

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

NOT VOTING—19

Brown-Waite,	Harman	Murtha
Ginny	Hulshof	Pence
Carney	Hunter	Poe
Clyburn	Kagen	Regula
Cohen	Marshall	Rush
Ellison	McKeon	Stark
Gilchrest	Meeks (NY)	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 1720

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.

The title was amended so as to read: "Resolution expressing support for the designation of a 'Public Radio Recognition Month'."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN EN-GROSSMENT OF H.R. 6063, NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2008

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of H.R. 6063, the Clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, cross-references, and make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to accurately reflect the actions of the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Tennessee?

There was no objection.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS

Ms. SLAUGHTER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-719) on the resolution (H. Res. 1281) waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to indicate that I was detained off the floor for the Republican motion to recommit on the NASA authorization bill, H.R. 6063. I obviously oppose enthusiastically the waiving of section 526.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on the motion to recommit.

GAO DECISION IN AIR FORCE TANKER CONTRACT AWARD

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

Mr. DICKS. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to announce to my colleagues an important decision was reached today. Thank God for the GAO. An injustice was corrected.

The GAO came out today and held on seven different grounds that the Boeing Company's protest should be sustained. This now gives us a chance to win this competition and to keep these jobs in the United States.

I'm from the great State of Washington where the Boeing Company resides and has many workers. I think this was one of the most important decisions by the GAO. I congratulate them for the comprehensiveness, for the professionalism, and I hope that

the Air Force will read this decision and also look at the other factors, industrial base, the use of subsidies against the United States by the WTO. All of these issues that were not considered should be considered in this decision.

These are the crown jewels of American technology, these tankers, and they should be built in the United States by an American company.

KEEP MANUFACTURING JOBS IN THE UNITED STATES

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

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, as my colleague from Washington indicated, the Government Accountability Office this afternoon confirmed what many of us thought to be true—the Air Force's process in selecting a contractor to build a new air refueling tanker was badly flawed. The GAO upheld Boeing's protest, concluding that the Air Force "made a number of significant errors." The GAO recommends this contract be re-bid.

This contract was awarded several months ago, and every conversation I have had with Air Force officials raised more questions than were answered. I agree with this independent finding. The Air Force should follow the GAO's recommendation and reopen the bidding.

Awarding this contract to Boeing would create thousands of American jobs. But the bigger question is should we even allow a foreign-subsidized company to bid for U.S. military work? While the GAO rejected the Air Force's process, Congress also needs to address the broader issue of keeping manufacturing jobs in the United States.

I urge the Air Force and Congress to work to make the right choice for American jobs, American taxpayers and the American military men and women.

A GREAT VICTORY TODAY FOR THE AMERICAN WORKFORCE

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

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my distinguished colleagues from Kansas and Washington State. I especially want to applaud the efforts of NORM DICKS and the hard work that he's done not only on the Defense appropriations subcommittee but throughout his career protecting American technology and workforce.

This was a great victory today for the American workforce. So many of our jobs here, the critical mass of highly trained, highly skilled workers that reside here in this country don't know what a great favor was done today by GAO. This is a rare occurrence that this happens.

But the case that was made by Boeing, that was carried out by Mr. DICKS

and the committee, was so compelling, and the misdirection and information so badly flawed that Boeing was given, that the GAO overturned that decision.

The Air Force has 60 days to respond, but let us hope that we can come together and follow the leadership of Mr. DICKS and get those tankers built here in this country.

REAUTHORIZATION OF THE COPS PROGRAM

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

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, the time has come for the United States Senate to free the COPS program. We here in this body, by an overwhelming bipartisan majority, voted to reauthorize the single greatest legislative weapon frankly ever passed by Congress to help reduce crime.

It reauthorized the highly successful COPS program, authorizing the hiring of another 50,000 new cops, authorizing hiring of special terrorism cops for cities like New York that have cops that specialize simply in combating terrorism.

Now, that same bill is held hostage in the Senate, frankly, by my Republican colleagues. The time has come for us to realize that if there has been one program that has been democratic, with a small D, meaning it's had beneficial effects all throughout the country, it's been the COPS program. Whether it's a small sheriff's department or a large police department like New York City, the program has been a success.

We should keep on pushing. There are a lot of things we disagree on, but frankly, this should be one that unifies us. This will give us a chance to modernize this program, get some money into the pipeline in States and localities so that they can go ahead and hire more police officers and continue the successes we have had reducing crime.

□ 1730

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 without prejudice to the resumption of legislative business.

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

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

ILLEGAL ALIEN CRIME REPORTING ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of the House the issue of illegal alien crime.

As many of my colleagues are aware, over the past year crimes committed by illegal aliens have been at the forefront of our national media.

In Los Angeles, an illegal alien has been charged with the March 2008 murder of a young athlete and scholar, Jamiel Shaw. Shaw was gunned down outside his home in a senseless act of violence.

In New Jersey, an illegal alien has been charged with the August 2007 execution-style slaying of three New York college students and the shooting of another. This illegal alien suspect was previously granted bail on child rape and aggravated assault charges.

And in my home State of North Carolina, an illegal alien has been charged with second degree murder for driving drunk and killing a 22-year-old man in a car crash over last fall's Thanksgiving holiday.

While crimes like these are occurring all over the country, the public has no way of knowing the extent of the problem. This is because the Federal Government and the States do not report statistical information on criminal alien crimes. It is for this reason I have introduced H.R. 6192, the Illegal Alien Crime Reporting Act.

Last week, I sent a Dear Colleague letter to every Member of the House to inform them of this legislation. The bill would require States to submit in-depth statistics on illegal alien criminal activity in order to receive funding from the Department of Homeland Security. It would also require all Federal agencies to submit data on criminal activity by illegal aliens. And lastly, the bill would require the FBI to compile this information and produce an annual publication similar to its existing Uniform Crime Report with detailed statistics on illegal alien crimes.

Mr. Speaker, nothing is more important than the security of our Nation and the safety of our citizens. I hope that my colleagues will take the time to consider the issue of illegal alien crime and join us as a cosponsor of the Illegal Alien Crime Reporting Act.

ISRAEL

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

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I want to express the strong feelings that I and many others have on the 60th anniversary of the State of Israel.

Israel was created by a U.N. resolution 60 years ago. People who have stressed the importance of U.N. resolutions with regard to the Middle East sometimes forget to note that when a U.N. resolution was passed which cre-

ated the State of Israel in a fairly small part of what had then been Palestine, it evoked violent opposition from almost all of Israel's neighbors. That is, those countries which launched an armed attack aimed at obliterating Israel as it was born, in defiance of a U.N. resolution, do not come with clean hands when they talk now about living up to every U.N. resolution. That's no reason to ignore them, but it is a context that ought to be clear.

There are a number of perspectives that people bring to the existence of Israel and its history. There is one that I want to talk about in particular as a liberal.

By all of the values that motivate me to be in public life, the State of Israel is the only nation in the Middle East today that qualifies as a nation that respects them. Whether it is the principle of nondiscrimination—and some things are very controversial in their own country—the rights of women, free speech, the rights of gay men and lesbians, Israel stands out by a very strong margin over all of its neighbors.

I do want to address some of my friends on the left who are critical of some of the geopolitical aspects of this. It's legitimate to do it. Indeed, if you want to hear criticism of the approach Israel takes towards the peace process or the question of settlements, one of the best places to go is Israel. Because unlike every other Middle East nation, Israel is a place where democracy thrives. Indeed, one of the important lessons the existence of Israel teaches the world is that those who argue that if you have threats to your national security, democracy becomes a luxury, are wrong.

Israel was born under attack. It has lived its entire 60 years to date with the great hostility of its neighbors. It has fought a number of wars. And it is today confronted by many nations, Iran, for example, that profess to be interested in its obliteration. Despite that, it has maintained a strong democracy; governments win and governments lose. And the Israeli High Court has a record, frankly, that in some ways exceeds our own U.S. Supreme Court in vindicating civil liberties.

Now, having said that, I will add that I am critical of some aspects of Israel policy. The point, however, is that that's a right that people have within Israel to exercise those differences that others don't. I thought the recent comments by Secretary Rice that were somewhat critical of what Israel was doing were useful in helping move towards the peace process.

On the other hand, it ought to be clear, and I do believe Israel should continue to maintain its willingness to withdraw from most of the West Bank, I think they should be removing settlements, but it must be remembered, Israel did withdraw from southern Lebanon and it did withdraw from Gaza in the face of a good deal of controversy at home, one under Prime Minister