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Diaz-Balart, L.
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Hoekstra
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Johnson, E. B.
Kilpatrick (MI)
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Miller (NC)
Ruppersberger
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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for two votes today. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on final passage of H. Res. 1257 and "aye" on final passage of H. Res. 1271.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, April 20, 2010, I requested and received a leave of absence.

For the information of our colleagues and my constituents, had I been present, on the following votes I missed during this time period.

On rollcall 212, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Financial Literacy Month, 2010 (H.R. 1257), I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 213, Honoring the life and achievements of Dr. Benjamin Lawson Hooks (H.R. 1271), I would have voted "yes."

PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS FIRST SPONSOR OF H.R. 1868

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered to be the first sponsor of H.R. 1868, a bill

originally introduced by Representative Deal of Georgia, for the purposes of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII.

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

There was no objection.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, last Thursday, April 15, 2010, I was away from this House on a matter dealing with constituency and official business regarding NASA, and I would like to submit into the RECORD the following votes if I had been present.

On rollcall vote 204, on agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 1248. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 205, on a motion to suspend the rules on resolution, H. Res. 1062. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 206, on a motion to refer the resolution, H. Res. 1255. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 207, on agreeing to the amendment, H.R. 4715, the Shea-Porter of New Hampshire amendment. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 208, on a motion to recommit, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Rollcall vote 209, on the final passage of H.R. 4715, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 210, on a motion to suspend the rules and agree to resolution, H. Res. 1242, congratulating Duke University. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 211, H.R. 4851, on a motion to concur in the Senate amendment H.R. 4851, continuing the extension of unemployment benefits. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Mr. Speaker, I rise to address the Chair regarding my absence from rollcall votes 204–211 on Thursday, April 15, 2010.

Mr. Speaker, I was not able to cast my votes during rollcall 204–211 on last Thursday because I was away working to save jobs for the American people. I would like to state for the record how I would have voted had I been present.

For rollcall vote 204, on agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 1248, "Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4715), Clean Estuaries Act of 2010 and waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules," I would have voted aye;

For rollcall vote 205, on motion to suspend the rules and agree as amended, H. Res. 1062, "Recognizing the Coast Guard Group Astorias' more than 60 years of service to the Pacific Northwest, and for other purposes," I would have voted aye;

For rollcall vote 206, on motion to refer the resolution, H. Res. 1255, "Raising a question of the privileges of the House," I would have voted aye;

For rollcall vote 207, on agreeing to the amendment, H.R. 4715, "Shea-Porter of New Hampshire Amendment," I would have voted aye;

For rollcall vote 208, on motion to recommit with instructions, "To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes," I would have voted no;

For rollcall 209 on passage of H.R. 4715, "To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes," I would have voted aye;

For rollcall vote 210 on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1242, "Congratulating the Duke University men's basketball team for winning the 2010 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball National Championship," I would have voted aye;

For rollcall vote 211, H.R. 4851 on motion to concur in the Senate Amendment H.R. 4851, "Continuing Extension Act," I would have voted aye.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX, I hereby notify the House of my intention to offer a resolution as a question of the privileges of the House.

The form of my resolution is as follows:

Whereas, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct initiated an investigation into allegations related to earmarks and campaign contributions in the Spring of 2009.

Whereas, on December 2, 2009, reports and findings in seven separate matters involving the alleged connection between earmarks and campaign contributions were forwarded by the Office of Congressional Ethics to the Standards Committee.

Whereas, on February 26, 2010, the Standards Committee made public its report on the matter wherein the Committee found, though a widespread perception exists among corporations and lobbyists that campaign contributions provide a greater chance of obtaining earmarks, there was no evidence that Members or their staff considered contributions when requesting earmarks.

Whereas, the Committee indicated that, with respect to the matters forwarded by the Office of Congressional Ethics, neither the evidence cited in the OCE's findings nor the evidence in the record before the Standards Committee provided a substantial reason to believe that violations of applicable standards of conduct occurred.

Whereas, the Office of Congressional Ethics is prohibited from reviewing activities taking place prior to March of 2008 and lacks the authority to subpoena witnesses and documents.

Whereas, for example, the Office of Congressional Ethics noted that in some instances documents were redacted or specific information was not provided and that, in at least one instance, they had reason to believe a witness withheld information requested and did not identify what was being withheld.

Whereas, the Office of Congressional Ethics also noted that they were able to inter-

view only six former employees of the PMA Group, with many former employees refusing to consent to interviews and the OCE unable to obtain evidence within PMA's possession.

Whereas, Roll Call noted that "the committee report was five pages long and included no documentation of any evidence collected or any interviews conducted by the committee, beyond a statement that the investigation 'included extensive document reviews and interviews with numerous witnesses.'" (Roll Call, March 8, 2010)

Whereas, it is unclear whether the Standards Committee included in their investigation any activities that occurred prior to 2008.

Whereas, it is unclear whether the Standards Committee interviewed any Members in the course of their investigation.

Whereas, it is unclear whether the Standards Committee, in the course of their investigation, initiated their own subpoenas or followed the Office of Congressional Ethics recommendations to issue subpoenas. Therefore be it:

Resolved, That not later than seven days after the adoption of this resolution, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct shall report to the House of Representatives, with respect to the activities addressed in its report of February 26, 2010, (1) how many witnesses were interviewed, (2) how many, if any, subpoenas were issued in the course of their investigation, and (3) what documents were reviewed and their availability for public review.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time designated by the Chair within 2 legislative days after the resolution is properly noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentleman from Arizona will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair will not at this point determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

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VETERANS' LEGISLATION

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

Mr. MCNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of our Nation's veterans and to thank Chairman FILNER for his leadership on veterans' issues. Tomorrow, the House is expected to consider S. 1963, major legislation to improve the VA which includes legislation I introduced, the Caring for Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury Act.

In order to meet the treatment and rehabilitation needs of veterans suffering from traumatic brain injury, my bill establishes a Committee on Care of Veterans with TBI, which has become the signature wound of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

We must continue our efforts to provide veterans and their families with

the best possible health care. The Committee on Care of Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury will help provide improved TBI education and training programs for VA health professionals which will benefit our men and women returning from combat.

I want to thank all of the men and women serving in our Armed Forces as well as our Nation's veterans.

JERUSALEM

(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, we should not be doubling down on a failed Middle East policy by pressuring Israel to make further concessions, including on Jerusalem, Israel's undivided capital.

Holocaust survivor and Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel recently wrote:

"Jerusalem is above politics. It belongs to the Jewish people, and it is much more than a city. It is what binds one Jew to another in a way that remains hard to explain. Today, for the first time in history, Jews, Christians and Muslims all may freely worship at their shrines. And, contrary to certain media reports, Jews, Christians and Muslims are allowed to build their homes anywhere in the city. The anguish over Jerusalem is not about real estate but about memory."

What is the solution, Mr. Speaker? Well, certainly not more pressure on our friend and our trusted ally Israel, while not holding others accountable for their actions.

HONORING ELK COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, back in March a small foundation in Elk County, Pennsylvania gave its millionth dollar to a local organization and celebrated its 10th year of existence.

The Elk County Community Foundation has grown during its 10 years to encompass 68 permanent charitable funds. By managing these funds, the foundation improves the quality of life in Elk County and the surrounding area. The revenues earned by the various funds provide grants and scholarships to nonprofit organizations and to individuals.

On their anniversary, the foundation celebrated at the Central Hose Company in Ridgway, where the Ridgway Volunteer Fire Department recently received a grant to help with the purchase of new equipment for its tanker truck.

It is this type of generosity for which the foundation is known. Paula Fritz-Eddy, foundation executive director,