

Kilpatrick (MI) Miller (NC) Schock
 Kilroy Miller, George Schrader
 Kind Minnick Schwartz
 King (IA) Mitchell Scott (GA)
 King (NY) Mollohan Scott (VA)
 Kingston Moore (KS) Sensenbrenner
 Kirkpatrick (AZ) Moore (WI) Serrano
 Kissell Moran (KS) Sessions
 Klein (FL) Murphy (CT) Sestak
 Kline (MN) Murphy, Patrick Shadegg
 Kosmas Murphy, Tim Sherman
 Kratovil Murtha Shimkus
 Kucinich Nadler (NY) Shuler
 Lamborn Napolitano Shuster
 Lance Neal (MA) Simpson
 Langevin Neugebauer Sires
 Larsen (WA) Nunes Skelton
 Larson (CT) Nye Slaughter
 Latham Oberstar Smith (NE)
 LaTourette Obey Smith (NJ)
 Latta Oliver Smith (TX)
 Lee (CA) Ortiz Snyder
 Lee (NY) Pallone Souder
 Levin Pastor (AZ) Space
 Lewis (CA) Paul Spratt
 Lewis (GA) Paulsen Stearns
 Linder Payne Stupak
 Lipinski Perlmutter Sullivan
 LoBiondo Perriello Sutton
 Loeb sack Peters Tanner
 Lofgren, Zoe Peterson Tauscher
 Lowey Petri Taylor
 Luján Pingree (ME) Teague
 Lummis Pitts Terry
 Lungren, Daniel Platts Thompson (CA)
 E. Poe (TX) Thompson (MS)
 Lynch Polis (CO) Thornberry
 Mack Pomeroy Tiahrt
 Maffei Posey Tiberi
 Maloney Price (GA) Tierney
 Manzullo Price (NC) Titus
 Markey (CO) Rahall Tonko
 Markey (MA) Rangel Towns
 Marshall Rehberg Tsongas
 Massa Reichert Upton
 Matheson Reyes Van Hollen
 Matsui Richardson Velázquez
 McCarthy (CA) Rodriguez Visclosky
 McCarthy (NY) Roe (TN) Walden
 McClintock Rogers (AL) Wasserman
 McCollum Rogers (MI) Schultz
 McCotter Rooney Waters
 McDermott Ros-Lehtinen Watt
 McGovern Ross Waxman
 McHenry Rothman (NJ) Weiner
 McHugh Roybal-Allard Westmoreland
 McIntyre Royce Wexler
 McKeon Ruppersberger Whitfield
 McMahon Rush Wilson (OH)
 McMorris Ryan (WI) Wilson (SC)
 Rodgers Salazar Wittman
 McNeerney Sanchez, Loretta Wolf
 Meek (FL) Sarbanes Woolsey
 Meeks (NY) Scalise Wu
 Melancon Schakowsky Yarmuth
 Mica Schauer Young (AK)
 Michaud Schiff Young (FL)
 Miller (FL) Schmidt

NOT VOTING—47

Bilirakis Hall (NY) Putnam
 Boren Hinchey Radanovich
 Boucher Johnson (IL) Rogers (KY)
 Boustany Jordan (OH) Rohrabacher
 Brown, Corrine Kennedy Roskam
 Cao Kirk Sánchez, Linda
 Delahunt Lucas T.
 Doyle Luetkemeyer Shea-Porter
 Dreier Marchant Smith (WA)
 Emerson McCaul Speier
 Flake Miller, Gary Stark
 Gallegly Moran (VA) Thompson (PA)
 Gingrey (GA) Myrick Turner
 Gohmert Olson Walz
 Grijalva Pascarell Wamp
 Gutierrez Pence Welch

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
 The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members have 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1904

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.

Stated for:

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 126, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

MAJOR ED W. FREEMAN POST OFFICE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1284, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

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. 1284.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 384, nays 0, not voting 47, as follows:

[Roll No. 127]

YEAS—384

Abercrombie Carnahan Fleming
 Ackerman Carney Forbes
 Aderholt Carson (IN) Fortenberry
 Adler (NJ) Carter Foster
 Akin Cassidy Foxx
 Alexander Castle Frank (MA)
 Altmire Castor (FL) Franks (AZ)
 Andrews Chaffetz Frelinghuysen
 Arcuri Chandler Fudge
 Austria Childers Garrett (NJ)
 Baca Clarke Gerlach
 Bachmann Clay Giffords
 Bachus Cleaver Gonzalez
 Baird Clyburn Goodlatte
 Baldwin Coble Gordon (TN)
 Barret (SC) Coffman (CO) Granger
 Barrow Cohen Graves
 Bartlett Cole Grayson
 Barton (TX) Conaway Green, Al
 Bean Connolly (VA) Green, Gene
 Becerra Conyers Griffith
 Berkley Cooper Guthrie
 Berman Costa Hall (TX)
 Berry Costello Halvorson
 Biggert Courtney Hare
 Bilbray Crenshaw Harman
 Bilirakis Crowley Harper
 Bishop (GA) Cuellar Hastings (FL)
 Bishop (NY) Culberson Hastings (WA)
 Bishop (UT) Cummings Heinrich
 Blackburn Dahlkemper Heller
 Blumenauer Davis (AL) Hensarling
 Blunt Davis (CA) Herger
 Boccieri Davis (IL) Herseth Sandlin
 Boehner Davis (KY) Higgins
 Bonner Davis (TN) Hill
 Bono Mack Deal (GA) Himes
 Boozman DeFazio Hinojosa
 Boswell DeGette Hirono
 Boyd DeLauro Hodes
 Brady (PA) Dent Hoekstra
 Brady (TX) Diaz-Balart, L. Holden
 Braley (IA) Diaz-Balart, M. Holt
 Bright Dicks Honda
 Broun (GA) Dingell Hoyer
 Brown (SC) Doggett Hunter
 Brown-Waite, Donnelly (IN) Inglis
 Ginny Driehaus Inslee
 Buchanan Duncan Israel
 Burgess Edwards (MD) Issa
 Burton (IN) Edwards (TX) Jackson (IL)
 Butterfield Ehlers Jackson-Lee
 Buyer Ellison (TX)
 Calvert Ellsworth Jenkins
 Camp Engel Johnson (GA)
 Campbell Eshoo Johnson, E. B.
 Cantor Etheridge Johnson, Sam
 Capito Fallin Jones
 Capps Farr Kagen
 Capuano Fattah Kanjorski
 Cardoza Filner Kaptur

Kildee Miller (FL) Schiff
 Kilpatrick (MI) Miller (MI) Schmidt
 Kilroy Miller (NC) Schrader
 Kind Miller, George Schwartz
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 McGovern Ross Weiner
 McHenry Rothman (NJ) Westmoreland
 McHugh Roybal-Allard Wexler
 McIntyre Royce Whitfield
 McKeon Ruppersberger Wilson (OH)
 McMahon Rush Wilson (SC)
 McMorris Ryan (OH) Wittman
 Rodgers Ryan (WI) Wolf
 McNeerney Salazar Woolsey
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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
 The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members have less than 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1911

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. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, today, March 16th, I was detained in my district and therefore missed the three rollcall votes of the day. Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 125 on agreeing to the resolution H.R. 987—to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 8th Street in Freedom, Pennsylvania, as the "John Scott Challis, Jr. Post Office". Had I been present I would have also voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 126 on agreeing to the resolution H.R. 1217—to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15455 Manchester Road in Ballwin, Missouri, as the "Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building." Lastly, had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 127 on agreeing to the resolution H.R. 1284—to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 West Main Street in McLain, Mississippi, as the "Major Ed W. Freeman Post Office."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from this Chamber today. I would like the RECORD to show that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 125, 126, and 127.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, today, I was unexpectedly detained in my district due to a flight delay and missed three votes. If present, I would have voted: "yea" on H.R. 987; "yea" on H.R. 1217; and "yea" on H.R. 1284.

SECRETARY OF STATE HILLARY CLINTON WILL LEAD ROBUST HUMAN RIGHTS AGENDA

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, Secretary Clinton called the President of Sri Lanka to express deep concern over the deteriorating human rights situation in northern Sri Lanka. She stated clearly that the army should not fire on civilians, that international organizations should have full access to the thousands of people trapped inside the conflict area, and she condemned the Tamil Tigers for their atrocities. It was a strong human rights statement.

Last Wednesday, Secretary Clinton stood up for the rights of women when she hosted the 2009 International Women of Courage Awards. She noted those women whose governments kept them from traveling to Washington to receive this honor.

She also met with the Chinese Foreign Minister. She told him that every nation seeking to lead in the inter-

national community must live by the global rules that determine whether people enjoy the right to live freely and participate fully, including the freedom to speak out, to worship, and to live and work with dignity.

Secretary Clinton is committed to a strong human rights agenda, and I look forward to working with her and promoting human rights in U.S. foreign policy.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
OFFICE OF THE SPOKESMAN,
MARCH 13, 2009.

STATEMENT BY GORDON DUGUID, ACTING
DEPUTY SPOKESMAN

HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN SRI LANKA

On March 13, Secretary Clinton called Sri Lankan President Rajapaksa to express the United States' deep concern over the deteriorating conditions and increasing loss of life occurring in the Government of Sri Lanka-designated "safe zone" in northern Sri Lanka. The Secretary stated that the Sri Lankan Army should not fire into the civilian areas of the conflict zone. The Secretary offered immediate and post-conflict reconstruction assistance and she extended condolences to the victims of the March 10 bombing outside a mosque in southern Sri Lanka. She condemned the actions of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) who are reported to be holding civilians as human shields, and to have shot at civilians leaving LTTE areas of control.

Secretary Clinton called on President Rajapaksa to devise a political solution to the ongoing conflict. She urged the President to give international humanitarian relief organizations full access to the conflict area and displaced persons camps, including screening centers.

The United States believes that a durable and lasting peace will only be achieved through a political solution that addresses the legitimate aspirations of all of Sri Lanka's communities. We call on the Sri Lankan Government to put forward a proposal now to engage Tamils who do not espouse violence or terrorism, and to develop power sharing arrangements so that lasting peace and reconciliation can be achieved.

(March 11, 2009)

2009 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN OF COURAGE
AWARDS

HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, SECRETARY OF
STATE, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ROOM, WASH-
INGTON, DC

Secretary Clinton: Well, this is such an exciting occasion, and there were so many people who wanted to come today, but unfortunately, there is a limit to how many people we can let into this magnificent room. So there are people watching on closed-circuit TV all over this building, and beyond.

And it is my pleasure to welcome you to the State Department to celebrate International Women's Day with a very special event and a very special guest. The event is the International Women of Courage Awards, and in a minute, you will meet these remarkable women and learn more about their lives and their work. And I am especially delighted to thank one person in particular whose presence here means a great deal to all of us—our First Lady, Michelle Obama. (Applause.)

Now, I know a little bit about the role that—(laughter)—Michelle Obama is filling now. And I have to say that in a very short time, she has, through her grace and her wisdom, become an inspiration to women and girls not only in the United States, but around the world. And it is so fitting that

she would join us here at the State Department to celebrate the achievements of other extraordinary women, and to show her commitment to supporting women and girls around the globe.

She understands, as we all do here at the State Department, that the status of women and girls is a key indicator of whether or not progress is possible in a society. And so I am very grateful to her and to President Obama, who earlier today announced the creation of the White House Interagency Council on Women and Girls. That will—(applause). That office will help us collaborate across every department and agency in our government.

President Obama has also designated an ambassador-at-large to consolidate our work on women's global issues here at the State Department. Now, this is a position that has never existed before, and I am very pleased that someone you all know, if you have ever worked on women's issues—know and appreciate a longtime colleague and friend, Melanne Verwee, who's been nominated to fill that post. (Applause.)

And I also want to thank Ambassador Susan Rice and our excellent U.S. delegation to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, which is in the middle of its annual meetings now, for the work that they are doing and for the engagement that they demonstrate.

Today, we're focusing on the International Women of Courage Awards. It's a fairly new tradition here at the State Department, but it's already become a cherished institution. For the past three years, our embassies have sent us stories of extraordinary women who work every day, often against great odds to advance the rights of all human beings to fulfill their God-given potential. Today, we recognize eight of those women. Each is one of a kind, but together they represent countless women and men who strive daily for justice and opportunity in every country and on every continent, usually without recognition or reward.

And I want to say a special word about someone who could not join us, who we honor today—Reem Al Numery, who was forced to marry her older cousin when she was just 12 years old. She is now fighting to obtain a divorce for herself and end child marriage in Yemen. She was not able to be here, but we honor her strength and we pledge our support to end child marriage everywhere, once and for all. (Applause.)

We also express our solidarity with women whose governments have forbidden them from joining us, especially Aung San Suu Kyi, who has been kept under house arrest in Burma for most of the past two decades, but continues to be a beacon of hope and strength to people around the world. Her example has been especially important to other women in Burma who have been imprisoned for their political beliefs, driven into exile, or subjected to sexual violence by the military.

Our honorees and the hundreds of millions of women they represent not only deserve our respect, they deserve our full support. When we talk about human rights, what I think of are faces like these. What I am committed to is doing everything in my power as Secretary of State to further the work on the ground in countries like those represented here to make changes in peoples' lives. That doesn't happen always in the halls of government. It happens day to day in the towns and cities, the villages and countryside where the work of human rights goes on.

We simply cannot solve the global problems confronting us, from a worldwide financial crisis to the risks of climate change to chronic hunger, disease, and poverty that sap the energies and talents of hundreds of