

148, answered "present" 1, not voting 79, as follows:

[Roll No. 146]

YEAS—202

Aderholt	Gutierrez	Obey
Allen	Hall (NY)	Olver
Andrews	Hare	Ortiz
Arcuri	Hastings (FL)	Pallone
Baca	Herseth Sandlin	Pastor
Baird	Higgins	Paul
Baldwin	Hill	Payne
Barrow	Hinchey	Price (NC)
Bean	Hinojosa	Rahall
Berkley	Hodes	Renzi
Berman	Honda	Reyes
Berry	Hoyer	Richardson
Biggert	Inslee	Rodriguez
Bishop (GA)	Israel	Ross
Bishop (NY)	Jackson (IL)	Rothman
Boren	Jackson-Lee	Royal-Allard
Boswell	(TX)	Ruppersberger
Boucher	Jefferson	Salazar
Boyd (KS)	Johnson (GA)	Sánchez, Linda
Brady (PA)	Johnson (IL)	T.
Brown, Corrine	Jones (NC)	Sanchez, Loretta
Buchanan	Jones (OH)	Sarbanes
Butterfield	Kanjorski	Schakowsky
Capps	Kaptur	Schiff
Capuano	Kildee	Schwartz
Cardoza	Kilpatrick	Scott (GA)
Carnahan	Kirk	Scott (VA)
Carson	Klein (FL)	Serrano
Castor	Kucinich	Sestak
Clarke	Kuhl (NY)	Shadegg
Clay	Lampson	Shea-Porter
Cleaver	Langevin	Sherman
Clyburn	Larsen (WA)	Shuler
Cohen	Lee	Sires
Cooper	Levin	Skelton
Costa	Lewis (GA)	Smith (NJ)
Courtney	Lipinski	Smith (WA)
Crowley	Loebbecke	Sutton
Cuellar	Lofgren, Zoe	Tanner
Cummings	Lowey	Solis
Davis (CA)	Lungren, Daniel	Souder
Davis (IL)	E.	Space
Davis, Lincoln	Lynch	Spratt
DeFazio	Mahoney (FL)	Towns
DeGette	Maloney (NY)	Tsongas
DeLauro	Markey	Udall (NM)
Dent	Marshall	Thompson (MS)
Dingell	McCarthy (NY)	Tierney
Doggett	McCullom (MN)	Towns
Donnelly	McCrary	Towns
Doyle	McDermott	Udall (NM)
Ellison	McGovern	Van Hollen
Emanuel	McIntyre	Velázquez
Emerson	McNerney	Visclosky
Engel	McNulty	Walberg
Eshoo	Meek (FL)	Walz (MN)
Etheridge	Meeks (NY)	Wasserman
Farr	Melancon	Schultz
Fattah	Michaud	Waters
Filner	Miller (NC)	Watson
Foster	Miller, George	Watt
Giffords	Mollohan	Waxman
Gillibrand	Moore (KS)	Weiner
Gonzalez	Moore (WI)	Welch (VT)
Goodlatte	Moran (VA)	Wexler
Gordon	Murphy (CT)	Wilson (OH)
Granger	Murphy, Patrick	Wu
Green, Al	Nadler	Wynn
Grijalva	Napolitano	Yarmuth

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Akin	Camp (MI)	Duncan
Alexander	Campbell (CA)	Ehlers
Altmore	Cannon	Ellsworth
Bachmann	Cantor	English (PA)
Bachus	Capito	Fallin
Barrett (SC)	Carney	Feeley
Bartlett (MD)	Carter	Ferguson
Barton (TX)	Castle	Flake
Bilbray	Chabot	Forbes
Bilirakis	Chandler	Fortenberry
Bishop (UT)	Cole (OK)	Fox
Blackburn	Conaway	Franks (AZ)
Blunt	Cubin	Garrett (NJ)
Bonner	Culberson	Gerlach
Bono Mack	Davis (KY)	Gilchrest
Boozman	Davis, David	Graves
Brady (TX)	Davis, Tom	Hall (TX)
Brown (GA)	Deal (GA)	Hastings (WA)
Brown (SC)	Diaz-Balart, L.	Heller
Burgess	Diaz-Balart, M.	Hensarling
Burton (IN)	Doolittle	Herger
Calvert	Dreier	Hobson

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—HOUSE

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2008

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, April 2, 2008.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WILSON of Ohio). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF HON. STENY H. HOYER AND HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH MARCH 31, 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC.

March 14, 2008.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STENY H. HOYER and the Honorable CHRIS VAN HOLLEN to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through March 31, 2008.

NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

There was no objection.

REAPPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS TO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PAGE BOARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 88b-3, amended by section 2 of the House Page Board Revision Act of 2007, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Chair announces the Speaker's and minority leader's joint reappointment of the following individuals to the House of Representatives Page Board for a term of 1 year, effective March 20, 2008:

Ms. Lynn Silversmith Klein of Maryland.

Mr. Adam Jones of Michigan.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3547

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a cosponsor of H.R. 3547.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Florida?

There was no objection.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE COUGARS OF MOUNT NOTRE DAME AND THE WINTON WOODS HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY ENSEMBLE

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 145 and 146, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, on the legislative day of Friday, March 14, 2008, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to cast a vote on a number of rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: Rollcall 143—"nay"; rollcall 144—"nay"; rollcall 145—"nay", rollcall 146—"nay".

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today to recognize two great high schools in my congressional district.

The ladies of Mount Notre Dame, once again, with their usual style, grace, and determination won the Ohio Division I basketball championship. This win puts them in the history books, as it makes them the first Ohio team ever to win three consecutive State titles.

With time running out and the game tied, freshman guard Kathryn Reynolds scored at the buzzer, clinching the championship for the Cougars 69-67. Coach Dante Harlan, top scorers Tia McBride, Ashley Fowler and the rest of the team are to be congratulated for their achievement. Well done, Cougars.

I also want to recognize the 32 students in the Winton Woods High School Varsity Ensemble who were selected to participate in the Choral Salute at the 2008 Olympic Games in China. For more than a year, these gifted students have been preparing in rehearsals and planning fund-raisers to pay for the trip to Shanghai and Beijing, China.

They are to be commended for showcasing their talent and also for the time and hard work they have dedicated to this journey. I am proud Winton Woods will be representing Ohio's First District this year in the Olympics.

SEEING IS BELIEVING WITH
YOUTUBE.COM

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, YouTube is an amazing thing. As the fifth anniversary of the war in Iraq will be commemorated across the country in recent days, the statistics tell the tale.

Because of the military surge and Sunni cooperation, we are making significant progress towards stability and freedom in Iraq. Violence is down more than 60 percent last year. But as the saying goes, "seeing is believing." And thanks to this miracle that is called youtube.com, Americans can join me for a walk down the streets of al Anbar province in Haditha, Iraq.

On March 2, with a military security detail, our bipartisan delegation walked the streets of this war-torn city and I posted 15 minutes of unedited interviews with local Iraqis on youtube.com.

The fight is far from over, but we are making significant progress in Iraq. I hope many of my colleagues and many Americans will go to youtube.com, type in "Mike Pence," and take a look for themselves at what Sunni cooperation and the American military have wrought in Iraq.

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PROTECTING THE SECOND AMENDMENT AND HUNTING RIGHTS ON FEDERAL LANDS ACT

(Mr. BROUN of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Protecting the Second Amendment and Hunting Rights on Federal Lands Act of 2008. This legislation will protect the Second Amendment rights of American citizens and promote hunting activities on Federal lands.

Under current Federal law, land under control of the National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has been subject to a blanket gun ban, regardless of State law. So I was pleased with the Bush administration's recent announcement that the prohibition of firearms on National Park Service lands, in place since 1983, will soon end.

Currently the laws of 47 States recognize the rights of law-abiding adults to carry firearms for personal protection. The existence of different laws regarding the transportation and possession of firearms has presented a trap for law-abiding gun owners.

It is my hope that these new regulations, when finalized, will provide greater uniformity across our Nation's Federal laws and put an end to the patchwork of regulations that govern the different lands managed by the different Federal agencies. Under this proposal, Federal parks and wildlife refuges will now mirror State firearms laws.

In addition, my legislation would also require that hunting activities be considered as a land use in all management plans for all Federal land to the extent that such use is not clearly incompatible with the purposes for which the Federal land is managed.

I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting the Protecting the Second Amendment and Hunting Rights on Federal Lands Act of 2008.

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.

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.)

DARFUR: RETURNING TO HELL

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

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, 3 months after the United Nations took over peacekeeping and joined forces with African Union peacekeepers, the situation in Darfur has entered a new and deadly phase of conflict. There has been an upsurge of violence in western Darfur, and the Sudanese government launched an offensive at the beginning of February. A number of villages have been bombed by government planes, and there have been ground attacks by the Sudanese army and its allies, the Janjaweed militias. According to the United Nations, more than 100 people have been killed and thousands more left homeless.

A March 12 article in the UK Independent describes recent events in Darfur as "a return to hell," with another "scorched earth policy" being unleashed by the Sudanese government, reminiscent of the worst waves of government-backed violence 5 years ago, actions that led the United States to declare what was happening in Darfur as genocide.

Darfur is home to the world's largest humanitarian operation, but the World Food Program reports that 45 of its trucks have been hijacked already this year. WFP now transports about half as much food into Darfur as it normally would.

Tensions also run high between neighboring Chad and Sudan, and eastern Chad is receiving a new influx of refugees from Darfur at a time when Chad itself is facing instability and displacement.

The new commander of the U.N.-African Union peacekeeping force said it would not be fully deployed until the end of this year, possibly not until the beginning of 2009. The peacekeeping mission, which is supposed to deploy 26,000 peacekeepers, currently has only about 9,000 soldiers on the ground.

The Sudanese government, President Al-Bashir, is defying the world. The government is blocking new deployments of U.N. peacekeepers at every turn, vetoing non-African troops, blocking supplies, and refusing to provide land for bases.

But the international community is also to blame for the obstacles confronting the peacekeeping mission. Nations have failed to make good on their pledges of support, from soldiers to equipment to funds. The mission requires 18 troop-carrying helicopters and six armored attack helicopters. So far, they have none. U.N. officials say they could have responded to last month's attack if they had the right equipment.

Mr. Speaker, why haven't the United States and our Western European allies provided these helicopters to the U.N.-AU peacekeeping mission? Why aren't we working collectively and with Russia and China to make sure this force has the helicopters, equipment, manpower and funding necessary to protect the people in Darfur and the refugees? Why hasn't the U.N. Security Council called an emergency session and targeted new sanctions at Sudan's highest