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Murphy (CT)  
Murphy, Patrick  
Murphy, Tim  
Murtha  
Myrick  
Nadler (NY)  
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Ryan (OH)  
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Scott (GA)  
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Wilson (OH)  
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Wolf  
Woolsey  
Wu  
Yarmuth  
Young (AK)  
Young (FL)

## NOT VOTING—7

Abercrombie  
Cooper  
Gohmert  
Miller, Gary  
Oberstar  
Putnam  
Rooney

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE  
The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1425

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.

## COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. FUDGE) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, February 20, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702, I hereby reappoint as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress the following person: Mr. Bernard Forrester, Houston, Texas.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
Clerk.

## HELP IS ON THE WAY

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

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, we have seen the unemployment numbers continue to climb in our Nation. We're watching the Dow tremble. But I think it is important that we understand help is on the way, that the American people are watching a process in this body and in the other body that will generate not earmarks but dollars for communities. For many people think that earmarks are moneys that we grab and put in our pocket. It is only the direction given to money already there to help the people in your community: rural Appalachia, Iowa.

So in addition to this appropriations bill that is now in the other body, this Congress voted against their salary increase. And for those who don't understand that, as the debate is going on in the other body, we have already done it. We have already put forward a bill that speaks to the people's needs and makes sure that our salary increase is not there. Our leadership demanded that.

So I ask the other body to get on with their work and vote for the bill.

□ 1430

## GREEN HARD HATS

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, someday we may be using alternative energy, and we must work to that end. But right now we need clean crude oil for energy.

We should drill safely off our own shores because that will make us energy independent. It will increase jobs. Some of those offshore jobs pay up to \$100,000 a year. The leases that oil companies pay for are expensive, and that lease revenue comes to the U.S. Treasury.

Madam Speaker, we are also going to need crude oil in the future for other

things, and here is why. Last week on one of the coldest days in D.C. during 8 inches of snow, the global warming folks were in town. They were all wearing green hard hats, and I asked one did she know what that hard hat was made out of, and she told me plastic. Well, I asked her where did the plastic come from, and she said, "Well, it's plastic. It's made out of plastic."

Madam Speaker, plastic is not an element or mineral. That plastic helmet and much of what we use daily is a derivative of crude oil. We are always going to need crude oil for the thousands of products that come from it.

We need to take care of America and drill safely off our shores and keep jobs and revenue in America instead of sending it to the Middle East.

And that's just the way it is.

## 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.

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

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

## ONE TEAM—ONE FIGHT—ONE NAME: REDESIGNATING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY AS THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

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

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, earlier this year I introduced H.R. 24, legislation to redesignate the Department of the Navy as the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps.

For the past 7 years, the language of this bill has been part of the House version of the National Defense Authorization Act. Last year, 152 Members of the House cosponsored the bill to support this change. This session, the bill has gained 58 cosponsors so far. I hope many of the new Members of the House will consider supporting H.R. 24.

This year, I am grateful to have the support of Senator PAT ROBERTS, a former Marine, who recently introduced a companion bill in the Senate, S. 504. I hope that the Senate will support the House position and maybe this will be the year that Congress sends legislation to the President to bring proper respect to the fighting team of the Navy and Marine Corps.

Changing the name of the Department of the Navy to the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps is a symbolic gesture, but is important to the team. I would like to read a statement

by one supporter of this change, the Honorable Wade Sanders, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Reserve Affairs from 1993-1998:

"As a combat veteran and a former Naval officer, I understand the importance of the team dynamic, and the importance of recognizing the contributions of team components. The Navy and Marine Corps team is just that: a dynamic partnership, and it is important to symbolically recognize the balance of that partnership."

Madam Speaker, the Marines who are fighting today deserve this recognition. Before I close, I would like to point out there are many, many justifications for renaming the department Navy and Marine Corps. We all know that the Navy and Marine Corps are one fighting team, and that is the history of both the Navy and the Marine Corps.

Madam Speaker, on this poster is a condolence letter from the Department of the Navy. This was sent to the wife of a Marine who was killed in Iraq for this country.

Madam Speaker, on the letter sent by the Secretary of the Navy, it says "The Secretary of the Navy." Then the first sentence, it says, "On behalf of the Department of the Navy, please accept our very sincere condolences."

Well, Madam Speaker, that is very kind of the Secretary of the Navy, and I am sure that the Marine family that gave a loved one who died for this country during warfare appreciates that letter, but I respectfully say that even more important to the Marine family who lost a loved one would be that if the letter had said, "The Secretary of the Navy and Marine Corps," with the flag of the Navy and the flag of the Marine Corps, and then it further stated, "Dear Marine Corps Family: On behalf of the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps, please accept my sincere condolences."

Madam Speaker, before I close, I have Camp Lejeune Marine Base and Cherry Point Air Station in my district, and also Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. Other parts of the Armed Forces have the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Air Force. Now we need to have a Secretary of the Navy and Marine Corps. It's only right to the Marine Corps that they be equally represented and equally respected.

With that, Madam Speaker, I ask God to please continue to bless our men and women in uniform and their families, and may God continue to bless America.

#### END OCCUPATION OF IRAQ

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

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to deliver my 300th speech on the floor of the House, speeches demanding an end to the occupation of Iraq.

I take no pleasure in marking this milestone, except that in this great de-

mocracy we have it is possible for one Member of the House to stand here and express her opinions. But instead of pleasure, it deeply saddens me, for it reminds me just how long the Iraq occupation has been dragging on.

America's invasion and occupation of Iraq began 6 years ago this month. On March 21, 2003, the previous administration gave us "Shock and Awe." There were big explosions on our TV sets, but innocent people were being killed that night in Baghdad. And for the next 6 years, the body count continued to rise as Iraq became a hell on Earth.

Today conditions on the ground have improved, but the occupation goes on. Over 140,000 American troops remain in harm's way. Over 100,000 military contractors continue to roam the streets of Iraq, unaccountable to anyone but themselves. Military families continue to suffer here at home and tens of thousands of veterans suffer from injuries that will last a lifetime.

I voted against authorizing the use of force in Iraq, and I was the first Member of Congress to introduce a resolution calling for the withdrawal of our troops. For 6 years I have made the case that the occupation makes no sense.

On February 2, 2005, I said on the floor of the House "The sad irony is that after our Nation was attacked on 9/11 by al Qaeda, (our) response was to bomb and kill civilians in one of the few countries in the Middle East that was inhospitable to al Qaeda."

I also pointed out that the occupation wasn't making America any safer. On March 19, 2007, I said, "The rate of fatal terror attacks worldwide was increased by a factor of seven since the Iraq war began."

And I noted that the occupation was bleeding our Treasury dry and threatening our economy. On October 25, 2007, I said, "It's incredible to me that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, who lecture us daily about fiscal constraints, (do) not make a peep about the fiscal catastrophe" of Iraq.

I also raised my voice over and over again to decry the other tragic consequences of the occupation, which included the tragic loss of over 100,000 American and Iraqi lives, the refugee crisis, the torture at Abu Ghraib and elsewhere, the shabby treatment of our veterans at Walter Reed, the "Mission Accomplished" and weapons of mass destruction fiascos, the manipulation of intelligence to create a false cause for war, the cynical use of the 9/11 tragedy to justify military action against Iraq that the Bush administration had been planning all along, the scandal of sending our troops into battle without proper body armor and the terrible damage to our Nation's moral standing and reputation in the world.

I also spoke about the tremendous bravery and the skill of our troops and the amazing courage of the mothers of section 60 at Arlington National Cemetery, and I rose time and time again to

offer a real alternative to the occupation, a smart security plan, a plan that would defeat terrorism without the need to wage immoral and unnecessary wars.

Most recently, I rose to declare that the current plan to leave 50,000 residual troops after August 2010 in Iraq is unacceptable. I believe the best approach now is to withdraw all our troops by August 2010 and coordinate their removal with reconciliation and reconstruction efforts, efforts to promote the unification of the Iraqi people.

Madam Speaker, the occupation of Iraq violates America's core values of peace, freedom and human rights. I will continue to raise my voice on the floor of the House for these values until we bring all our troops home to their families and the peace and sovereignty of Iraq is restored.

I will also continue to raise my voice on this floor for a new and better foreign policy based on diplomacy and peaceful international cooperation.

I shall soon deliver speech number 301.

#### CUT GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND TAXES

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

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, the Washington Post the other day commented about the President's support of the \$410 billion omnibus spending bill that's crawling through the Senate, and they said that it borders on the irresponsible for the administration to try to blame this on last year's administration because they are the ones that are going to sign the bill into law and spend the money.

In another newspaper here in Washington D.C., the Washington Examiner, they wrote "In quick succession, (President) Obama rolled out a \$2 trillion financial services bailout, \$2 trillion, a \$788 billion stimulus package, the \$13.4 billion preliminary bailout for automakers, a \$410 billion spending plan to cover the rest of the current fiscal year, a proposed \$275 billion foreclosure rescue plan, and a \$3.5 trillion budget that includes a \$634 billion fund for health care."

People in America, their eyes glaze over when they hear this. Trillions and trillions and trillions of dollars that we don't have are going to be spent for all of these programs.

And so people say, well, how are you going to solve the economic problems facing this country if you don't spend that money? If we spend the money, we are not going to solve the problems. The economic conditions will continue to go in the wrong direction, but we will be loading on the backs of our kids and grandkids and future generations, higher inflation and higher taxes and a quality of life that won't be anything like what we have today.

The key to solving these problems is to cut government spending, and to cut