

Meek (FL)	Rehberg	Snyder	Fortuño	Latham	Renzi	Neal (MA)	Sánchez, Linda	Tanner
Meeks (NY)	Reyes	Solis	Fossella	Lewis (CA)	Reynolds	Norton	T.	Tauscher
Michaud	Rodriguez	Spratt	Fox	Lewis (KY)	Rogers (AL)	Oberstar	Sánchez, Loretta	Taylor
Miller (MI)	Ros-Lehtinen	Stark	Franks (AZ)	Linder	Rogers (KY)	Obey	Sarbanes	Thompson (CA)
Miller (NC)	Roskam	Stupak	Frelinghuysen	Lucas	Rogers (MI)	Olver	Saxton	Thompson (MS)
Miller, George	Ross	Sutton	Galleghy	Lungren, Daniel	Rohrabacher	Ortiz	Schakowsky	Tierney
Mollohan	Rothman	Tauscher	Garrett (NJ)	E.	Royce	Pallone	Schiff	Towns
Moore (KS)	Roybal-Allard	Thompson (CA)	Gilchrest	Mack	Ryan (WI)	Pascrell	Schwartz	Udall (CO)
Moore (WI)	Ruppersberger	Thompson (MS)	Gillmor	Manzullo	Sali	Pastor	Scott (GA)	Udall (NM)
Moran (VA)	Rush	Tierney	Gingrey	Marchant	Schmidt	Payne	Scott (VA)	Van Hollen
Murphy (CT)	Ryan (OH)	Towns	Gohmert	McCarthy (CA)	Sensenbrenner	Perlmutter	Serrano	Velázquez
Murphy, Patrick	Salazar	Turner	Goode	McCrery	Sessions	Peterson (MN)	Sestak	Visclosky
Murphy, Tim	Sánchez, Linda	Udall (CO)	Goodlatte	McHenry	Shadegg	Platts	Shea-Porter	Walz (MN)
Murtha	T.	Udall (NM)	Granger	McKeon	Shays	Pomeroy	Sherman	Wasserman
Nadler	Sánchez, Loretta	Van Hollen	Graves	McMorris	Shuster	Porter	Shimkus	Schultz
Napolitano	Sarbanes	Velázquez	Hall (TX)	Rodgers	Simpson	Price (NC)	Shuler	Watson
Neal (MA)	Saxton	Visclosky	Hastings (WA)	Mica	Smith (NE)	Rahall	Sires	Watt
Norton	Schakowsky	Walsh (NY)	Hayes	Miller (FL)	Smith (TX)	Reyes	Skelton	Waxman
Oberstar	Schiff	Walz (MN)	Heller	Miller, Gary	Souder	Rodriguez	Slaughter	Weiner
Obey	Scott (GA)	Wasserman	Hensarling	Moran (KS)	Stearns	Ros-Lehtinen	Smith (NJ)	Welch (VT)
Olver	Scott (VA)	Schultz	Herger	Musgrave	Sullivan	Roskam	Smith (WA)	Wexler
Ortiz	Serrano	Waters	Hobson	Myrick	Terry	Ross	Snyder	Wilson (OH)
Pallone	Sestak	Watson	Hoekstra	Neugebauer	Thornberry	Rothman	Solis	Wolf
Pascrell	Shays	Watt	Hulshof	Nunes	Tiahrt	Roybal-Allard	Space	Woolsey
Pastor	Shea-Porter	Waxman	Hunter	Paul	Tiberi	Ruppersberger	Spratt	Wu
Payne	Sherman	Weiner	Hung	Pearce	Turner	Rush	Stark	Wynn
Perlmutter	Shimkus	Welch (VT)	Inglis (SC)	Pence	Upton	Ryan (OH)	Stupak	Yarmuth
Peterson (MN)	Simpson	Wexler	Issa	Peterson (PA)	Walberg	Salazar	Sutton	
Pomeroy	Sires	Wilson (OH)	Jindal	Petri	Walden (OR)			
Price (NC)	Skelton	Woolsey	Johnson, Sam	Pickering	Walsh (NY)			
Pryce (OH)	Slaughter	Wu	Jones (NC)	Pitts	Wamp			
Rahall	Smith (NJ)	Wynn	Jordan	Poe	Weldon (FL)			
Regula	Smith (WA)	Yarmuth	Keller	Price (GA)	Weller			
			King (IA)	Pryce (OH)	Westmoreland			
			King (NY)	Putnam	Whitfield			
			Kingston	Kirk	Wicker			
			Kirk	Kline (MN)	Wilson (NM)			
			Klonek	Knollenberg	Wilson (SC)			
			Kline (MN)	Kuhl (NY)	Young (FL)			
			Knollenberg	Lamborn				
			Kuhl (NY)					
			Lamborn					

NOT VOTING—10

Bordallo	Edwards	Tancredo
Brown, Corrine	Hastert	Young (AK)
Culberson	Kucinich	
Davis, Jo Ann	Rangel	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The CHAIRMAN (during the vote).
One minute remains in the vote.

□ 2109

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 5 OFFERED BY MR. SESSIONS

The CHAIRMAN. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The CHAIRMAN. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The CHAIRMAN. This will be a 2-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 173, noes 251, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 646]

AYES—173

Aderholt	Boustany	Crenshaw
Akin	Brady (TX)	Cubin
Alexander	Brown (SC)	Davis (KY)
Bachmann	Brown-Waite,	Davis, David
Bachus	Ginny	Deal (GA)
Baker	Buchanan	Dent
Barrett (SC)	Burgess	Diaz-Balart, L.
Bartlett (MD)	Burton (IN)	Diaz-Balart, M.
Barton (TX)	Buyer	Doolittle
Biggart	Calvert	Drake
Bilbray	Camp (MI)	Dreier
Bilirakis	Campbell (CA)	Duncan
Bishop (UT)	Cannon	Ehlers
Blackburn	Cantor	Everett
Blunt	Carter	Fallin
Boehner	Chabot	Feeney
Bonner	Coble	Flake
Bono	Cole (OK)	Forbes
Boozman	Conaway	Fortenberry

Abercrombie	DeGette	Kagen
Ackerman	DeLauro	Kanjorski
Allen	Dicks	Kaptur
Altmire	Dingell	Kennedy
Andrews	Doggett	Kildee
Arcuri	Donnelly	Kilpatrick
Baca	Doyle	Kind
Baird	Ellison	Klein (FL)
Baldwin	Ellsworth	LaHood
Barrow	Emanuel	LaHood
Bean	Emerson	Lampson
Becerra	Engel	Langevin
Berkley	English (PA)	Lantos
Berman	Eshoo	Larsen (WA)
Berry	Etheridge	Larson (CT)
Bishop (GA)	Faleomavaega	LaTourette
Bishop (NY)	Farr	Lee
Blumenauer	Fattah	Levin
Boren	Ferguson	Lewis (GA)
Boswell	Filner	Lipinski
Boucher	Frank (MA)	LoBiondo
Boyd (FL)	Gerlach	LoBiondo
Boyd (KS)	Giffords	Loeb
Brady (PA)	Gillibrand	Loeb
Braley (IA)	Gonzalez	Loftgren, Zoe
Butterfield	Gordon	Lowey
Capito	Green, Al	Lynch
Capps	Green, Gene	Mahoney (FL)
Capuano	Grijalva	Maloney (NY)
Cardoza	Gutierrez	Markey
Carmahan	Hall (NY)	Marshall
Carney	Hare	Matheson
Carson	Harman	Matsui
Castle	Hastings (FL)	McCarthy (NY)
Castor	Herseth Sandlin	McCollum (MN)
Chandler	Higgins	McCotter
Christensen	Hill	McDermott
Clarke	Hinchee	McGovern
Clay	Hinojosa	McHugh
Cleaver	Hirono	McIntyre
Clyburn	Hodes	McNerney
Cohen	Holden	McNulty
Conyers	Holt	Meek (FL)
Cooper	Honda	Meeks (NY)
Costa	Hooley	Melancon
Costello	Hoyer	Michaud
Courtney	Inslie	Miller (MI)
Cramer	Israel	Miller (NC)
Crowley	Jackson (IL)	Miller, George
Cuellar	Jackson-Lee	Mitchell
Cummings	(TX)	Mollohan
Davis (AL)	Jefferson	Moore (KS)
Davis (CA)	Johnson (GA)	Moore (WI)
Davis (IL)	Johnson (IL)	Moran (VA)
Davis, Lincoln	Johnson, E. B.	Murphy (CT)
Davis, Tom	Jones (OH)	Murphy, Patrick
DeFazio		Murphy, Tim
		Murtha
		Nadler
		Napolitano

NOES—251

So the amendment was rejected.
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Mr. OBEY. Madam Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WALZ of Minnesota) having assumed the chair, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3043) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

□ 2115

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. HOOLEY. Mr. Speaker, on July 12, 2007, during consideration of H.R. 1851, the Section 8 Voucher Reform Act, my vote on final passage was not recorded. I respectfully request that the RECORD reflect that had my vote been recorded properly on rollcall 629, it would have been registered as an "aye."

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VIETNAM EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 205(a) of the Vietnam Education Foundation Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-554), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the

Board of Directors of the Vietnam Education Foundation:

Upon the recommendation of the majority leader:

Mr. BLUMENAUER, Oregon.

Upon the recommendation of the minority leader:

Mr. PITTS, Pennsylvania.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

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.

RAMOS/COMPEAN CASE

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, a long awaited Senate judiciary hearing on the prosecution of border agents Ramos and Compean occurred today. I was impressed with the Chair, Senator DIANE FEINSTEIN from California, and the questioning of Senator JOHN CORNYN of Texas at the hearing.

The hearing brought to light the overzealous, overreacting and overreaching prosecution of these two Border Patrol agents, Ramos and Compean. It also showed us and the American public the difficulty our border protectors have on the U.S.-Mexico border.

Chief Aguilar of the Border Patrol said today that violence against border agents has increased. In just the first 4 days of last week, 11 assaults occurred against border agents. Over 2,000 assaults have occurred in the last 2½ years, and 12 officers have been killed in the last few years.

Not only is the border violent because of drug cartels, but violence occurs against these border agents. The border is not Disneyland, but the U.S. Attorney's Office showed they are living in Never Neverland by their relentless determination to see that these agents went to prison for 11 and 12 years a piece for just doing their job on the U.S.-Mexico border.

Much was said today, but I want to concentrate on the U.S. Government's main witness, the drug dealer who appears to have been a bought-and-paid-for witness that received immunity from prosecution. He received a get-out-of-jail-free card, received free med-

ical attention for his wounds at the taxpayers' expense, and blanket amnesty to cross and recross the Texas-Mexico border whenever he wished. All this so he would testify against the two border agents, Ramos and Compean.

Mr. Speaker, as a former judge, it has been my experience that when prosecutors make deals with criminals in return for testimony, they usually get the testimony they want from the criminal, and the same is to be said in this case here.

These agents were sent to prison because one of them shot a drug dealer bringing in \$1 million worth of drugs into the United States. The agents probably violated some Homeland Security policies, and maybe they should have been sanctioned or even fired, but to let the drug dealer go free because the agents violated a policy was an error in judgment on the part of our own government.

And the U.S. Attorney's Office had two choices, Mr. Speaker. They had the choice to prosecute a drug dealer bringing in \$1 million worth of drugs, or they had the choice to prosecute two border agents that violated some policy, and our government chose poorly.

Of course, the Mexican Government got involved in this case and wrote an arrogant letter demanding prosecution by our government. It seems to me this may be the basis for the prosecution.

Let me tell you a little bit about this drug dealer. He received immunity from prosecution, but part of his deal was that he would cooperate with the U.S. Border Patrol and Federal prosecutors. The cooperation? Well, he never would tell who he was working for. He named no names of the drug cartels. He did not cooperate at all. And while he was waiting to testify in this case, he criss-crossed the Texas-Mexico border and brought in another load of drugs worth almost \$1 million, and the Feds kept that from the jury.

Why wasn't it important to know about this second case? Because the entire prosecution was based on the testimony of the government's star witness, and the jury had the right to know that this drug dealer brought in another load of drugs while waiting to testify. So to judge his credibility as a witness, the jury had the right to know that, and that evidence was kept out at the insistence of the U.S. prosecutors.

The U.S. prosecutor made this drug dealer Aldrede to be some poor mule from Mexico that brought in a load of drugs for a little money for his sick mother down in Mexico, and that was not the case. He was an operative that moved back and forth across the Texas-Mexico border, and we know he brought in at least two loads of drugs just in a short period of time in this case.

This second load of drugs should have been brought to the attention of the jury. The prosecutors never prosecuted this Aldrede for that. They even had a DEA report that recommended prosecution. I've seen that DEA report, and

based on my experience, a third-year law student could have prosecuted that case even though the U.S. Attorney's Office says, oh, there's not enough evidence. The jury should have known about this so as to have judged the credibility of this star witness.

So the government chose between border agents to be prosecuted doing their job or a drug dealer testifying and then bringing in drugs into the United States. Our government should be embarrassed about this case.

And that's just the way it is.

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

(Ms. WOOLSEY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

THE ADMINISTRATION'S CASE FOR WAR AGAINST IRAN

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

Mr. MCDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, for years the administration has been rigging its case for war against Iran with posturing, finger-wagging and name calling. Those are not my words. One of my hometown daily newspapers, the Seattle Post Intelligencer, authored those words as the first sentence of an editorial they published this morning entitled: "Iran: No, not again." I will insert the Seattle PI editorial into the RECORD at this point.

[From the Seattle Post-Intelligencer
Editorial Board, July 17, 2007]

IRAN: NO, NOT AGAIN

For years, this administration has been rigging its case for war against Iran, with posturing, finger wagging and name-calling.

And now, just as Iran has struck an agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency for inspection of its nuclear plants, and just as the IAEA chief, Mohamed ElBaradei, has said that country is slowing progress on one of those facilities, the United Kingdom's Guardian newspaper reports that Vice President Dick Cheney is pushing for a military "solution" in Iran. Naturally, President Bush is backing him, going against Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Defense Secretary Robert Gates, both of whom favor diplomacy over military action (heck, it worked with North Korea).

In May, Cheney paid a visit to the USS John C. Stennis in the Persian Gulf, 150 miles off Iran's coast, for no other reason than to deliver threats. The New York Times reported that while Cheney said nothing new, he "stitched all of those warnings together, and the symbolism of sending the administration's most famous hawk to deliver the speech so close to Iran's coast was unmistakable."

The U.S. rode roughshod over ElBaradei's insistence that Iraq didn't have weapons of mass destruction (he was right). And look where we are now. More than 3,000 American troops and tens of thousands of Iraqis dead in war that defies reason and sees no end. We fear the same might happen in Iran.

The fact is, the mainstream newspapers at home and around the world