

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall 436, I was away from the Capitol in my capacity as Chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1722, TELEWORK IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2010

Mr. CARDOZA, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 111-535) on the resolution (H. Res. 1509) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1722) to improve teleworking in executive agencies by developing a telework program that allows employees to telework at least 20 percent of the hours worked in every 2 administrative workweeks, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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GETTING OUT OF THE SLUMP

(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, when will this House leadership take action to get us out of this perpetual economic slump and provide the economic growth that we need to create the jobs that American families need?

Unemployment nationally remains high at 9.5 percent for June, with the U.S. economy losing 125,000 jobs in that month alone. In my area of south Florida, our unemployment rate is steadily increasing to 12.3 percent.

It is time for the administration and the liberal House leadership to take a proven approach of providing tax relief for working families and small businesses while reducing the debt, which is delaying future economic growth.

Lowering the tax burden on small firms, simplifying the Tax Code, that will encourage job creation. I also support extending the \$8,000 first time Homebuyer Tax Credit, which has done so much to help revive our slow housing industry in south Florida.

Let's act now. It is overdue.

CONGRATULATING THE NAACP ON 101 YEARS OF SERVICE

(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. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the NAACP, which is holding their 101st convention, or celebrating 101 years, a century of service. I also want to affirm their First Amendment right to

make statements on the policies of groups who advocate for causes that sometimes are colored in race.

The NAACP is a fighter for justice for all people, and I was glad to be there this weekend speaking about issues dealing with the environment, civil justice and the economy.

It is also important to note, Mr. Speaker, that corporations are now showing one of the best quarterly returns that they have ever had. Businesses create jobs, and we have created an economic opportunity for them to do so. But all of the economists are saying they are sitting on their money. They are hoarding their money.

It is time now for us to stand up as Americans and work together to create jobs, just as this government has stimulated the economy by providing stimulus dollars to create thousands and thousands of jobs. Work together, not divide. That is how we will move this economy forward.

Congratulations, NAACP.

POLITICS OF PANIC

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the administration continues its assaultive crusade against the workers in the domestic deepwater drilling industry.

Yesterday, it doubled down its relentless destruction of the gulf coast energy industry by issuing yet another ill-advised moratorium on deepwater drilling. Never mind that two courts have said the first moratorium on drilling was "arbitrary, capricious and wrong."

The Federal Government furnished no credible evidence or specifics that shutting down deepwater drilling was absolutely necessary. Never mind the facts, never mind that the second edict from the administration violates the spirit of the court rulings. Never mind that this job-killing ban is more about the politics of panic than about the safety of offshore drilling.

The administration is intentionally and knowingly destroying domestic energy and making us more dependent on foreign oil. The administration is permanently sinking the jobs of offshore workers, and the President's plan is succeeding. Jobs are being lost, rigs are leaving the gulf to friendlier waters. And why? Who knows.

The second disaster of the gulf is brought to you by this administration and our own Federal Government.

And that's just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES "BUDDY" KEATON

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

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, my heart is heavy this evening because a very dear friend of mine passed away, Buddy Keaton.

Buddy Keaton has been a real fixture in the Brooklyn community for so many years. Many, many basketball players are in the NBA because of Buddy Keaton. Buddy Keaton was a person that spent a lot of time with young people, helping them to understand how important it is to go straight in life, and also how important it was to really work on your skills. But at the same time, he indicated that they needed to be involved in making certain that their academics were in order.

Buddy Keaton, as a result of his involvement, made it possible for many basketball officials to be able to officiate games. Some have gone on to the NBA and to other places as a result of Buddy Keaton and his involvement.

Buddy Keaton was truly a coalition builder. He was a person that just had a natural flair for saying the right thing at the right time. He knew how to do that.

So I say to the Brooklyn community and to the family of Buddy Keaton, and, of course, to my good friend Hank Carter and to all those who knew him in terms of his work and how hard he has worked on behalf of people, we say to his family, you have our deepest sympathy. If there is anything that we can do, please do not hesitate to reach out.

What a tremendous loss for the Brooklyn community.

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION WEEK

(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, I rise today to draw both awareness and support for Therapeutic Recreation Week, which runs from July 11 to July 17. The purpose of recreational therapy is to restore, remediate and rehabilitate, all of which help to improve and maintain the physical, cognitive, social, emotional and spiritual functioning of individuals facing life-changing disease and disability.

This week serves to raise awareness of therapeutic recreation programs, promote these opportunities for those in need, and recognize the dedicated services of certified therapeutic recreation specialists. These specialists are certified by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification and serve a vital role in helping individuals facing disease and disability and helps them to achieve and maintain independence. Their services are both cost-effective and heartfelt.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the caring therapeutic recreation professionals for their selfless efforts to improve the lives of others, and encourage the public to take advantage of the many programs, workshops, presentations, lectures and receptions hosted in recognition of Therapeutic Recreation Week.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF REVEREND KENNETH MARCUS

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

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the service of a very influential spiritual leader within the Marietta community, Reverend Kenneth Marcus, the Senior Pastor of Turner Chapel A.M.E. Church.

Reverend Marcus came to America from the Island of Trinidad in 1975 to pursue a higher education. He received his undergraduate degree from Morris Brown College and master of business from Atlanta University. He first felt called to preach while in college, and then attended Emory, where he received a master of divinity in theology.

Reverend Marcus is very well respected at Turner Chapel, as he transformed a small church of just over 150 people to a large congregation consisting of over 6,000 members today. Most notably, the African Methodist Episcopal University in Monrovia, Liberia, conferred the doctor of divinity degree on Reverend Marcus in recognition of his impact on the city of Marietta.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend Marcus's wife is also his co-pastor, the Reverend Cassandra Marcus, and I send them both my best wishes.

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HONORING THE CITY OF EDEN PRAIRIE: THE BEST PLACE TO LIVE IN AMERICA

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

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Eden Prairie, Minnesota—the best place to live in America. Yesterday, my hometown of Eden Prairie was named by Money Magazine as their 2010 Best Place to Live in America. Of course, the people of Eden Prairie have known this for some time. But being true Minnesotans, we're very modest about our achievements. In fact, you usually won't hear anyone from Eden Prairie brag about our nationally recognized companies that we're home to, our beautiful lakes and rivers, or the miles of hiking and biking trails that run through town. You also won't hear anyone from Eden Prairie that brags about our award-winning schools, the civic-mindedness of our business community, or the friendliness of our citizens. In Eden Prairie, our preference is to leave that type of grandstanding to others like Matt Lauer and "The Today Show" and nationally circulated magazines with millions of subscribers.

Eden Prairie has been my family's home for close to 20 years. It's the place that I represented in the Minnesota State legislature, and now in Congress—and I can't think of a more deserving honor than being named The Best Place to Live in America.

BEWARE OF SPECIAL SESSIONS

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

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, if I were tonight addressing the people of this country, I would say: beware of special sessions. We're not going to accomplish much between now and when we get out of here for the election in November. And the reason we're not is because of my Democrat colleagues, many of whom realize that they're probably not going to be re-elected.

And so the President and the majority in this body and the other body are going to wait until the election is over and they're going to call a special session. And when they call that special session, they're going to try to ram through things such as cap-and-trade, which is going to cost every family in this country about \$4,000 more for utility bills. They're going to try to ram through a bunch of tax increases and a whole lot of other things that are bad for the United States of America and all the people in this country.

And so if I were talking to the America people tonight, I'd say: Call your Congressman, call your Senator, and call the President and say, We don't want anything being rammed through by people who are out of office between November and January of next year.

HONORING THE SACRIFICE OF PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CLAY MCGARRAH

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

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of America's bravest, Private First Class Clay McGarrah, who sacrificed his life in Afghanistan on our Nation's birthday in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Private First Class McGarrah, also a specialist in the United States Army, was a lifelong resident of Arkansas' Third District, where he attended Harrison High School. His loved ones describe McGarrah as a hardworking hero before he ever made his free choice to join the United States Army.

In addition to being described as a joy who brought happiness to the loved ones around him, McGarrah was also extremely patriotic and sacrificed himself for his life's passion for the military and our great Nation. Specialist McGarrah was assigned to C Company, 2nd Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He deployed to Afghanistan in June.

Private First Class Clay McGarrah made the ultimate sacrifice for his country at the young age of 20. He is a true America hero. I ask my colleagues to keep his family and friends in their thoughts and prayers during this very

difficult time, and I humbly offer my appreciation and gratitude to this American hero for his selfless service to the security and well-being of our country.

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 Kansas (Mr. MORAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

BANKROLLING THE ENEMY?

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

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, a gentleman from my district, Will Bennett of Santa Rosa, recently wrote a letter to the editor of the Santa Rosa Press Democrat and made an excellent point. He noted that Afghan President Hamid Karzai had said of the Taliban, "They are not the enemy. They are the sons of this land." As Mr. Bennett points out, then who is the enemy? "Is this a pretend war," he asks.

How can we possibly win a war in which our chief ally doesn't share our vision of who is the enemy? But then you realize that maybe the U.S. approach to the Taliban is closer to Karzai's than we'd be comfortable admitting. Because in certain respects we're treating them more like a vendor than like an enemy. It turns out our own contracting practices in Afghanistan may actually be putting money in the hands of the very Taliban insurgents we're trying to drive from the country—the very people who are killing our troops, the very organization that provided safe haven for al Qaeda to plot 9/11.

My distinguished colleague from Massachusetts (Mr. TIERNEY) and his Government Oversight Subcommittee recently completed a shocking report based on a 6-month investigation, which provides the details. At a cost, Madam Speaker, of more than \$2 billion, the Pentagon outsources the responsibility for shipping supplies to U.S. troops. And the contractor, unburdened by any meaningful government oversight, has been paying off a shadowy cabal of warlords, strongmen, and corrupt officials in order to guarantee security on Afghan roads.

The evidence is strong that the highway warlords are, in turn, paying protection money to the Taliban, who control many of the routes. Mr. TIERNEY