

CLYDE L. HILLHOUSE POST OFFICE BUILDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 3667.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3667.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 386, noes 0, not voting 48, as follows:

[Roll No. 913]

AYES—386

Ackerman Castle Fudge
 Adler (NJ) Castor (FL) Gallegly
 Akin Chaffetz Garamendi
 Alexander Chandler Garrett (NJ)
 Altire Childers Giffords
 Andrews Chu Gingrey (GA)
 Arcuri Clarke Gohmert
 Austria Clay Goodlatte
 Baca Cleaver Gordon (TN)
 Bachmann Clyburn Granger
 Bachus Coble Grayson
 Baird Coffman (CO) Green, Al
 Baldwin Cohen Green, Gene
 Bartlett Cole Guthrie
 Barton (TX) Conaway Gutierrez
 Bean Connolly (VA) Hall (TX)
 Becerra Cooper Halvorson
 Berkley Costa Hare
 Berman Costello Harper
 Berry Courtney Hastings (FL)
 Biggert Crenshaw Hastings (WA)
 Bilbray Crowley Heinrich
 Bilirakis Cuellar Heller
 Bishop (GA) Culberson Hensarling
 Bishop (NY) Cummings Heger
 Bishop (UT) Dahlkemper Herseth Sandlin
 Blackburn Davis (AL) Higgins
 Blumenauer Davis (CA) Hill
 Boccieri Davis (TN) Himes
 Boehner DeFazio Hinchey
 Bonner DeGette Hinojosa
 Bono Mack Delahunt Hirono
 Boozman DeLauro Hodes
 Boren Dent Hoekstra
 Boswell Diaz-Balart, L. Holden
 Boucher Diaz-Balart, M. Holt
 Boustany Dicks Hoyer
 Boyd Doggett Hunter
 Brady (PA) Donnelly (IN) Inglis
 Brady (TX) Doyle Inslee
 Bright Dreier Israel
 Broun (GA) Driehaus Issa
 Brown (SC) Duncan Jackson (IL)
 Brown, Corrine Edwards (MD) Jackson-Lee
 Brown-Waite, Edwards (TX) (TX)
 Ginny Ehlers Jenkins
 Buchanan Ellison Johnson (GA)
 Burgess Ellsworth Johnson (IL)
 Burton (IN) Emerson Johnson, E. B.
 Butterfield Engel Johnson, Sam
 Buyer Eshoo Jones
 Calvert Etheridge Jordan (OH)
 Camp Fallin Kagen
 Campbell Fattah Kanjorski
 Cantor Filner Kaptur
 Cao Fleming Kennedy
 Capito Forbes Kildee
 Capps Fortenberry Kilpatrick (MI)
 Cardoza Foster Kilroy
 Carnahan Foxx Kind
 Carson (IN) Frank (MA) King (IA)
 Carter Franks (AZ) King (NY)
 Cassidy Frelinghuysen Kirkpatrick (AZ)

Kissell Nadler (NY)
 Klein (FL) Napolitano
 Kline (MN) Neal (MA)
 Kosmas Neugebauer
 Kratovil Nunes
 Kucinich Nye
 Lamborn Oberstar
 Lance Obey
 Langevin Olson
 Latham Olver
 LaTourette Ortiz
 Latta Owens
 Lee (CA) Pallone
 Lee (NY) Pascrell
 Levin Pastor (AZ)
 Lewis (CA) Paul
 Lewis (GA) Paulsen
 Linder Pence
 Lipinski Perlmutter
 LoBiondo Perriello
 Loeb sack Peters
 Lofgren, Zoe Peterson
 Lowey Petri
 Lucas Pingree (ME)
 Luetkemeyer Pitts
 Lujan Platts
 Lummis Poe (TX)
 Lynch Polis (CO)
 Mack Pomeroy
 Maffei Posey
 Maloney Price (GA)
 Manzullo Price (NC)
 Marchant Putnam
 Markey (CO) Radanovich
 Markey (MA) Rahall
 Massa Rangel
 Matheson Reichert
 Matsui Reyes
 McCarthy (CA) Richardson
 McCarthy (NY) Rodriguez
 McCaul Roe (TN)
 McClintock Rogers (AL)
 McCotter Rogers (KY)
 McDermott Rogers (MI)
 McGovern Rohrabacher
 McHenry Rooney
 McIntyre Ros-Lehtinen
 McKeon Roskam
 McMahan Ross
 McMorris Rothman (NJ)
 Rodgers Roybal-Allard
 McNeerney Royce
 Meeks (NY) Ruppersberger
 Melancon Ryan (OH)
 Mica Ryan (WI)
 Michaud Salazar
 Miller (FL) Sanchez, Linda
 Miller (MI) T.
 Miller (NC) Sarbanes
 Miller, Gary Scalise
 Miller, George Schakowsky
 Mitchell Schauer
 Moore (KS) Schiff
 Moore (WI) Schmidt
 Murphy (NY) Schock
 Murphy, Patrick Schrader
 Murphy, Tim Schwartz
 Myrick Scott (GA)

Scott (VA)
 Sensenbrenner
 Serrano
 Sessions
 Sestak
 Shadegg
 Shea-Porter
 Sherman
 Shuler
 Shuster
 Simpson
 Sires
 Skelton
 Slaughter
 Smith (NE)
 Smith (NJ)
 Smith (TX)
 Smith (WA)
 Snyder
 Souder
 Space
 Speier
 Spratt
 Stearns
 Stupak
 Sullivan
 Sutton
 Taylor
 Teague
 Terry
 Thompson (CA)
 Thompson (MS)
 Thompson (PA)
 Thornberry
 Tiahrt
 Tiberi
 Tierney
 Titus
 Tonko
 Towns
 Tsongas
 Turner
 Upton
 Van Hollen
 Rooney
 Velázquez
 Visclosky
 Walden
 Walz
 Wasserman
 Schultz
 Waters
 Watson
 Watt
 Waxman
 Weiner
 Welch
 Westmoreland
 Whitfield
 Wilson (OH)
 Wilson (SC)
 Wittman
 Wolf
 Woolsey
 Wu
 Yarmuth
 Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—48

Abercrombie
 Aderholt
 Barrett (SC)
 Barrow
 Blunt
 Braley (IA)
 Capuano
 Carney
 Conyers
 Davis (IL)
 Davis (KY)
 Deal (GA)
 Dingell
 Farr
 Flake
 Gerlach
 Gonzalez
 Graves
 Griffith
 Grijalva
 Hall (NY)
 Harman
 Honda
 Kingston
 Kirk
 Larsen (WA)
 Larson (CT)
 Lungren, Daniel
 E.
 Marshall
 McCollum
 Meek (FL)
 Minnick
 Mollohan

Moran (KS)
 Moran (VA)
 Murphy (CT)
 Murtha
 Payne
 Quigley
 Rehberg
 Rush
 Sanchez, Loretta
 Shimkus
 Stark
 Tanner
 Wamp
 Wexler
 Young (AK)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, on December 1, 2009, I was called away on personal business. I regret that I was not present for the following votes:

On the passage of H.R. 3029. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

On the passage of H. Res. 727. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

On the passage of H.R. 3667. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I regret missing floor votes on Tuesday, December 1, 2009. If I was present, I would have voted:

“Yea” on rollcall 911, agreeing to H.R. 3029—To establish a research, development, and technology demonstration program to improve the efficiency of gas turbines used in combined cycle power generation systems.

“Yea” on rollcall 912, agreeing to H. Res. 727—Expressing support for greater awareness of ovarian cancer.

“Aye” on rollcall 913, agreeing to H.R. 3667—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16555 Springs Street in White Springs, Florida, as the “Clyde L. Hillhouse Post Office Building.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, I was unable to vote due to my attendance at the President’s speech on Afghanistan at West Point.

Had I been present, I would have voted:

On rollcall No. 911—“nay”—H.R. 3029, to establish a research, development, and technology demonstration program to improve the efficiency of gas turbines used in combined cycle power generation systems.

On rollcall No. 912—“yea”—H. Res. 727, expressing support for greater awareness of ovarian cancer.

On rollcall No. 913—“aye”—H.R. 3667, to designate the “Clyde L. Hillhouse Post Office Building” in White Springs, Florida.

2009 WORLD AIDS DAY

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, December 1 marks World AIDS Day.

Thirty-three million people live with HIV/AIDS worldwide. This terrible disease is one of the most destructive epidemics of our time. The fight against HIV/AIDS is ultimately about individual lives in our communities.

In south Florida I’m pleased to have strong allies such as UNITY COALITION and its president, Herb Sosa; Men Initiating Action & Mobilization for Impactful Change, otherwise known as MIAMI; Ambiente Magazine; South Beach AIDS Project; Union Positiva;

the University of Miami; Care Resource; Pridelines; Jackson Hospital; and all who are in the fight against this global menace.

United, and through greater awareness, research, prevention, and treatment, we will save and improve countless lives and stop the spread of HIV/AIDS.

RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA MEDICAL DEVICES CENTER

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

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great example of the academic and business communities working together to create new lifesaving technologies.

The Medical Devices Center at the University of Minnesota is a shining example of what can happen when innovation is encouraged and sought out by an educational institution and aided by partnership.

Last week I visited the University's Medical Devices Center and learned about this unique program that focuses on development of devices that have the strongest lifesaving impacts, partnering with others to also bring these products to market in the fastest manner possible. And you know what? The results speak for themselves.

From just 1 year in the fellowship program, we've had 15 new provisional patents, 12 new available technologies, one licensing deal with a local business, and one new startup among the program's fellows.

The center's collaborative approach between academics and business makes this a valuable program as well as a model for both Minnesota and the entire Nation to follow.

THE PROTRACTED WAR IN AFGHANISTAN

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

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, as we await the President's speech regarding Afghanistan, there's a point that I wanted to make; and as is so often the case, that point is better made by somebody else. So I yield to Chinese General Sun Tzu, who wrote the following words 2,500 years ago:

"In war victory should be swift.

"If victory is slow, men tire, morale sags. Sieges exhaust strength; protracted campaigns strain the public treasury.

"If men are tired, morale low, strength exhausted, treasure spent, then the feudal lords will exploit the disarray and attack. This even the wisest will be powerless to mend.

"I have heard that in war, haste can be folly. But never have I seen a delay that was wise.

"No nation has ever benefited from a protracted war."

Mr. Speaker, that was true 2,500 years ago, and it's true today. We do not benefit from the protracted war in Afghanistan.

THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH REGARDING AFGHANISTAN

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

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, tonight the President is going to say in his speech, and I just got part of it, that his sending 30,000 American troops over there is a step in the right direction for stabilizing Afghanistan. But then he goes on and he says it will allow us to begin the transfer of our forces out of Afghanistan in July of 2011.

The one thing that you should never do is telegraph your punch. I can't imagine why the President is saying in his speech tonight he's going to start withdrawing our troops in July of 2011. Even if he plans to do that, he shouldn't say it, because he's telling our enemies exactly what we're going to do, and it's just wrong. And every military officer I have ever met will tell you the same thing.

NATIONAL MEDAL AWARD FOR STARK COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY

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

Mr. BOCCIERI. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of the Stark County District Library, located in Canton, Ohio.

On October 6, 2009, the Institute of Museum and Library Science selected the Stark County District Library to receive the National Medal for Museum and Library Service. This is the Nation's highest recognition for library excellence and service to the surrounding community.

The Stark County District Library has served our county for 125 years, and the staff there set a fine example of leadership throughout that time by responding to the changing needs of our community. I know firsthand the friendly faces that fill the library and the great lengths to which the staff goes to provide resources for our community.

Despite budget cuts and other economic hardships, the Stark County District Library maintains the highest quality of service, making sure our communities have access to materials they want and need. Through early literacy efforts for mothers and their children and theater programs for Stark County kids and employment assistance classes and job fairs, the district library is able to fulfill its mission of inspiring ideas, enriching lives, and creating a stronger community.

This national medal confirms the Stark County District Library's commitment to our community.

WORLD AIDS DAY AND AFGHANISTAN

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I want to acknowledge today, December 1, as World AIDS Day when all of us focus on that devastating disease. I'd like to pay a special tribute to the Thomas Street Clinic in Houston, Texas, that for decades has served the hopeless and sometimes the helpless. I am so very glad that they are giving people life and opportunity.

Thank you, Thomas Street Clinic. And I was delighted to introduce legislation in support of them.

Mr. Speaker, on another topic very quickly, let me suggest that the President has been deliberative and thoughtful. It is interesting that those who criticize created the devastation and the havoc that is going on now in Afghanistan by taking away from our focus on Afghanistan after 9/11 and focusing on Iraq, a distracting war. Yet we love those who served, and we mourn for those we have lost.

We now want not to mourn for more. We want to find a way that we can introduce diplomacy, democracy, and getting the Government in Afghanistan to take care of its own people.

This is a war of insurgents. This is a civil war. And, therefore, we must find a way to handle this in a manner that serves all.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATS OFFER A BETTER PLAN FOR AFGHANISTAN

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, President Obama will talk to the American people about Afghanistan tonight. He is expected to announce a major new escalation of the conflict. I believe President Obama's apparent decision to send tens of thousands more troops to Afghanistan is a mistake, and I believe that because the past years have taught us that there is no military solution to Afghanistan. That's why I've urged the President to change our mission and to emphasize diplomacy, economic development and humanitarian aid as the best way to stop violent extremism in Afghanistan.

As a Californian, I'm proud to say that the California Democratic Party has passed a resolution that also urges President Obama to change course in Afghanistan. I want to recognize, and I want to thank my friends at the Progressive Democrats of America and the