

[Roll No. 367]

## AYES—420

Ackerman Davis (KY) Jones  
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 Biggert Ellison Lance  
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 Blunt Fattah Lee (CA)  
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 Boren Foster Lipinski  
 Boswell Foxx LoBiondo  
 Boucher Frank (MA) Loebsack  
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 Boyd Frelinghuysen Lowey  
 Brady (PA) Fudge Lucas  
 Brady (TX) Gallegly Luetkemeyer  
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 Broun (GA) Gerlach Lungren, Daniel  
 Brown, Corrine Giffords E.  
 Brown-Waite, Gingrey (GA) Lynch  
 Ginny Gohmert Mack  
 Buchanan Gonzalez Maffei  
 Burgess Goodlatte Maloney  
 Burton (IN) Gordon (TN) Manzullo  
 Butterfield Granger Marchant  
 Buyer Graves (GA) Markey (CO)  
 Calvert Graves (MO) Markey (MA)  
 Camp Grayson Marshall  
 Campbell Green, Al Matheson  
 Cantor Green, Gene Matsui  
 Cao Griffith McCarthy (CA)  
 Capito Grijalva McCarthy (NY)  
 Capps Guthrie McCaul  
 Capuano Gutierrez McClintock  
 Cardoza Hall (NY) McCollum  
 Carnahan Hall (TX) McCotter  
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 Carson (IN) Hare McGovern  
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 Clyburn Hill Michaud  
 Coble Himes Miller (FL)  
 Coffman (CO) Hinchey Miller (MI)  
 Cohen Hinojosa Miller (NC)  
 Cole Hodes Miller, Gary  
 Conaway Holden Miller, George  
 Connolly (VA) Holt Minnick  
 Conyers Honda Mitchell  
 Cooper Hoyer Mollohan  
 Costa Hunter Moore (KS)  
 Costello Inslee Moore (WI)  
 Courtney Israel Moran (KS)  
 Crenshaw Issa Moran (VA)  
 Critz Jackson (IL) Murphy (CT)  
 Crowley Jackson Lee Murphy (NY)  
 Cuellar (TX) Murphy, Patrick  
 Culberson Jenkins Murphy, Tim  
 Cummings Johnson (GA) Myrick  
 Dahlkemper Johnson (IL) Nadler (NY)  
 Davis (AL) Johnson, E. B. Napolitano  
 Davis (CA) Johnson, Sam Neal (MA)

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## NOT VOTING—12

Barrett (SC) Davis (IL) Inglis  
 Bishop (UT) Ellsworth Melancon  
 Brown (SC) Hirono Oliver  
 Cassidy Hoekstra Wamp

□ 1654

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## ELECTING CERTAIN MINORITY MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES

Mr. PENCE, Madam Speaker, by direction of the House Republican Conference, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

## H. RES. 1447

*Resolved*, That the following named members be, and they are hereby, elected to the following standing committees:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE—Mr. Rooney.  
 COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY—Mr. Graves of Georgia.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr. Graves of Georgia.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, because I was chairing the

committee addressing the question of the United-Continental merger, I was unavoidably detained and I missed the vote of H. Con. Res. 242, honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 101st anniversary. If I had been present, I would have voted an enthusiastic “aye.”

## TRIBUTE TO MANUEL SEMAN AND LUISE PANGELINAN VILLAGOMEZ

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

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, some families have an out-size influence in their community. With 12 children, 40 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren, Manuel Seman and Luise Pangelinan Villagomez have clearly had an impact. But their influence was more than numerical. The Villagomezes were among the first great entrepreneurs to emerge from the ashes of World War II in the Northern Mariana Islands.

Manny's family had farmed and fished, selling their produce to Japanese retail stores before the war. But afterwards Manny and Luise became business people themselves. They began with a small grocery store in Chalan Kanoa, then added a second in Garapan. They invested in real estate, went into construction, sold scrap and grew their fortunes. They invested, too, in their children's education, though they had only a sixth grade and third grade education between them. And they taught their children business, bringing them into the stores at an early age.

Luise passed away, surrounded by loved ones, at the Kiyu compound in Fina Sisu a few years ago. But Manny Villagomez lives on, farming as he did as a child, still traveling occasionally, satisfied with the fruits of a life of hard work and devotion to family and faith.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All Members are reminded not to traffic the well while another Member is under recognition.

□ 1700

## ISRAEL UNDER SIEGE

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, Israel has the absolute right to defend itself. It is under siege. In the north, it has the terrorist group Hezbollah; in the south, it has the terrorist group Hamas, both firing missiles into that Nation. Recently, six ships tried to break a blockade going into Gaza. Israel defends its borders and searches ships to make sure that aid going to Gaza is not from Iran and it is not weapons.

But this was not humanitarian aid workers that assaulted the Israeli comandos, where 10 of them were hurt. It turns out that their goal was, of course, to have an international incident. The reason being, after these ships were stopped and then allowed to proceed into Gaza, the humanitarian aid was denied and refused by Hamas. Obviously, an international incident that had gone bad for Hamas.

Recently, myself and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. PETERS), along with 128 Members of Congress have tried to make it clear to the White House that the United States should stand with our ally Israel, that we should make it clear to Israel, to America, and the rest of the world that Israel has the absolute right to defend itself in this situation and support the blockade and support their actions of the flotilla. This should be clear to all concerned throughout the world, especially Hamas and Hezbollah.

And that's just the way it is.

#### DISCLOSE ACT EXEMPTIONS

(Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, there is uncertainty on this floor as I speak as to whether or not we are going to bring up the DISCLOSE Act this day in the Rules Committee or on this floor this week. The reason appears to be that a special exemption has been given to just a select number of groups, starting with the National Rifle Association, but also not including the Gun Owners of America; including the Humane Society, but not including other agricultural groups in America.

In other words, we are saying that free speech is free for some but not all. And as I looked at this exemption that's been given, you have to have over a million members. You have to have members in all 50 States. You have to have existed for more than 10 years. It is obvious we have now gone from too big to fail to too big to file. In other words, if you have got enough juice here, you are not going to be included. But if you do, you are going to be excluded, and you are going to be allowed in this election period to fully use your First Amendment rights. That's not what the Constitution's all about.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE VICTIMS OF THE NORTHWESTERN OHIO TORNADOES

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and pay tribute to the men and women and children who lost their lives and were wounded in the tornadoes that ravaged northwestern Ohio on June 5 and 6. And that disaster

prematurely took the lives of six people. We are talking about Wood County, Fulton County, Ottawa County, across Sandusky County, and adjacent counties.

Madison Walters has been tragically orphaned while her family, Mary and Ryan Walters and their 4-year-old son, Hayden, were all killed. We also remember Ted Kranz, Kathy Hammitt, and Bailey Bowman. Over \$100 million of estimated damage occurred. Lake High School was leveled. So many businesses, homes, farms affected.

While this is a story of pain, it is also a story of hope and human goodness, as waves of thousands of volunteers have come to try to help and assist those facing such destruction. I would like to submit two articles for the record that detail examples of this compassion. And it shows to us again the signs of a great Nation that binds together, and neighbor helping neighbor.

I urge the administration, in the strongest manner possible, to declare our region a Federal disaster area so necessary aid can flow to those whose lives have been so dramatically affected in a region already suffering from economic recession.

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HELP, HOPE FROM VOLUNTEERS LIFT SPIRITS IN TORNADO-WRECKED TOWNS; MORE THAN 1,600 PEOPLE TURN OUT TO LEND A HAND

(By Claudia Boyd-Barrett)

Millbury resident Tim Miller has lost his house, and he wants to say thank you.

Not to the tornado which left him and his family homeless last weekend, but to the hundreds of people—most of whom he doesn't know—who have come to help pick up the pieces.

Thursday, on what remained of his back deck and next to a hole in the ground that was once his house, Mr. Miller perched a handwritten sign addressed to the volunteers. It read "Thank You Everyone."

"I have to," Mr. Miller said. "All these people come out and help you out, you've gotta thank them somehow."

With volunteers and emergency crews continuing to pour into Wood, Fulton, and Ottawa counties Thursday, recovery and cleanup efforts were moving full-speed.

In Lake Township, site of some of the worst devastation, Police Chief Mark Hummer said he expected the bulk of the cleanup to be done by Saturday. After that, there will be small debris to pick up and rebuilding efforts will begin, he said.

Volunteers included schoolchildren, adults taking time off work, retirees, nonprofit groups, and businesspeople.

Among them, a dozen employees from the Shelly Co. in Findlay and children from a little league baseball team ferried hundreds of hamburgers, hotdogs, and refreshments to residents and other volunteers in the Lake Township area.

Nine-year-old Ryan Kerr was one of the volunteers. He said he wanted to help "because I feel really bad about all the people losing their homes." And, he added, "it's fun." Recruitment of volunteers has been so successful that the United Way announced it would close two of its volunteer reception centers today. With so much of the general cleanup work done, there is only need for specialized volunteers, the agency said.

"The community's response has been absolutely tremendous," Bill Kitson, United Way of Greater Toledo president and chief execu-

tive officer, said in a statement. "In the past three days, we have deployed more than 1,600 volunteers to help with clean-up efforts. I'm truly at a loss for words."

The closed centers were at Grace United Methodist Church at 601 East Boundary St. in Perrysburg and at the Mainstreet Church at 705 North Main St. in Walbridge.

United Way officials said that if people still wish to volunteer and think their specialized skills can be used in restoration efforts, they should call 2-1-1 and give their personal information for reference.

General volunteers are needed in Ottawa and Fulton counties, however. In Fulton County, volunteers can go to Shiloh Christian Union Church, 2100 County Road 5, between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. today while the location will change to the Swancreek Township Hall, 5565 County Road D for the weekend. Ottawa County has a volunteer reception center at Genoa High School.

Bill Walker, the emergency management director for Erie County who has been helping out in Ottawa County, said the cleanup there would likely continue into next week.

"There's still a lot of work to do," he said. "But it's way better than what it was."

Amid the cleanup efforts, emergency officials also worked to ensure the area is prepared for future storms. They tested sirens yesterday across Wood County and one siren in Lake Township failed to sound. The siren, outside the fire station on Ayers Road, was fixed within a few hours.

Police Chief Mark Hummer said the siren had electrical problems and may have been struck by lightning.

It was not known whether any other sirens failed to work during the testing that lasted about three minutes and started at noon.

The Lake Township site where the siren wasn't working is the closest location to an area of Millbury that was among the hardest hit in the township.

Lake Township fire Chief Todd Walters said the siren was tested a week ago and was working when the tornado hit on Saturday night. Other sirens that were activated Thursday in Lake Township were at the Municipal Building in Millbury, Walbridge behind the police department, and on East Broadway in news conference yesterday morning, the township's police and fire chiefs encouraged people to prepare for future storms by having a battery-operated radio, as well as food and water in a safe area of the house, on hand at all times.

According to the National Weather Service, there is a chance of showers and thunderstorms today and through the weekend, but severe weather conditions have not been predicted.

Also yesterday, Ohio Department of Transportation Director Jolene Molitoris toured the storm-ravaged areas and spoke with officials involved in the recovery efforts. She pledged continued help by ODOT crews in clearing roads and making them safe for emergency personnel and the public.

Ms. Molitoris said she was inspired to see the progress made by the various government agencies on the ground and by volunteers.

"Everybody is a team and there's a power in working together," Ms. Molitoris said. "It reminds us of what it means to be Ohioans."

In another sign that things are slowly recovering, the Lake Township Police Department moved to a former Ohio Highway Patrol substation on Lemoyne Road. Emergency dispatchers for the Lake Township Fire Department and EMS will continue to work out of the Northwood police dispatch center, however.

Meanwhile, others were recovering on a more personal level. After losing the house they had moved into just three weeks ago to