

Roe (TN)	Scott, David	Upton
Rogers (AL)	Sensenbrenner	Van Hollen
Rogers (KY)	Serrano	Vargas
Rogers (MI)	Sessions	Wagner
Rohrabacher	Sewell (AL)	Walberg
Rokita	Shea-Porter	Walden
Rooney	Sherman	Walorski
Ros-Lehtinen	Shimkus	Walz
Roskam	Shuster	Wasserman
Ross	Simpson	Schultz
Rothfus	Sinema	Waters
Roybal-Allard	Smith (NE)	Watt
Royce	Smith (NJ)	Waxman
Ruiz	Smith (TX)	Weber (TX)
Runyan	Smith (WA)	Webster (FL)
Ruppersberger	Speier	Wenstrup
Ryan (WI)	Stewart	Whitfield
Sarbanes	Stockman	Williams
Scalise	Stutzman	Wilson (SC)
Schiff	Swalwell (CA)	Wolf
Schneider	Takano	Womack
Schock	Thornberry	Yarmuth
Schrader	Tierney	Titus
Schweikert	Titus	Yoho
Scott (VA)	Tonko	Young (IN)
Scott, Austin	Tsongas	

NAYS—131

Amash	Grijalva	Perry
Andrews	Hanna	Peters (MI)
Bachus	Heck (NV)	Peterson
Barr	Herrera Beutler	Pittenger
Bass	Holding	Pitts
Benishek	Honda	Poe (TX)
Bishop (NY)	Hoyer	Price (GA)
Brady (PA)	Hudson	Radel
Broun (GA)	Huizenga (MI)	Rahall
Burgess	Israel	Reed
Butterfield	Jeffries	Reichert
Capuano	Jenkins	Renacci
Carson (IN)	Johnson (OH)	Richmond
Castor (FL)	Johnson, E. B.	Rigell
Chaffetz	Jordan	Rush
Coffman	Joyce	Ryan (OH)
Cohen	Kilmer	Salmon
Collins (GA)	Kind	Sánchez, Linda
Connolly	Kinzing (IL)	T.
Costa	Kirkpatrick	Sanchez, Loretta
Cotton	Lance	Schakowsky
Courtney	Latham	Schwartz
Crowley	Lee (CA)	Sires
Davis, Rodney	Lewis	Slaughter
DeFazio	LoBiondo	Southerland
DeGette	Lowenthal	Stivers
Denham	Lowe	Terry
DeSantis	Lynch	Thompson (CA)
Duffy	Maffei	Thompson (MS)
Edwards	Maloney, Sean	Thompson (PA)
Fitzpatrick	Matheson	Tiberi
Fleming	McDermott	Tipton
Foxx	McGovern	Turner
Fudge	Meeks	Valadao
Garamendi	Miller, George	Veasey
Garcia	Moore	Vela
Gardner	Neal	Velázquez
Gibson	Negrete McLeod	Visclosky
Graves (GA)	Nolan	Welch
Graves (MO)	Nugent	Wilson (FL)
Green, Al	Pallone	Wittman
Green, Gene	Pastor (AZ)	Woodall
Griffin (AR)	Paulsen	Yoder
Griffith (VA)	Pelosi	Young (AK)

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Owens

NOT VOTING—7

Gohmert	Keating	Young (FL)
Hastings (FL)	Markey	
Issa	Westmoreland	

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So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBERS AS COSPONSORS OF H.R. 632

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to withdraw Mr. MIKE POMPEO of Kansas, Mr. RAÚL GRIJALVA of Arizona, and Mr. RUBÉN HINOJOSA of Texas as cosponsors of H.R. 632, who were mistakenly added to the bill.

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

There was no objection.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

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

There was no objection.

NATIONAL TEACHERS APPRECIATION DAY

(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 is National Teachers Appreciation Day. There are many factors that contribute towards a quality education, but no one factor is more significant than the teacher.

Teachers make a difference in the lives of students every day across this great Nation. Teachers work to open students' minds to ideas, knowledge and dreams, and keep American democracy alive by laying the foundation for good citizenship.

To quote President Kennedy:

There is an old saying that the course of civilization is a race between catastrophe and education. In a democracy such as ours, we must make sure that education wins the race.

Our Nation faces many challenges today, including a struggling economy and record unemployment. For these problems and others, the education provided by teachers can be the key to our success.

I am very appreciative to all of the teachers who have made such a difference in my life, including the lives of my children; and I urge my colleagues to take time to recognize and acknowledge the impact of teachers in our lives.

SAFE CLIMATE CAUCUS

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Today, the Environmental Working Group launched their Worth It campaign, highlighting the invaluable role that small and mid-sized farmers play in protecting our environment, contributing to our economy, and strengthening our core values.

I could not agree more. It's our small and mid-sized farmers who are some of the best stewards of our land.

Many of those farmers talk to me about climate change. They're worried. They're outside every day, seeing the impact changing weather has on their topsoil, crop patterns, and water avail-

ability. They're the people who experienced the 3,527 weather records that were broken last year, and they're the ones asking Congress to help them.

That's why, later this week, I will be introducing the Balancing Food, Farm and Environment Act, to assist farmers to better adapt to climate change impact and to continue to support their stewardship efforts by updating the conservation provisions in the farm bill.

THANK A TEACHER

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Kara was in the third grade when the school notified her parents about her difficulty in processing words. Her speech pattern was different. It affected every aspect of her life, including her self-esteem.

Kara's third grade teacher, Mrs. Morgan, at the Oaks Elementary in Atascocita, Texas, was determined to help the little girl speak better, so the teacher and the pupil worked very hard together on talking. The success of both of them occurred this way:

Later, that little girl who couldn't speak very well walked off the stage in high school as valedictorian. She also obtained her bachelor's degree, her master's degree, and today she is an associate professor at Baylor University in the department of—yes—English. The little girl with word problems is teaching about word patterns.

I come from a family of teachers. My mother, my mother-in-law, my wife, and my three daughters are teachers by profession—and Kara is one of those daughters.

So today, being Teachers Appreciation Day, we thank Mrs. Morgan and all of America's teachers for helping our kids be what they want to be.

And that's just the way it is.

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THE CLEAN ACT

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

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, in recent years, the Federal Government has wasted millions of dollars maintaining empty bank accounts that serve no purpose. Last year, the Government Accountability Office found that the government was spending more than \$170,000 maintaining over 28,000 empty bank accounts at an annual cost of \$2 million. That's inexcusable.

No New Hampshire family or business would tolerate that type of waste, and neither should the government. That's why today I'm partnering with my Republican colleague, Representative KEVIN CRAMER, to introduce commonsense legislation that would put an end to this wasteful practice.

This legislation won't solve our fiscal challenges, but the fact is the Federal

Government shouldn't tolerate any waste, no matter how big or small.

Let's prove to the American people that we're capable of coming together to cut the most obvious examples of waste by passing the CLEAN Act.

HONORING ESPERANZA BRAVO DE VARONA AND LESBIA ORTA VARONA

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and honor Esperanza Bravo de Varona and Lesbia Orta Varona on their well-deserved retirement after a long career with the Otto G. Richter Library at the University of Miami.

Their distinguished careers were marked by impressive contributions to a special collection called the Cuban Heritage Collection.

Their commitment to excellence has truly allowed them to shape the lives of many students, academics, and historians, and in that I count my father, Enrique Ros, who authored 19 books on Cuban history and local politics and relied upon the original documents found in the library's collection. Many other authors and historians have also come to rely on these documents.

I have great confidence that the library will continue in the positive direction that Esperanza and Lesbia have set for it and that their commitment will be remembered for many years to come, Mr. Speaker.

As a former Florida certified teacher, I know that there are few rewards greater than the satisfaction of investing in education, and I thank Esperanza and Lesbia for having empowered so many in our community with the resources and guidance to expand their knowledge.

I wish them both all the best in this new chapter of their lives.

WORKING FAMILIES FLEXIBILITY ACT

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. The Republicans, under the guise of being family friendly, are going to strip American workers of overtime pay. That's right, work more than 40 hours a week, you don't get paid overtime anymore under their bill. Instead, you get comp time.

They say, Oh, this is family friendly, it's flexible. Well, there's certainly flexibility now that employers can grant people leave for family problems and other things. This would be essentially an interest-free loan to employers. They tell you you're working 50 hours, and I'll give you comp time, but it's up to them to give you the comp time. So they could wait until the end of the year, then pay you the overtime without having granted you comp time

and having had an interest-free loan. This is outrageous.

Many Americans are having trouble making ends meet. They're dependent upon overtime pay to make ends meet. Wages are stagnant, and they need the overtime pay to make ends meet. Women still only earn 77 cents on the dollar compared to male workers. They need the overtime pay to help feed their kids. But, no, the Republicans want to take that away from them under the guise of being female friendly.

Happy Mother's Day from the Republicans.

NIDAL HASSAN'S ACTIONS SHOULD BE CLASSIFIED AS TERRORISM

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

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, on November 5, 2009, Nidal Hassan, after coordinating with known terrorist leader Anwar al-Awlaki, opened fire at Fort Hood, Texas, killing 14 and wounding 32 others.

This was clearly an act of terror, yet the Department of Defense and the Army have classified this case as workplace violence. This is an insult to the brave men and women who were killed and injured that day. But this isn't about semantics; this is about who we are as Americans.

By declaring their deaths as injuries as a result of workplace violence, the Department denied these soldiers and their families benefits like VA health care, counseling and critical mental health services, disability benefits, and combat-related special compensation. It's also made them ineligible to receive the Purple Heart.

As someone who served in the Army at Fort Hood, I can say without hesitation that the Army should be ashamed of this poor level of care and outright disrespect it has shown our soldiers.

Yesterday, I joined one Republican and one Democrat, Congressman WOLF and Congressman FATTAH, in sending a letter to Secretary Hagel asking them to change the designation from workplace violence to combat-related.

Let us send a message that that is who we are as Americans and that is how we treat our veterans.

THE TURKISH AND ISRAELI GOVERNMENTS WORKING TOGETHER

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, last night, there was historic and important news from the Middle East. For the second time, the Israeli and the Turkish governments met and feel they're close to having an agreement to renew their diplomatic relations, which for 3 years have not existed.

There could be nothing more important to peace in the Middle East and

America's interests than the Turkish and the Israeli Governments working together.

Having that historic relationship mended came about because President Obama, on his trip to Israel, urged Prime Minister Netanyahu to apologize for the incidents with the flotilla. He did so. That was a major act on Prime Minister Netanyahu's part. And for Prime Minister Erdogan to accept it was important too. They're working together. They're very close.

I'm pleased with both the Turkish and the Israeli Governments and their leaders, and I thank President Obama for his initiative.

NATIONAL PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS WEEK

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

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, this week we celebrate National Public Charter Schools Week. With over 2 million students attending public charter schools nationwide, it is important that we continue to create and develop this very important educational option.

Minnesota is a leader in developing innovative new ways to educate our children, including being the very first State to allow charter schools 21 years ago. In Minnesota, we have 146 charter schools, and we are now ranked number one in the country for having charter school friendly laws and developing high quality and independent charter school options.

Last Congress, we made significant bipartisan support and progress with the introduction of the bipartisan All-STAR Act and passage of the Empowering Parents through Quality Charter Schools Act. I'm building on this progress and success by working now to craft additional options that aid in the replication of successful charter schools.

America will continue to lead the world in innovation and ideas if our children receive the best education from childhood through graduate school, and all by strengthening charter schools and helping ensure that a child's ZIP code does not determine the quality of education they are able to receive. That is the direction we should go in Congress.

WORKING FAMILIES FLEXIBILITY ACT

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

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, the so-called "Working Families Flexibility Act" would amend and would subvert the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 in order to allow private sector employers to compensate their employees instead of paying them overtime.