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 21, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATSON) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 21, as amended.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 411, nays 2, answered "present" 11, not voting 8, as follows:

[Roll No. 513]

YEAS—411

Ackerman	Akin	Allen
Aderholt	Alexander	Altmire