

Mr. MURPHY of New York. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 732, the Motion to Adjourn, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

**MOTION TO GO TO CONFERENCE ON H.R. 2918, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010**

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 1 of rule XXII and by direction of the Committee on Appropriations, I move to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 2918) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes, with a Senate amendment thereto, disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Florida is recognized for 1 hour.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I move the previous question on the motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered. The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the minimum time for any electronic vote on the question of adoption of the motion.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 240, noes 171, not voting 21, as follows:

[Roll No. 733]  
AYES—240

Abercrombie Chu Fattah  
Ackerman Clarke Filner  
Adler (NJ) Clay Foster  
Altmire Cleaver Frank (MA)  
Andrews Clyburn Fudge  
Arcuri Cohen Giffords  
Baca Connolly (VA) Gonzalez  
Baird Conyers Gordon (TN)  
Baldwin Cooper Grayson  
Barrow Costa Green, Al  
Bean Costello Green, Gene  
Becerra Courtney Griffith  
Berkley Crowley Grijalva  
Berman Cuellar Gutierrez  
Berry Cummings Hall (NY)  
Bishop (GA) Dahlkemper Halvorson  
Bishop (NY) Davis (AL) Hare  
Blumenauer Davis (CA) Harman  
Bocceieri Davis (IL) Hastings (FL)  
Boren Davis (TN) Heinrich  
Boswell DeFazio Herseth Sandlin  
Boucher DeGette Higgins  
Brady (PA) DeLauro Hill  
Braley (IA) Dicks Himes  
Bright Dingell Hinchey  
Brown, Corrine Doggett Hinojosa  
Butterfield Donnelly (IN) Hirono  
Cao Driehaus Hodes  
Capps Edwards (MD) Holden  
Cardoza Edwards (TX) Holt  
Carnahan Ellison Hoyer  
Carney Ellsworth Inslee  
Carson (IN) Engel Israel  
Castor (FL) Eshoo Jackson (IL)  
Chandler Etheridge Jackson-Lee  
Childers Farr (TX)

Johnson (GA) Miller (NC) Schakowsky  
Johnson, E. B. Mollohan Schauer  
Kagen Moore (KS) Schiff  
Kanjorski Moore (WI) Schrader  
Kaptur Moran (VA) Schwartz  
Kennedy Murphy (CT) Scott (GA)  
Kildee Murphy (NY) Scott (VA)  
Kilpatrick (MI) Murphy, Patrick Serrano  
Kilroy Murtha Shea-Porter  
Kind Nadler (NY) Sherman  
Kirkpatrick (AZ) Napolitano Shuler  
Kissell Neal (MA) Sires  
Klein (FL) Nye Slaughter  
Kosmas Oberstar Smith (WA)  
Kratovil Obey Snyder  
Kucinich Oliver Space  
Langevin Ortiz Spratt  
Larsen (WA) Pallone Stupak  
Larson (CT) Pascrell Sutton  
Lee (CA) Pastor (AZ) Tanner  
Levin Payne Taylor  
Lewis (GA) Perlmutter Teague  
Lipinski Perriello Thompson (CA)  
Loeb sack Peters Thompson (MS)  
Lofgren, Zoe Peterson Tierney  
Lowey Pingree (ME) Titus  
Lujan Polis (CO) Tonko  
Lynch Pomeroy Towns  
Maffei Price (NC) Tsongas  
Maloney Quigley Van Hollen  
Markey (CO) Rahall Velázquez  
Markey (MA) Rangel Visclosky  
Marshall Reyes Walz  
Massa Rodriguez Wasserman  
Matheson Ross Schultz  
Matsui Rothman (NJ) Waters  
McCarthy (NY) Roybal-Allard Watson  
McCollum Ruppersberger Watt  
McDermott Rush Weiner  
McIntyre Ryan (OH) Welch  
McMahon Salazar Wexler  
Meek (FL) Sánchez, Linda Wilson (OH)  
Meeks (NY) T. Woolsey  
Melancon Sanchez, Loretta Wu  
Michaud Sarbanes Yarmuth

NOES—171

Aderholt Fleming McClintock  
Akin Forbes McCotter  
Alexander Fortenberry McHenry  
Austria Fox McKeon  
Bachmann Franks (AZ) McMorris  
Bachus Frelinghuysen Rodgers  
Bartlett Gallegly Mica  
Barton (TX) Garrett (NJ) Miller (FL)  
Biggett Gerlach Miller (MI)  
Bilbray Gingrey (GA) Miller, Gary  
Bilirakis Gohmert Minnick  
Blackburn Goodlatte Mitchell  
Blunt Graves Moran (KS)  
Bonner Guthrie Myrick  
Bono Mack Hall (TX) Neugebauer  
Boozman Harper Nunes  
Boustany Hastings (WA) Olson  
Brady (TX) Heller Paul  
Broun (GA) Hensarling Paulsen  
Brown (SC) Herger Pence  
Brown-Waite, Hoekstra Petri  
Ginny Hunter Pitts  
Buchanan Inglis Platts  
Burgess Issa Poe (TX)  
Burton (IN) Jenkins Posey  
Buyer Johnson (IL) Price (GA)  
Calvert Johnson, Sam Putnam  
Camp Jones Radanovich  
Campbell Jordan (OH) Rehberg  
Cantor King (IA) Reichert  
Berry King (NY) Roe (TN)  
Carter Kingston Rogers (AL)  
Cassidy Kirk Rogers (KY)  
Castle Kline (MN) Rogers (MI)  
Chaffetz Lamborn Rohrabacher  
Coble Lance Rooney  
Coffman (CO) Latham Ros-Lehtinen  
Cole LaTourrette Roskam  
Conaway Latta Royce  
Crenshaw Lee (NY) Ryan (WI)  
Culberson Lewis (CA) Scalise  
Davis (KY) Linder Schmidt  
Deal (GA) LoBiondo Schock  
Dent Lucas Sensenbrenner  
Diaz-Balart, L. Luetkemeyer Sessions  
Diaz-Balart, M. Lummis Shadegg  
Dreier Lungren, Daniel Shimkus  
Duncan E. Shuster  
Ehlers Manzano Simpson  
Emerson Marchant Smith (NE)  
Fallin McCarthy (CA) Smith (TX)  
Flake McCaul Souder

Stearns Tiberi Whitfield  
Sullivan Turner Wilson (SC)  
Terry Upton Wittman  
Thompson (PA) Walden Wolf  
Thornberry Wamp Young (AK)  
Tiahrt Westmoreland Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—21

Barrett (SC) Granger Richardson  
Bishop (UT) Honda Sestak  
Boehner Mack Skelton  
Boyd McGovern Smith (NJ)  
Capuano McNerney Speier  
Delahunt Miller, George Stark  
Doyle Murphy, Tim Waxman

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 1831

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN changed her vote from "aye" to "no."

Messrs. HALL of New York and SCOTT of Virginia changed their vote from "no" to "aye."

So the previous question was ordered. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion.

The motion was agreed to. A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 2918, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010**

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I have a motion at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. Aderholt moves that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 2918 be instructed as follows:

- To insist on the provisions contained in section 209 of the House bill.
- To disagree to any proposition in violation of clause 9 of Rule XXII which:
  - Includes any additional funding or language not committed to the conference;
  - Includes matter not committed to the conference committee by either House;
  - Modifies specific matter committed to conference by either or both Houses beyond the scope of the specific matter as committed to the conference committee.
- To not record their approval of the final conference agreement (within the meaning of clause 12(a)(4) of House rule XXII) unless the text of such agreement has been available to the managers in an electronic, searchable, and downloadable form for at least 48 hours prior to the time described in such clause.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XXII, the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. ADERHOLT) and the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alabama.

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I would like to focus attention upon a couple of important issues related to

both the bill itself and on the majority's last-minute attempts to use this bill as a vehicle for a month-long continuing resolution.

Madam Speaker, we all know the fiscal year expires on September 30, which is a week from today. Because the House and Senate have yet to complete our annual appropriations work, we must pass a continuing resolution—which, of course, we call a CR—to keep the government operating in the interim time. If we do not pass a CR, or a continuing resolution, our Nation will face a potentially devastating government-wide shutdown.

Now I think we all can agree that shutting down the government, even in the worst-case scenario, is not the preferred option. However, by attaching the CR to this Legislative Branch appropriation bill, the majority is forcing Members to choose between voting for our own office budgets or voting for a government shutdown. The majority is also using this parliamentary gimmick to avoid certain debate or votes on the floor that would occur under the normal CR process. This, Madam Speaker, is simply not the reasonable or responsible kind of governing that our constituents have sent us here to Washington to do.

In addition, the Leg Branch bill is the first of five appropriation bills by both the House and Senate to begin the conference committee work process. As the ranking member of the Leg Branch Subcommittee, I feel this bill is very important. But moving this bill forward, even above homeland security funding, is not the proper way to put a priority on meeting the critical needs facing the American people at this time.

I'm sure my Republican colleagues will have more to say on that issue as we move forward in the process. That being said, the motion that I bring forward today would prevent any extraneous provisions, including a CR, from being attached to the Legislative Branch appropriation bill and would require 48-hour viewing before a floor vote occurs.

Also, Madam Speaker, there is another issue that I do think needs to be dealt with as our subcommittee goes to conference. This is the issue of staff-led tours in the Capitol. Since the opening of the Capitol Visitor Center, many Members have expressed concern over the handling of how House staff-led tours are conducted at this time. To address this concern, we have included in the House-passed bill section 209, which prohibits the elimination or the restriction of staff-guided tours of the Capitol, except for security purposes, of course. The motion I'm offering today would instruct the House conferees to insist on this provision in conference. It is imperative that our staff be able to lead tours for our constituents and that our constituents are able to properly see this beautiful building, especially allowing it to be viewed from different standpoints. Dif-

ferent States have different things that they like to point out in the United States Capitol, and I think that it is certainly important that we continue to be able to do this.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to adopt this motion to instruct.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, while I support some of the content of the motion to instruct, essentially what much of it does is it ties the hands of the conference committee and really essentially would prevent us from being able to ensure that the government would continue to run.

There is precedent for adding unrelated matters in conference reports. The leadership on the other side of the aisle did so in 2006, and our tradition and our preference in the House is to make sure the conferees have as much flexibility as possible to ensure that the government can continue to function.

With that, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ADERHOLT. I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY).

Mr. OBEY. Madam Speaker, I want to fully support the comments of the gentlewoman from Florida. Some of the language in this motion is perfectly acceptable, but the most serious defect in the language is that it would simply tell the committee that it cannot do what the then-majority party did in September 2006.

In September 2006, the other party—then in the majority—attached the continuing resolution to the Department of Defense appropriation bill. Only two Republican Members of the House voted against that. Mr. ADERHOLT voted for that process at that time, so did Mr. LEWIS, so did Mr. BOEHNER, and so did Mr. CANTOR. So it would seem to me considerably ill-advised for this House to say that in order to keep the government open, we are not allowed to follow the very same procedure which was followed by the other side of the aisle and for which the gentleman voted.

I think that's enough said, and I thank the gentlewoman for the time.

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I think what needs to be pointed out at this point is that as the minority here, we would like to see a clean CR passed. We were under the impression that there would be a clean CR that would be ready to be voted on tomorrow. There has been no effort by the majority to go ahead and bring this for a vote and to pass a clean CR. So that's what we would like to do. We would not like to see it attached to some other legislative vehicle but to simply pass a clean CR to make sure the government stays open. That's why I think we should do that, and we have this motion at the desk.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I yield 30 seconds to the gentleman from Wisconsin.

Mr. OBEY. Madam Speaker, let me say, there are only two instances in which this is not an absolutely straight, clean CR. We do make an exception for veterans. We fund them at a higher level than we would ordinarily fund them in the continuing resolution. Secondly, we do make an exception for the Census because 2010 is coming at us whether we agree on this House floor or not. Those are the only two legislative items that depart from the traditional CR.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman from Wisconsin has expired.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentleman.

Mr. OBEY. Virtually every judgment made in the contemplated CR is the judgment which is simply that of the authorizing committee of jurisdiction, and that's what CRs are supposed to do.

Mr. ADERHOLT. I think it should be noted, the last time this happened, we were funding our troops and not funding ourselves. The bottom line is that the majority is forcing Members to choose between voting for our own office budgets or voting for a government shutdown. The majority is also using this parliamentary gimmick to avoid certain debate or votes on the floor that would occur under the normal CR process.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I think it's important to note that it is entirely appropriate to consider amending—at the point that we do—amending the CR to the Legislative Branch appropriations bill, which is essentially a government function. Our purpose in continuing to pursue that avenue would be to ensure that the government can continue to function.

In addition to that, because the legislative branch essentially has no significant differences of opinion, it really was the most appropriate vehicle and makes the most sense to utilize as a vehicle.

With that, I am prepared to yield back if the gentleman is.

□ 1845

Mr. ADERHOLT. In closing, let me say that I think it's very important, again, that we don't force Members to choose between voting for our own office budgets and voting for a government shutdown. Why are we choosing this particular vehicle for a CR? It is my understanding that the Homeland Security bill is also ready to go, and to attach it to choosing our own budgets to fund the Federal Government I think is a mistake. That's why we're concerned about the direction the majority is going on this. Therefore, we

have this motion that would restrict this from being added to it.

At this point, we would ask that a clean CR be moved forward and, therefore, it would not be attached to the Legislative Branch bill.

I yield back the balance of my time. Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to instruct.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 191, nays 213, not voting 28, as follows:

[Roll No. 734]

YEAS—191

Aderholt	Frelinghuysen	Murphy (NY)
Akin	Gallegly	Murphy, Tim
Alexander	Garrett (NJ)	Myrick
Altmire	Gerlach	Neugebauer
Austria	Giffords	Nunes
Bachmann	Gingrey (GA)	Nye
Bachus	Gohmert	Olson
Bartlett	Goodlatte	Paul
Barton (TX)	Graves	Paulsen
Biggert	Guthrie	Pence
Bilbray	Hall (TX)	Perriello
Bilirakis	Harper	Peters
Bishop (UT)	Hastings (WA)	Petri
Blackburn	Heller	Platts
Bonner	Hensarling	Poe (TX)
Bono Mack	Herger	Posey
Boozman	Hoekstra	Price (GA)
Boren	Hunter	Putnam
Boustany	Inglis	Radanovich
Brady (TX)	Issa	Rehberg
Bright	Jenkins	Reichert
Brown (GA)	Johnson, Sam	Roe (TN)
Brown (SC)	Jones	Rogers (AL)
Brown-Waite,	Jordan (OH)	Rogers (KY)
Ginny	Kennedy	Rogers (MI)
Buchanan	King (IA)	Rohrabacher
Burgess	King (NY)	Rooney
Burton (IN)	Kingston	Ros-Lehtinen
Buyer	Kirk	Roskam
Calvert	Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Royce
Camp	Kline (MN)	Ruppersberger
Campbell	Kratovil	Ryan (WI)
Cantor	Lamborn	Scalise
Cao	Lance	Schmidt
Capito	Latham	Schock
Carter	LaTourette	Sensenbrenner
Cassidy	Latta	Sessions
Castle	Lee (NY)	Shadegg
Chaffetz	Lewis (CA)	Shimkus
Childers	Linder	Shuster
Clay	LoBiondo	Simpson
Coble	Lucas	Smith (NE)
Coffman (CO)	Luetkemeyer	Smith (TX)
Cole	Lummis	Souder
Conaway	Lungren, Daniel	Stearns
Crenshaw	E.	Sullivan
Culberson	Mack	Taylor
Davis (KY)	Manzullo	Teague
Deal (GA)	Marchant	Terry
Dent	Marshall	Thompson (PA)
Diaz-Balart, L.	McCarthy (CA)	Thornberry
Diaz-Balart, M.	McCaul	Tiahrt
Donnelly (IN)	McClintock	Tiberi
Dreier	McCotter	Turner
Duncan	McHenry	Upton
Ehlers	McIntyre	Walden
Ellsworth	McMahon	Wamp
Emerson	McMorris	Westmoreland
Fallon	Rodgers	Whitfield
Flake	Mica	Wilson (SC)
Fleming	Miller (FL)	Wittman
Forbes	Miller (MI)	Wolf
Fortenberry	Miller, Gary	Young (AK)
Fox	Mitchell	Young (FL)
Franks (AZ)	Moran (KS)	

NAYS—213

Abercrombie	Gutierrez	Neal (MA)
Ackerman	Hall (NY)	Oberstar
Adler (NJ)	Halvorson	Obey
Andrews	Hare	Olver
Arcuri	Harman	Ortiz
Baca	Hastings (FL)	Pallone
Baird	Heinrich	Pascarell
Baldwin	Hereth Sandlin	Pastor (AZ)
Barrow	Higgins	Payne
Becerra	Hill	Perlmutter
Berkley	Himes	Peterson
Berry	Hinchev	Pingree (ME)
Bishop (GA)	Hinojosa	Polis (CO)
Bishop (NY)	Hirono	Pomeroy
Blumenauer	Hodes	Price (NC)
Bocchieri	Holden	Quigley
Boswell	Holt	Rahall
Boucher	Honda	Rangel
Brady (PA)	Hoyer	Reyes
Braley (IA)	Inslee	Rodriguez
Brown, Corrine	Israel	Ross
Butterfield	Jackson (IL)	Rothman (NJ)
Capps	Jackson-Lee	Roybal-Allard
Cardoza	(TX)	Rush
Carnahan	Johnson (GA)	Ryan (OH)
Carney	Johnson (IL)	Salazar
Carson (IN)	Kagen	Sánchez, Linda
Castor (FL)	Kaptur	T.
Chandler	Kildee	Sanchez, Loretta
Chu	Kilpatrick (MI)	Sarbanes
Clarke	Kilroy	Schakowsky
Cleaver	Kind	Schauer
Clyburn	Kissell	Schiff
Cohen	Klein (FL)	Schrader
Connolly (VA)	Kosmas	Schwartz
Conyers	Kucinich	Scott (GA)
Cooper	Langevin	Scott (VA)
Costa	Larsen (WA)	Serrano
Costello	Larson (CT)	Shea-Porter
Courtney	Lee (CA)	Sherman
Crowley	Levin	Shuler
Cuellar	Lewis (GA)	Sires
Cummings	Lipinski	Slaughter
Dahlkemper	Loebsack	Smith (WA)
Davis (AL)	Lofgren, Zoe	Snyder
Davis (CA)	Lowe	Space
Davis (IL)	Lujan	Spratt
Davis (TN)	Lynch	Stupak
DeFazio	Maffei	Sutton
DeGette	Maloney	Tanner
DeLauro	Markey (CO)	Thompson (CA)
Dingell	Markey (MA)	Thompson (MS)
Doggett	Massa	Tierney
Driehaus	Matheson	Titus
Edwards (MD)	Matsui	Tonko
Ellison	McCarthy (NY)	Towns
Engel	McCollum	Tsongas
Eshoo	McDermott	Van Hollen
Etheridge	McNerney	Velázquez
Farr	Meek (FL)	Visclosky
Fattah	Meeke (NY)	Walz
Filner	Melancon	Wasserman
Foster	Michaud	Schultz
Frank (MA)	Miller (NC)	Waters
Fudge	Miller, George	Watson
Gonzalez	Minnick	Watt
Gordon (TN)	Mollohan	Weiner
Grayson	Moore (KS)	Welch
Green, Al	Murphy (CT)	Wexler
Green, Gene	Murphy, Patrick	Woolsey
Griffith	Nadler (NY)	Wu
Grijalva	Napolitano	Yarmuth

NOT VOTING—28

Barrett (SC)	Edwards (TX)	Richardson
Bean	Granger	Sestak
Berman	Johnson, E. B.	Skelton
Blunt	Kanjorski	Smith (NJ)
Boehner	McGovern	Speier
Boyd	McKeon	Stark
Capuano	Moore (WI)	Waxman
Delahunt	Moran (VA)	Wilson (OH)
Dicks	Murtha	
Doyle	Pitts	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 1910

Messrs. SCOTT of Georgia, STUPAK, Ms. CHU, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland, Messrs. McDERMOTT, FATTAH, LANGEVIN,

SARBANES, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Messrs. CLEAVER and CUMMINGS changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Ms. GIFFORDS, Messrs. GINGREY of Georgia, BURGESS, POSEY, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona and Mr. MCMAHON changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the motion to instruct was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 2918, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees:

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. HONDA, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Messrs. RYAN of Ohio, RUPPERSBERGER, RODRIGUEZ, OBEY, ADERHOLT, LATOURETTE, COLE, and LEWIS of California.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. PERLMUTTER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 111-264) on the resolution (H. Res. 766) providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

EASTERN EUROPEAN ALLY, POLAND

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, last week marked the 70th anniversary of the attack on Poland, helping to launch the Second World War.

Last week was also marked by an announcement that the administration plans to scrap a planned missile defense system in Poland and the Czech Republic and refocus its missile defense program on protecting against short-range Iranian missiles.

This realignment of priorities reflects the new threats we face. However, as we shift our focus, we must not forget the vital role played by our European ally, Poland. Poland has always stood by the United States with support dating back to the Revolutionary War where Polish heroes like Casimir Pulaski fought to help America achieve independence.

Poland unilaterally repealed the visa requirement for United States citizens traveling to Poland. Indeed, Poland has always stood by us. Though I would like to say we have returned that favor, unfortunately, we have not.