

appoints the following Members of the House to the committee to notify the President:

The gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER);

The gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BOEHNER).

#### AUTHORIZING CHAIR AND RANKING MINORITY MEMBER OF EACH STANDING COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE TO EXTEND REMARKS IN RECORD

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the chair and ranking minority member of each standing committee and each subcommittee be permitted to extend their remarks in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, up to and including the Record's last publication, and to include a summary of the work of that committee or subcommittee.

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

There was no objection.

#### GRANTING MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE PRIVILEGE TO REVISE AND EXTEND REMARKS IN CONGRESSIONAL RECORD UNTIL LAST EDITION IS PUBLISHED

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that Members may have until publication of the last edition of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD authorized for the Second Session of the 111th Congress by the Joint Committee on Printing to revise and extend their remarks and to include brief, related extraneous material on any matter occurring before the adjournment of the Second Session sine die.

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

There was no objection.

#### APPOINTMENT—BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VIETNAM EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 205(a) of the Vietnam Education Foundation Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-554), and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Board of Directors of the Vietnam Education Foundation:

Upon the recommendation of the majority leader:

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ, California.

#### REPORT FROM COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, your committee appointed to inform the President that the House is ready to adjourn and to ask him if he has any further communications to make to the House has performed that duty and

advises me that the President has directed them to say that he has no further communications to make to the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

#### THIS IS NO WAY TO RUN A GOVERNMENT

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

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, this bill that's just passed has been indicative of how things have gone here in this last 2 years. People didn't have a chance to read the bill. People didn't have a chance to make amendments to the bill.

There is no question the heroes from 9/11 deserved our full attention. They deserved to have proper moneys raised in proper ways in order to fund their proper treatment. That should have been done, but it wasn't. No, we come rushing in here at the last minute, and in fact, there were 176 Democrats that voted. It took 42 Republicans voting to give a quorum to get enough people so the vote would count. We had to wait over an hour for people to fly in from different places.

Is that any way to run a government? Is that any way to handle the business regarding heroes? And by the way, we're told, well, this will be paid for. One of the ways we're going to get a bunch of money to pay for that is our troops are in the Middle East, and we have to buy things from vendors over there, and we're going to slap a 2 percent tax on everything they sell to us. Our servicemembers will pay for it.

This is no way to run a government.

#### THE AFGHANISTAN REVIEW: THAT'S IT?

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

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, after more than 9 years of the war in Afghanistan and a troop surge that supposedly was going to turn the tide, all we have are modest gains that are fragile and reversible. For the price of \$377 billion, the lives of 1,400 brave Americans, that's it?

We need to hear more than "the challenges are tough and there are difficult days ahead." We need to hear more than "stay the course" platitudes that do little to eliminate the situation for the American people who are footing the bill.

Columnist Eugene Robinson assessed the review this way: "The good news is that President Obama's strategy in Afghanistan is 'on track.' The bad news is that the track runs in a circle."

Round and round on that track we go, Madam Speaker. More of our finest young people thrown into harm's way, more dollars flying out of the Treasury, more of our global credibility destroyed.

And because the track runs in a circle, we always seem to wind up in the same place—no closer to defeating the terrorists, no progress made on key national security objectives.

Here are some unvarnished facts you didn't hear emphasized in the Afghanistan review:

Casualties are rising to record-setting levels. The Taliban remains not just viable but robust, while Afghan governance remains ineffective at best, corrupt at worst.

Hamid Karzai remains an unreliable loose cannon, lashing out—according to one report—that he'd choose the Taliban over the United States and the international community.

The security situation continues to deteriorate, with violence so great that the Red Cross says it's nearly impossible for them to do their humanitarian work.

An article in the Washington Post several days ago put it best: "Afghanistan still remains a violent chaotic nation with as many signs of American defeat as of victory."

With that context, what do we make of Secretary Gates saying that progress in Afghanistan has "exceeded my expectations"? I shudder to think at just how low his expectations were.

The American people, however, have high expectations. That's why 60 percent of them, according to a recent poll, believe that this war isn't worth fighting.

Sixty percent, Madam Speaker! My friends on the other side of the aisle are claiming a ringing mandate with less public support than that.

And the Afghan people are no more enthusiastic. Not even one-third of them rate the work of the work of the U.S. in their country as excellent or good.

And despite all this, the response appears to be not an accelerated drawdown, but an escalation of violence.

There are reports that the United States is considering expanding the war across the border in an unprecedented way, with risky and dangerous Special Operations ground raids into Pakistan.

We can't take much more, Madam Speaker. This occupation has been given every chance to succeed. The time for patience has long since passed. It's time to bring the troops home.

#### TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

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

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, we've had a long, tough Congress, and we come to the end of it, and I'm sorry that my good friend from Texas implied the vote was held open for some nefarious reasons.

We passed the bill for our first responders a long time ago, and they finally got around to it over in the Senate. Those people were important, and it was important that we wait and make sure it gets over here and we get it passed into law.

Unfortunately, one of our Members had gone home to visit her grandmother, who is near the end of her life, and the plane was coming in and trying to drive in the traffic of the rush hour

makes it a little difficult. And so it didn't happen quite as quickly as we wanted, but I'm sure at this time of Christmas, when we all believe that we want good will for all men and all women around the world, we can extend a moment to finish the business of taking care of the first responders who on the 11th of September 2001 didn't hesitate on our behalf.

#### APPOINTMENT—NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONAL QUALITY AND INTEGRITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 106 of the Higher Education Opportunity Act (P.L. 110-315) and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity for a term of 6 years:

Upon the recommendation of the majority leader:

Dr. George T. French, Fairfield, Alabama.

#### FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 336. Concurrent resolution providing for the sine die adjournment of the second session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 6517. An act to extend trade adjustment assistance and certain trade preference programs, to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, and for other purposes.

#### OMNIBUS TRADE ACT OF 2010

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 6517) to extend trade adjustment assistance and certain trade preference programs, to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, and for other purposes, with the Senate amendment thereto, and concur in the Senate amendment.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the Senate amendment is as follows:

Senate amendment:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the "Omnibus Trade Act of 2010".

(b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

#### TITLE I—EXTENSION OF TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH COVERAGE IMPROVEMENT

##### Subtitle A—Extension of Trade Adjustment Assistance

Sec. 101. Extension of trade adjustment assistance.

Sec. 102. Merit staffing for State administration of trade adjustment assistance.

##### Subtitle B—Health Coverage Improvement

Sec. 111. Improvement of the affordability of the credit.

Sec. 112. Payment for the monthly premiums paid prior to commencement of the advance payments of credit.

Sec. 113. TAA recipients not enrolled in training programs eligible for credit.

Sec. 114. TAA pre-certification period rule for purposes of determining whether there is a 63-day lapse in creditable coverage.

Sec. 115. Continued qualification of family members after certain events.

Sec. 116. Extension of COBRA benefits for certain TAA-eligible individuals and PBGC recipients.

Sec. 117. Addition of coverage through voluntary employees' beneficiary associations.

Sec. 118. Notice requirements.

#### TITLE II—ANDEAN TRADE PREFERENCES ACT

Sec. 201. Extension of Andean Trade Preference Act.

#### TITLE III—OFFSETS

Sec. 301. Customs user fees.

Sec. 302. Time for payment of corporate estimated taxes.

#### TITLE IV—BUDGETARY EFFECTS

Sec. 401. Compliance with PAYGO.

#### TITLE I—EXTENSION OF TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH COVERAGE IMPROVEMENT

##### Subtitle A—Extension of Trade Adjustment Assistance

#### SEC. 101. EXTENSION OF TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1893(a) of the Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5; 123 Stat. 422) is amended by striking "January 1, 2011" each place it appears and inserting "February 13, 2011".

(b) **APPLICATION OF PRIOR LAW.**—Section 1893(b) of the Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5; 123 Stat. 422 (19 U.S.C. 2271 note prec.)) is amended to read as follows:

"(b) **APPLICATION OF PRIOR LAW.**—Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2271 et seq.) shall be applied and administered beginning February 13, 2011, as if the amendments made by this subtitle (other than part VI) had never been enacted, except that in applying and administering such chapters—

"(1) section 245 of that Act shall be applied and administered by substituting 'February 12, 2012' for 'December 31, 2007';

"(2) section 246(b)(1) of that Act shall be applied and administered by substituting 'February 12, 2012' for 'the date that is 5 years' and all that follows through 'State';

"(3) section 256(b) of that Act shall be applied and administered by substituting 'the 1-year period beginning February 13, 2011, and ending February 12, 2012,' for 'each of fiscal years 2003 through 2007, and \$4,000,000 for the 3-month period beginning on October 1, 2007';

"(4) section 298(a) of that Act shall be applied and administered by substituting 'the 1-year period beginning February 13, 2011, and ending February 12, 2012,' for 'each of the fiscal years' and all that follows through 'October 1, 2007'; and

"(5) subject to subsection (a)(2), section 285 of that Act shall be applied and administered—

"(A) in subsection (a), by substituting 'February 12, 2011' for 'December 31, 2007' each place it appears; and

"(B) by applying and administering subsection (b) as if it read as follows:

"(b) **OTHER ASSISTANCE.**—

"(1) **ASSISTANCE FOR FIRMS.**—

"(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), assistance may not be provided under chapter 3 after February 12, 2012.

"(B) **EXCEPTION.**—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), any assistance approved under chapter 3 on or before February 12, 2012, may be provided—

"(i) to the extent funds are available pursuant to such chapter for such purpose; and

"(ii) to the extent the recipient of the assistance is otherwise eligible to receive such assistance.

"(2) **FARMERS.**—

"(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), assistance may not be provided under chapter 6 after February 12, 2012.

"(B) **EXCEPTION.**—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), any assistance approved under chapter 6 on or before February 12, 2012, may be provided—

"(i) to the extent funds are available pursuant to such chapter for such purpose; and

"(ii) to the extent the recipient of the assistance is otherwise eligible to receive such assistance.'".

(c) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—

(1) Section 236(a)(2)(A) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2296(a)(2)(A)) is amended to read as follows:

"(2)(A) The total amount of payments that may be made under paragraph (1) shall not exceed—

"(i) \$575,000,000 for fiscal year 2010; and

"(ii) \$66,500,000 for the 6-week period beginning January 1, 2011, and ending February 12, 2011.'".

(2) Section 245(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2317(a)) is amended by striking "December 31, 2010" and inserting "February 12, 2011".

(3) Section 246(b)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2318(b)(1)) is amended by striking "December 31, 2010" and inserting "February 12, 2011".

(4) Section 255(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2345(a)) is amended—

(A) in the first sentence to read as follows: "There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out the provisions of this chapter \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2010 and \$5,800,000 for the 6-week period beginning January 1, 2011, and ending February 12, 2011."; and

(B) in paragraph (1), by striking "December 31, 2010" and inserting "February 12, 2011".

(5) Section 275(f) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2371d(f)) is amended by striking "2011" and inserting "and annually thereafter".

(6) Section 276(c)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2371e(c)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

"(2) **FUNDS TO BE USED.**—Of the funds appropriated pursuant to section 277(c), the Secretary may make available, to provide grants to eligible communities under paragraph (1), not more than—

"(A) \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2010; and

"(B) \$2,900,000 for the 6-week period beginning January 1, 2011, and ending February 12, 2011.'".

(7) Section 277(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2371f(c)) is amended—

(A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:

"(1) **IN GENERAL.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this subchapter—

"(A) \$150,000,000 for fiscal year 2010; and

"(B) \$17,300,000 for the 6-week period beginning January 1, 2011 and ending February 12, 2011.'"; and

(B) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking "December 31, 2010" and inserting "February 12, 2011".