

sit, and I would come down on the floor and ask him to do a 1 minute or a Special Order.

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He was very proud of his African American roots, and it was one of the reasons that he would often go to Africa and champion so many causes for those in Africa.

DON cared so deeply about his hometown of Newark and the other towns that he represented. He was always looking out for those in need—the disadvantaged and the poor. Those were the people that he cared about, and he spent so much time trying to deal with their problems and making their lives better.

I think more than anything else I remember DON's smile. DON always felt that things could get better and that we could work together. I think a lot of people don't know that his district was very diverse. There were many African Americans, but there were many people of other nationalities. We would often talk about the Italian Americans that he had lived with, grew up with, and worked with in his district.

DON always felt that we could have a better world, that Democrats and Republicans could work together and that people could work across ethnic and racial barriers. And he always made me feel, no matter how down I was on a particular day, that this place was important and that we can make a difference in people's lives. So I will sorely miss him.

I would ask that this afternoon, at the end of the day, at approximately 4 o'clock, we have unlimited 1 minutes, and we're going to have a bipartisan hour Special Order where Members can come down and pay tribute.

#### MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I do ask for a moment of silence to remember our dearly departed friend, DON PAYNE.

The SPEAKER. Members and guests will rise and observe a moment of silence.

#### EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEATH OF THE HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 571

*Resolved*, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable Donald M. Payne, a Representative from the State of New Jersey.

*Resolved*, That a committee of such Members of the House as the Speaker may designate, together with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

*Resolved*, That the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of applicable accounts of the House.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

*Resolved*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the passing of the gentleman from the State of New Jersey (Mr. PAYNE), the whole number of the House is 433.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2842, THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION SMALL CONDUIT HYDROPOWER DEVELOPMENT AND RURAL JOBS ACT OF 2011

The SPEAKER. The unfinished business is the vote on ordering the previous question on the resolution (H. Res. 570) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2842) to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal reclamation law, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 232, nays 177, not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 97]

YEAS—232

Adams	Camp	Flores
Aderholt	Canseco	Forbes
Akin	Cantor	Fortenberry
Alexander	Capito	Foxx
Amash	Carter	Franks (AZ)
Amodei	Cassidy	Frelinghuysen
Austria	Chabot	Galleghy
Bachmann	Chaffetz	Gardner
Bachus	Chandler	Garrett
Barietta	Coffman (CO)	Gerlach
Bartlett	Cole	Gibbs
Barton (TX)	Conaway	Gingrey (GA)
Bass (NH)	Cravaack	Goodlatte
Benishek	Crawford	Gosar
Berg	Crenshaw	Gowdy
Biggert	Culberson	Granger
Bilbray	Davis (KY)	Graves (GA)
Bilirakis	Denham	Graves (MO)
Bishop (UT)	Dent	Griffin (AR)
Black	DesJarlais	Griffith (VA)
Blackburn	Diaz-Balart	Grimm
Bonner	Dold	Guinta
Bono Mack	Dreier	Guthrie
Boren	Duffy	Hall
Boustany	Duncan (SC)	Hanna
Brady (TX)	Duncan (TN)	Harper
Brooks	Ellmers	Harris
Broun (GA)	Emerson	Hartzler
Buchanan	Farenthold	Hastings (WA)
Bucshon	Fincher	Hayworth
Buerkle	Fitzpatrick	Heck
Burgess	Flake	Hensarling
Burton (IN)	Fleischmann	Herger
Calvert	Fleming	Herrera Beutler

Huelskamp	Meehan	Runyan
Huizenga (MI)	Mica	Ryan (WI)
Hultgren	Miller (MI)	Scalise
Hunter	Miller, Gary	Schilling
Hurt	Mulvaney	Schmidt
Issa	Murphy (PA)	Schock
Jenkins	Myrick	Schweikert
Johnson (IL)	Neugebauer	Scott (SC)
Johnson (OH)	Noem	Scott, Austin
Johnson, Sam	Nugent	Sensenbrenner
Jones	Nunes	Sessions
Jordan	Nunnelee	Shimkus
Kelly	Olson	Shuster
King (NY)	Palazzo	Simpson
Kingston	Paulsen	Smith (NE)
Kinzinger (IL)	Pearce	Smith (NJ)
Kline	Pence	Smith (TX)
Lamborn	Petri	Southerland
Lance	Pitts	Stearns
Landry	Platts	Stivers
Lankford	Poe (TX)	Stutzman
Latham	Pompeo	Sullivan
Latta	Posey	Terry
Lewis (CA)	Price (GA)	Thompson (PA)
LoBiondo	Quayle	Thornberry
Long	Reed	Tiberi
Lucas	Rehberg	Tipton
Luetkemeyer	Reichert	Turner (NY)
Lummis	Renacci	Turner (OH)
Lungren, Daniel	Ribble	Upton
E.	Rigell	Walberg
Mack	Rivera	Walden
Manzullo	Roby	Walsh (IL)
Marchant	Roe (TN)	Webster
Marino	Rogers (AL)	West
Matheson	Rogers (KY)	Westmoreland
McCarthy (CA)	Rogers (MI)	Whitfield
McCaul	Rohrabacher	Wittman
McClintock	Rokita	Wolf
McHenry	Rooney	Womack
McKeon	Ros-Lehtinen	Woodall
McKinley	Ross (AR)	Yoder
McMorris	Ross (FL)	Young (FL)
Rodgers	Royce	Young (IN)

#### NAYS—177

Ackerman	Edwards	McCarthy (NY)
Altmire	Ellison	McCollum
Andrews	Engel	McDermott
Baca	Eshoo	McGovern
Baldwin	Farr	McIntyre
Barrow	Fattah	McNerney
Bass (CA)	Filner	Meeks
Becerra	Frank (MA)	Michaud
Berkley	Garamendi	Miller (NC)
Berman	Gonzalez	Miller, George
Bishop (GA)	Green, Al	Moran
Bishop (NY)	Green, Gene	Murphy (CT)
Blumenauer	Grijalva	Nadler
Bonamici	Gutierrez	Napolitano
Boswell	Hahn	Neal
Brady (PA)	Hanabusa	Olver
Braley (IA)	Hastings (FL)	Owens
Brown (FL)	Heinrich	Pallone
Butterfield	Higgins	Pascarell
Capps	Himes	Pastor (AZ)
Capuano	Hinchey	Pelosi
Carnahan	Hirono	Perlmutter
Carney	Hochul	Peters
Carson (IN)	Holden	Peterson
Castor (FL)	Holt	Pingree (ME)
Chu	Honda	Polis
Ciциlline	Hoyer	Price (NC)
Clarke (MI)	Inslee	Quigley
Clarke (NY)	Israel	Rahall
Clay	Jackson (IL)	Reyes
Cleaver	Jackson Lee	Richardson
Clyburn	(TX)	Richmond
Cohen	Johnson (GA)	Rothman (NJ)
Connolly (VA)	Johnson, E. B.	Roybal-Allard
Conyers	Keating	Ruppersberger
Cooper	Kildee	Rush
Costa	Kind	Ryan (OH)
Costello	Kissell	Sanchez, Linda
Courtney	Langevin	T.
Critz	Larsen (WA)	Sanchez, Loretta
Crowley	Larson (CT)	Sarbanes
Cuellar	Lee (CA)	Schakowsky
Cummings	Levin	Schiff
Davis (CA)	Lewis (GA)	Schrader
Davis (IL)	Lipinski	Schwartz
DeFazio	Loebach	Scott (VA)
DeGette	Lofgren, Zoe	Scott, David
DeLauro	Lowey	Serrano
Deutch	Lujan	Sewell
Dicks	Lynch	Sherman
Dingell	Maloney	Shuler
Donnelly (IN)	Markey	Sires
Doyle	Matsui	Slaughter

Smith (WA)	Towns	Waters
Stark	Tsongas	Watt
Sutton	Van Hollen	Waxman
Thompson (CA)	Velázquez	Welch
Thompson (MS)	Walz (MN)	Wilson (FL)
Tierney	Wasserman	Woolsey
Tonko	Schultz	Yarmuth

## NOT VOTING—24

Campbell	Kaptur	Paul
Cardoza	King (IA)	Payne
Coble	Kucinich	Rangel
Doggett	Labrador	Roskam
Fudge	LaTourette	Speier
Gibson	McCotter	Visclosky
Gohmert	Miller (FL)	Wilson (SC)
Hinojosa	Moore	Young (AK)

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CHAFFETZ) (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

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So the previous question was ordered.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, on March 6, 2012, I was absent from the House and missed rollcall votes 96 and 97.

Had I been present for rollcall 96, on a motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4105, to apply the countervailing duty provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 to nonmarket economy countries, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for rollcall 97, on ordering the previous question of H. Res. 570, providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 2842, to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes, I would have voted "nay."

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, due to a family emergency, I missed the following rollcall votes: No. 96 and No. 97 on March 6, 2012.

If present, I would have voted: rollcall vote No. 96—H.R. 4105—To apply the countervailing duty provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 to nonmarket economy countries, and for other purposes, "nay"; rollcall vote No. 97—Previous Question, Providing for consideration of H.R. 2842, the Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act, "yea."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3610 AND H.R. 3611

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a cosponsor of H.R. 3610 and H.R. 3611.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. McHENRY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

## BUREAU OF RECLAMATION SMALL CONDUIT HYDROPOWER DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2011

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that

all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill, H.R. 2842.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 570 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 2842.

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## IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2842) to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal reclamation law, and for other purposes, with Mr. CHAFFETZ in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

The gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) and the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. NAPOLITANO) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong support of H.R. 2842, the Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act of 2011. It authorizes hydropower at existing Bureau of Reclamation facilities and, by doing so, it allows placement of hydropower generators on existing man-made canals and pipes that have already gone through extensive environmental review.

This is a bipartisan plan to create new American jobs, cut government red tape, and expand production of clean, renewable and low-cost hydropower.

This past weekend President Obama once again tried to claim support for an all-of-the-above energy production, but unlike President Obama's empty rhetoric, House Republicans are taking real action to prove our commitment to expanding all forms of American energy.

Americans have now experienced 27 consecutive days of rising gas prices, and now the national average is pushing closer to \$4 a gallon. In order to address the skyrocketing prices, Republicans will continue to pursue an all-of-the-above approach that responsibly develops the natural resources that we have right here at home.

The facts are, Mr. Chairman, we have followed through on this commitment by passing through the House bipartisan reforms to break down government barriers to American energy production. Just weeks ago, the House passed a bipartisan jobs plan to vastly

expand access to our oil and natural gas resources offshore and in ANWR. Today we're putting forth a plan to expand production of clean, renewable hydropower.

As families and small businesses across the country are worried about rising gasoline prices, they are also worried about escalating electricity costs. Rising energy prices are a drain on our economy, pure and simple. It increases business costs and makes everything we do more expensive.

Hydropower is one of the cleanest and cheapest forms of electricity. In my view, coming from the Pacific Northwest, where nearly 70 percent of our power comes from hydropower, hydropower is the poster child for clean, renewable energy. Unfortunately, as is too often the case, the Federal Government is one of the biggest obstacles to increasing the development of hydropower projects, especially small projects.

This bill would remove government roadblocks and streamline the duplicative regulatory process for developing small canal and pipeline hydropower projects on existing Bureau of Reclamation facilities. This commonsense plan would help generate thousands of megawatts of clean, cheap, abundant and reliable hydroelectricity. Furthermore, it allows for hydropower generation without a single new dam, and at no cost to the Federal Government.

Now, let there be no mistake. I am a proponent of new dams. But this bill rightly harnesses hydropower potential at existing facilities. Water users throughout the West will be empowered to develop hydropower at the Federal canals they operate and maintain.

It's once again important to note that this bill only allows for small hydropower projects on existing canals and pipelines. Such manmade facilities are already on what I would call disturbed ground and have already gone through extensive environmental reviews.

Furthermore, this bill is a revenue generator for the Federal Government. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, or CBO, estimates that it will generate \$5 million over the next 10 years through increased hydropower production and rental fees associated with it.

H.R. 2842 affirms Republicans' commitment to a true, all-of-the-above energy plan. It will create jobs in rural areas, lower energy prices, and expand production of clean, renewable American energy by simply getting the Federal Government out of the way.

This bill received bipartisan support in the Natural Resources Committee and is endorsed by the Family Farm Alliance, the National Water Resources Association, the American Public Power Association, and the Association of California Water Agencies.

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I want to commend the bill's sponsors, Mr. TIPTON of Colorado and Mr.