## April 11, 2013

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## □ 1408

So the resolution was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. COLLINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 98, H. Res. 146, On Adoption of the Rule, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

## CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—HOUSE

## THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COL-LINS of Georgia). The unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, on which the yeas and nays were ordered. The question is on the Speaker's ap-

proval of the Journal.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 272, nays 136, answered "present" 1, not voting 23, as follows:

#### [Roll No. 99] YEAS-272

Aderholt Fattah Alexander Fincher Amodei Fleischmann Bachmann Fleming Bachus Forbes Barber Fortenberry Barletta Foster Barrow (GA) Frankel (FL) Franks (AZ) Frelinghuysen Beatty Becerra Bera (CA) Fudge Bilirakis Gabbard Bishop (GA) Gallego Bishop (UT) Garamendi Black Gibbs Blackburn Goodlatte Blumenauer Gosar Bonamici Gowdy Boustany Grayson Brady (TX) Grimm Bridenstine Guthrie Brooks (AL) Hahn Brown (FL) Hanabusa Brownley (CA) Harper Buchanan Harris Bucshon Hartzler Hastings (WA) Bustos Butterfield Heck (WA) Calvert Hensarling Camp Himes Campbell Hinojosa Cantor Holt. Horsford Capito Capps Hoyer Huffman Cárdenas Hultgren Carney Carson (IN) Hunter Carter Hurt Cartwright Issa Cassidy Castro (TX) Johnson, Sam Kaptur Kelly (PA) Chabot Kildee King (IA) Cicilline King (NY) Coble Kingston Kline Conaway Kuster Connolly Labrador LaMalfa Cook Cooper Lamborn Cramer Langevin Crawford Lankford Cuellar Larsen (WA) Culberson Levin Lipinski Cummings Daines Davis (CA) Loebsack Lofgren Davis, Danny Long DeGette Lowey Delanev Lucas DeLauro Luetkemeyer Lujan Grisham DelBene DeSantis (NM)Luján, Ben Ray DesJarlais Deutch (NM) Diaz-Balart Lummis Doggett Marino Doyle Massie Duncan (SC) Matsui McCarthy (CA) Duncan (TN) Edwards McCarthy (NY) Ellison McCaul Ellmers McClintock McCollum McHenry Engel Envart Eshoo McIntvre McKeon Farenthold McKinley

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Kennedy

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Lance

Latham

Latta Lee (CA)

LoBiondo

Maloney,

Marchant

Matheson

McDermott

Miller (FL)

Miller, George

McGovern

Carolvn

Lowenthal

Lewis

Maffei

Kind

Kelly (IL)

Kinzinger (IL)

Kirkpatrick

Larson (CT)

Joyce

Hudson

Huizenga (MI)

Jackson Lee

Johnson (OH)

Johnson, E. B.

Nugent Palazzo Pallone Pastor (AZ) Payne Peters (CA) Herrera Beutler Peters (MI) Peterson Pittenger Poe (TX) Price (GA) Radel Rahall Reed Renacci Ribble Rigell Rooney Rush Ryan (OH) Salmon Sanchez, Loretta Sarbanes Schakowsky Schock Sires Slaughter Southerland Stivers Stockman Terry Thompson (CA) Thompson (MS) Tiberi Tipton Turner Valadao Maloney, Sean Vargas Veasev Velázquez Visclosky Walberg Woodall Yoder Negrete McLeod Young (AK)

#### ANSWERED "PRESENT"-1

Owens NOT VOTING-23 Barton Hastings (FL) Pompeo Braley (IA) Higgins Rangel Castor (FL) Huelskamr Reichert Collins (NY) Johnson (GA) Simpson Farr Lynch Speier Gohmert Markev Stutzman Granger Moran Young (FL) Grijalva Nolan

### □ 1416

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

Mr. COLLINS of New York, Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 99, Journal, On Approval of the Journal, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. HUELSKAMP. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained by the Medal of Honor ceremony for Father Emil Kapaun on Thursday, April 11th and missed rollcall votes 97. 98 and 99.

Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: "yea" on rollcall No. 97, "yea" on rollcall No. 98, "yea" on rollcall No. 99.

## H1931

HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentle-woman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

#### PROTECTING LIFE

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

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, there is nothing on Earth more precious than life. No matter where you stand on the abortion issue, most Americans find the practice and actions of Dr. Kermit Gosnell, an abortion provider, to be brutal, unconscionable, and barbaric.

The astounding reality is that Dr. Gosnell's methods of killing babies who survive abortions are commonly used by clinics across the Nation. Similar deadly actions take the lives of 1 million unborn children each year in the United States. This is a violent act that is entirely unjustifiable.

I am a firm believer that every human being is created in God's own image, every life is precious, and we have an obligation to protect life at every stage. It's time we get rid of this gruesome procedure once and for all, and I hope and pray that the President will consider it before more innocent lives are taken.

#### HONORING THE MEMORY AND MOURNING THE LOSS OF RONNIE RASPBERRY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the greatest labor leaders that I have known and to honor the memory and mourn the loss of Ronnie Raspberry of Houston, Texas. I rise to pay tribute to him as a champion of working people, one of the great community leaders in the cities of Houston and Harris in Texas.

Unfortunately, he passed. In this month of April, we lost a dear friend. Ronnie Raspberry was born in 1941 in the midst of the times of challenge. And he married his beloved wife, Roycie, and they are proud parents of five children.

Being born in the midst of World War II, he understood as a child the value of service, and so he joined the United States Marine Corps and was honorably discharged.

He then began to work in an apprenticeship program under the Houston Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee for the Electrical Industry. He then became a member of Local Union No. 716 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, where I first met him. What a generous heart; what a man who loved people. He loved to train people. He was a fighter to ensure that there was dignity in the workplace.

In 1974, at age 32, he was elected as business manager. He held that position for 15 years. During his stewardship, he served as its chief contract negotiator, chairman, and secretary of numerous boards and trusts and committees. He continued to represent labor at labor conferences. He was elected and served 5 years as a representative of the Sixth District International Executive Council.

Ronnie was awarded the West Gulf Ports Council "Labor Leader of the Year," Mr. Speaker, and appointed to many other positions by Governor White. We knew he was a good leader.

So I stand here today to offer my deepest sympathy to his wife and family and to thank him for his service as he rests in peace. We love you. We thank you for being the great leader that you've been to all those who are in need, fighting for the working people. Thank you, Ronnie. God bless you. And, again, may you rest in peace.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Ronnie Raspberry, a great American, a champion of working people, and one of the great community leaders in the City of Houston. Ronnie Raspberry died this past Monday, April 8, 2013, at the age of 71. His loss is mourned not only by his family and friends but the thousands of people he helped and inspired over the course of his full and eventful life.

Born on August 14, 1941, Ronnie Raspberry later met and married his beloved wife, Roycie, and they were the proud parents of five children.

After serving and receiving an Honorable Discharge from the United States Marine Corps, Ronnie applied for and was accepted into a 4-year Apprenticeship Program under the Houston Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee for the Electrical Industry.

After completing his first of apprenticeship training, Ronnie became a member of Local Union #716 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Ronnie served on every committee his local union, IBEW Local #716, would allow.

Ronnie completed his apprenticeship, graduating with honor. He then ran for and was elected to a number of Board positions in his Local Union.

In 1974, at the age of 32, he was elected as Business Manager of IBEW Local Union #716. He held this position for 15 years.

During Ronnie's stewardship of Local Union No. 716, he served as its Chief Contract Negotiator, and as both Chairman and/or Secretary of numerous Boards, Trusts, and Committees, as well as all other responsibilities that go with being Business Manager. He continued to represent labor at Labor Conferences and Conventions, as well as Political Conferences and Conventions.

Ronnie was elected and served 5 years as representative to the Sixth District International Executive Council of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers representing the IBEW members from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, New Mexico, and Arizona.

In 1986, Ronnie was awarded the West Gulf Ports Council "Labor Leader of the Year" Award. Ronnie also appointed by then Governor Mark White, to serve on the Management Task Force for the Texas State Treasurer, Ann Richards. He later was appointed by Governor Ann Richards as a Commissioner on the Texas State Licensing and Regulation Commission, a position he held for six years.

Ronnie served as the Executive Secretary of the Houston Gulf Coast Building and Construction Trades Council until December 2012 when he finished his term. He then joined the high respected law firm of Williams Bailey, now Williams Kherkher, of Houston, Texas, serving as Labor Relations Officer, a position he held until he passed away earlier this week.

Mr. Speaker, Ronnie Raspberry lived a full and consequential life and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him as a friend, colleague, advocate, and community leader. Most of all he will be missed by his relatives and his children who knew and loved him as Dad; his loving wife, Roycie.

Mr. Speaker, I ask a moment of silence in honor of the memory of Ronnie Raspberry.

#### □ 1420

THE RECOVERING SERVICE MEM-BERS DISABILITY BENEFITS ACT

(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, today my colleague, Representative LOEBSACK, and I are proud to reintroduce the Recovering Service Members Disability Benefits Act. This legislation is commonsense and fixes a glaring problem.

Currently, our Nation's wounded warriors are forced to wait 5 months for their approved Social Security disability benefits. This is injustice to our Nation's heroes. These are benefits that they have earned at a very high price, and they deserve better.

The Recovering Service Members Disability Benefits Act will remove this mandatory 5-month waiting period, allowing the wounded warriors to collect the benefits for which they have been already approved. To be clear, this bill does not approve benefit requests or add new individuals into the system. The bill simply expedites earned and approved benefits to eligible wounded warriors.

It is an honor to introduce this legislation and correct this issue. Our disabled servicemembers deserve the immediate reassurance of knowing there is financial support as they cope with the emotional and physical challenges of recovery.

Together, we hope this bipartisan legislation will be brought through committee and to the House floor in a swift manner.

Thank you, and God bless all those who serve our country.

## CLIMATE CHANGE

(Ms. LEE of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)