

Competitive Act of 2013, “no” on rollcall No. 306, H.R. 1564—Audit Integrity and Job Protection Act, as amended, and “yes” on rollcall No. 307, H.R. 1171—FOR VETS Act of 2013.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JOE BISCEGLIA’S 16 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE MASSACHUSETTS SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2013

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a great friend and a true public servant, Mr. Joseph Bisceglia, for his years of dedicated service to the constituents of the Massachusetts Second Congressional District. After 16 years as District Representative in my Worcester Congressional office, Joe is moving on to another position.

Joe joined my Worcester office early in my first term in 1997. Since that time he has exhibited consistent excellence and shown a thoughtful and compassionate hand in all of his work. Joe has helped so many people—too many to count. I believe, and I know that many of my colleagues will agree with me, that constituent casework is one of the most important things we do as members of Congress. Whether it was helping a veteran get the benefits he rightfully earned or helping a family to find a decent place to live, Joe exemplified the true meaning of “public service.”

It will be difficult to say goodbye to such a loyal friend and colleague, but I am confident that Joe will continue to display his good humor and dedication in his new position. I know my colleagues will join me in recognizing Joe Bisceglia for his many years of faithful service to the people of Massachusetts and in wishing him and his family the very best in the years ahead.

DELTA SIGMA THETA 51ST
NATIONAL CONVENTION

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2013

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated as 100 years of sisterhood, scholarship and service is celebrated in our nation’s capital—the home of the Sorority’s founding. Tomorrow thousands of women will convene on the National Mall to kick off the sorority’s 51st National Convention.

I pay tribute to 100 years of trailblazing in honor of the sorority’s 22 courageous and visionary Founders, and its members who have also served in Congress, including Barbara Jordan, Shirley Chisholm, Carrie Meek and Stephanie Tubbs-Jones.

A sisterhood called to serve, Delta Sigma Theta has developed and implemented many programs to promote educational and economic development, improve physical and mental health, and increase international and political awareness and involvement.

I welcome my Sorors to the Nation’s capital, and salute a century of distinguished serve here at home and around the globe.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,738,227,772,946.05. We’ve added \$6,111,350,724,032.97 to our debt in 4 and a half years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2013

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 8, I was not present for Recorded Votes under a suspension of the rules. Had I been present I would have voted as follows:

“No” on rollcall vote 305 on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1341;

“No” on rollcall vote 306 on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1564;

“Yes” on rollcall vote 307, on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1171;

On Tuesday, July 9, following debate of H. Res. 288, the rule providing for consideration of the H.R. 2609 making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year 2014, I was not able to be present for Recorded Votes.

Had I been present during the vote series, I would have voted as follows:

“No” on rollcall vote 308, On Ordering the Previous Question;

“No” on rollcall vote 309, On Agreeing to the Resolution to provide for consideration of H.R. 2609;

“No” on rollcall vote 310, On Approving the Journal.

On Wednesday, July 10, during debate of amendments to and on passage of H.R. 2609 making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year 2014, I was unable to be present for Recorded Votes. Had I been present during these vote series, I would have voted as follows:

“Yes” on rollcall vote 328, on agreeing to the Hastings (FL) amendment;

“Yes” on rollcall vote 329, on agreeing to the Garamendi amendment;

“No” on rollcall vote 330, on agreeing to the Broun (GA) amendment;

“Yes” on rollcall vote 331, on agreeing to the Jackson Lee amendment;

“Yes” on rollcall vote 332, on agreeing to the Quigley amendment;

“No” on rollcall vote 333, on agreeing to the Heck (NV) amendment;

“Yes” on rollcall vote 334, on agreeing to the Polis amendment;

“Yes” on rollcall vote 335, on agreeing to the Burgess amendment;

“Yes” on rollcall vote 336, on agreeing to the Burgess amendment;

“Yes” on rollcall vote 337, on agreeing to the Titus amendment;

“Yes” on rollcall vote 338, on agreeing to the Lynch amendment;

“No” on rollcall vote 339, on agreeing to the Whitfield amendment;

“No” on rollcall vote 340, on agreeing to the Fleming amendment;

“Yes” on rollcall vote 341, on agreeing to the Garamendi amendment;

“Yes” on rollcall vote 342, on agreeing to the Speier amendment;

“No” on rollcall vote 343, on agreeing to the Chabot amendment;

“Yes” on rollcall vote 344, on motion to recommit with instructions;

“No” on rollcall vote 345, on passage of H.R. 2609.

RECOGNIZING THE SECOND ANNUAL NATIONAL TENNIS CAMP FOR WOUNDED, ILL, AND INJURED SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2013

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the United States Tennis Association, San Diego District Tennis Association, Naval Medical Center San Diego, and Balboa Tennis Club for working together on the second annual National Tennis Camp for Wounded, Ill, and Injured Service Members and Veterans.

This remarkable event took place on June 12, 2013 through June 15, 2013 and brought military heroes together to play tennis while working to improve their well-being and overall quality of life.

I would like to also acknowledge the U.S. Olympic Committee, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and private donors for providing all funding for the costs for each participant.

Since 2009, the Balboa Tennis Club, in collaboration with Naval Medical Center San Diego and the San Diego District Tennis Association, has provided hundreds of free tennis clinics to more than 400 ill and injured service members and veterans from all the military services as part of Naval Medical Center San Diego’s Balboa Warrior Athlete Program.

The Balboa Warrior Athlete Program’s tennis program and tennis camp have been recognized nationally and are the model for similar tennis programs for ill and injured service members and veterans that have been established at other major military medical centers, Warrior Transition Units, and VA hospitals across the country.

The United States Tennis Association and its member organizations have a long and proud history of supporting veterans and wounded warriors. The USTA Military Outreach mission is to provide sustainable worldwide tennis support, training and programming options to America’s service members, families and veterans. The USTA utilizes its existing initiatives and programs to reach, support and provide direct services to military families, service members and veterans. The USTA has introduced more than 300,000 deployed service members to the recreational, therapeutic and social benefits of tennis.

These efforts have made a positive impact in the lives of ill and injured service members and veterans. Tennis allows them to work on eye-hand coordination, balance, endurance,

and the ability to transfer weight. It also decreases stress and anxiety and helps with reintegration into the community.

All the above-mentioned parties who came together to put on a successful National Tennis Camp for Wounded, Ill, and Injured Service Members and Veterans deserve our thanks and gratitude.