

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, December 8, 2011.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena issued by the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for testimony in a civil case.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

GRANT SCHERLING,
Principal Engineer,

Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DENHAM) at 4 o'clock and 15 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

PERMISSION TO FILE CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1540, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the managers on the part of the House have until midnight tonight, December 12, to file the conference report to accompany H.R. 1540.

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

There was no objection.

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE BREAST CANCER RESEARCH AUTHORITY ACT

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 384) to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a

semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 384

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF POSTAGE STAMP FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH.

Section 414(h) of title 39, United States Code, is amended by striking "2011" and inserting "2015".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA) and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, Senate bill 384, introduced by Senator DIANNE FEINSTEIN from the great State of California, would extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue semipostal stamps to raise funds for breast cancer research. The bill enjoys cosponsorship on both sides of the aisle; 66 Senators have cosponsored it, and my committee has voted it out unanimously. Senate bill 384 is very simple yet important that we pass, and pass before the end of the year. Senate bill 384 will allow the United States Postal Service to continue to sell special postage stamps that generate funds used for breast cancer research.

In 1997 President Clinton signed Public Law 105-41, known as the Stamp Out Breast Cancer Act. The law authorizes the Postal Service to sell, for the first time, a special semipostal stamp for first-class mail. Under the law, the United States Postal Service sells this stamp at a price that is above the standard first-class mail rate. Buyers willingly buy this, knowing that this is helping stamp out breast cancer.

After accounting for administrative costs, the Postal Service then transfers surplus funds to the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Defense for breast cancer research. Today the sale of each 55 cent stamp generates 11 cents to go toward breast cancer research. Since being offered to the public in 1998, nearly 925 million—that's right, 1 billion—of these stamps have been sold, and over \$74 million of proceeds have been transferred to the NIH and the Department of Defense for breast cancer research.

I would like to thank my colleague, the ranking member of the full committee, Mr. CUMMINGS, and my colleague here today, Mr. CLAY, for championing this bill and its reauthoriza-

tion. I would also like to thank Senator FEINSTEIN for her work in moving this bill in the other Chamber in a timely fashion.

The authorization for this stamp expires on December 31. Mr. Speaker, it is important that we act and act today if we are, in fact, going to continue to help the more than 2.5 million women currently living with breast cancer nationwide and the over 200,000 women diagnosed with this disease each year in our country. The funds generated from this stamp are greatly needed. Each dollar raised for research increases the likelihood that more people will become cancer survivors rather than cancer statistics.

I urge all of my colleagues to vote for the bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

□ 1620

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and I'm pleased to rise in support of S. 384, along with my chairman, Mr. ISSA of California, of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee. I want to thank him for bringing this legislation to the floor.

This bill, S. 384, will extend the authority of the U.S. Postal Service to issue the popular semipostal stamp that helps to raise funds for breast cancer research. The measure before us, S. 384, is sponsored by our Senate colleague, Senator DIANNE FEINSTEIN, and here in the House, Representative JOE BACA, also from California, who introduced the companion version of this legislation.

Cancer is one of the scourges of our society, and this is a truly bipartisan bill that makes a huge difference in a cost-efficient manner. I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this bill without reservation. This will allow the American people to continue contributing to the fight against breast cancer and cancer in general for another 4 years. I urge passage of this bill.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my strong support for S. 384, legislation that reauthorizes the semi-postal breast cancer research stamp for four additional years.

I want to thank my friend, Senator DIANNE FEINSTEIN, for sponsoring this bill.

I am proud to serve as lead sponsor on H.R. 466, the counterpart legislation for S. 384, that was introduced here in the House of Representatives.

The breast cancer research stamp has been of critical importance in the battle against breast cancer—both in raising awareness of the diseases, and raising tens of millions of dollars for important research activities.

Since 1998, the U.S. Postal Service has sold over 903 million "semi-postal" breast cancer research stamps.

The sale of these stamps has resulted in over \$72 million being raised that has gone directly to supporting breast cancer research at the National Institute of Health.

If Congress does not act by the end of the year—the authorization to sell the breast cancer research stamp will expire within a few short weeks.

Aside from skin cancer, breast cancer is considered the most commonly diagnosed cancer among women nationwide.

According to the American Cancer Society, more than 2.5 million women in the United States are living with breast cancer today.

The research money raised by the breast cancer stamp makes a real and immediate difference in the lives of women diagnosed with breast cancer—and gives all of us hope that one day we can live in a world without this devastating disease.

The awareness the stamp creates is also critical—as we continue to stress the importance of preventative measures and early detection with America's women.

I urge my colleagues to join me in reauthorizing the breast cancer research stamp for another four years, and vote "yes" on S. 384.

Let's stand with America's our mothers, grandmothers, sisters, and daughters—and vow to continue to work towards a world without breast cancer.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 384.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

MASTER SERGEANT DANIEL L. FEDDER POST OFFICE

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3220) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 Evergreen Square SW in Pine City, Minnesota, as the "Master Sergeant Daniel L. Fedder Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3220

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. MASTER SERGEANT DANIEL L. FEDDER POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 Evergreen Square SW in Pine City, Minnesota, shall be known and designated as the "Master Sergeant Daniel L. Fedder Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Master Sergeant Daniel L. Fedder Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from

California (Mr. ISSA) and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

H.R. 3220, introduced by the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. CRAVAACK), would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 Evergreen Square SW in Pine City, Minnesota, as the Master Sergeant Daniel L. Fedder Post Office. The bill is cosponsored by the entire Minnesota State delegation and has been favorably reported from committee.

Master Sergeant Fedder died tragically in August of last year while he was based out of Camp Pendleton within my district and was serving honorably in our theater of operation.

Mr. Speaker, the postal naming is something that our committee takes seriously. We require that all post offices have unanimous support in order to be named. And under this year's rules, we require that it be for individuals befitting of the honor of having a post office named after them, and virtually every postal naming this year has been after one of our fallen heroes.

With that, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. CRAVAACK).

Mr. CRAVAACK. I thank Chairman ISSA for the introduction.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Master Sergeant Daniel Fedder by dedicating and renaming the U.S. Postal Office in his hometown of Pine City, Minnesota, as the Master Sergeant Daniel L. Fedder Post Office. Master Sergeant Daniel L. Fedder, 34, died on August 27, 2010, while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan, as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

While working as an explosive ordnance disposal technician, he was killed by a blast of an improvised explosive device. Master Sergeant Fedder was a 16-year veteran of the United States Marine Corps, with completed combat deployments to Iraq in 2004 and 2006 and an overseas deployment with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit in 2007.

He was on his first combat tour in Afghanistan but was a very decorated marine with several military awards, including the Purple Heart, two Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medals, and a Joint Service Achievement Medal. Master Sergeant Daniel Fedder was assigned to the 7th Engineer Sup-

port Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force out of Camp Pendleton, California.

Master Sergeant Daniel Fedder grew up in Pine City, Minnesota. He is survived by his parents, Robert and Jackie McKellar, who still reside in the area. Master Sergeant Fedder is further survived by his wife, Diana Fedder; and former spouse, Susan Fedder; and their two children—daughter, Danielle, and son, Strom.

A scholarship has been created in his name. It gives financial support to graduating seniors from Pine City High School where Master Sergeant Fedder attended.

Master Sergeant Fedder spent his career in service for his country and ended up making the ultimate sacrifice while working to protect his fellow Americans in Afghanistan and at home. Daniel Fedder is a true American hero, and I am privileged—in fact, I am humbled—by the opportunity to honor his life, sacrifice, and legacy by designating the local post office of his hometown in his name.

It is my hope that this post office will stand as a reminder to Daniel's family, friends, and the citizens of Pine City, Minnesota, of my appreciation, the appreciation of his constituents of Minnesota's 8th Congressional District, and America's appreciation for Master Sergeant Fedder and those servicemembers like him who have been killed in combat operations while protecting our country.

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

As a member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I am pleased to join my colleagues in the consideration of this bill.

H.R. 3220 designates the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 170 Evergreen Square SW in Pine City, Minnesota, as the Master Sergeant Daniel L. Fedder Post Office. The measure before us was first introduced by my colleague, Representative CHIP CRAVAACK of Minnesota, on October 14, 2011.

Before serving in Afghanistan, Master Sergeant Fedder had served two highly decorated tours in Iraq. He was a recipient of the Purple Heart, a Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and a Joint Service Achievement Medal, among many others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that we recognize and honor the heroic actions and the life of service of Master Sergeant Daniel L. Fedder and pass the underlying bill without reservation. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the passage of the bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

In brief, no individual is to be honored more than one who knowingly walks up to a piece of explosive that can kill them surrounded by hostiles who can kill them. When others stand back, our EOD technicians go forward. And no organization has paid more of a