

Act) had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall No. 181, (Adoption of H. Res. 232, a resolution providing for consideration of H.R. 1911—Smarter Solutions for Students Act) had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall No. 182, (Member (D–) Motion to recommit H.R. 1911 with instructions) had I been present, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 183, (Passage of H.R. 1911—Smarter Solutions for Students Act) had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 184, (Approval of the Journal) had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, today I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote 182, on consideration of a motion to recommit with instructions for H.R. 1911, and rollcall vote 183, on passage of H.R. 1911, the Smarter Solutions for Students Act, because of a longstanding commitment to discuss compassionate approaches to assist the poor and hungry. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall 182 and "aye" on rollcall 183.

FAREWELL TO AUSTIN BURNES

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I know that Members want to catch planes, and I will be brief; but I did want to take this opportunity.

From time to time we, in sadness, see one of those people leave who have served this institution very well, and served me, both in my role as majority leader and as Democratic whip. But I wanted to rise at this point in time to say thank you—and I know you want to join with me—to Austin Burnes, who is leaving as my floor director and as a valued friend and staff member.

At the same time, I want to thank those on Speaker BOEHNER's staff, on Majority Leader CANTOR's staff and on Whip MCCARTHY's staff who have worked so well and positively with Austin Burnes, for helping us to do our job better. Obviously, there were differences from time to time—well, maybe all the time—but I thank you for that.

Austin, I want to thank you for the service you have given to this institution, to your country, to me, and to all the Members who appreciate very much your advice and counsel.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, which the Chair will put de novo.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

HOURLY OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. KLINE. 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 gentleman from Minnesota?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1773

Mr. PETERSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor on H.R. 1773.

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

There was no objection.

KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, during the 2013 State of the Union address, President Obama stated that every day we must ask ourselves: How do we attract more jobs to our shore? And how do we make sure that the hard work leads to a decent living? Well, this week the House considered and passed H.R. 3, the Northern Route Approval Act, legislation approving the Keystone XL pipeline.

Despite estimates showing thousands of new jobs resulting from the project, the administration has delayed approval. Despite the Democrat-led Senate passing an amendment recommending its approval, the administration has delayed approval. Despite an environmental review process that has been more rigorous than similar, previously approved projects, the administration has delayed approval. Despite two-thirds of Americans favoring its approval, this administration has delayed approval.

It's time for the President to move from asking the jobs question to answering it. He can do so by ending the bureaucratic delays blocking approval of Keystone XL and moving forward with this vital project that will bring thousands of high-paying jobs to America's shore.

IRREVERSIBLE DOES NOT MEAN UNAVOIDABLE—REJECT KEYSTONE XL

(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, I rise today as a member of the Safe Climate Caucus to say that we have now passed 400 parts per million of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere for the first time in

human history—in fact, for the first time in several million years.

This is, indeed, a milestone, but it should not be a breaking point. We have done damage to our climate through human activities. If we continue to fill our atmosphere with carbon and other greenhouse gases, then, yes, we will begin to experience irreversible changes to the planet.

Over the last century, we have demonstrated how human actions—especially the unregulated consumption of fossil fuels—can harm our planet and upset human welfare, as we've seen with historic droughts, fires, floods, and superstorms more and more.

Yesterday, the House again voted to approve the Keystone XL pipeline, a project that represents a long-term reliance on fossil energy and would commit us to the path toward irreversible global warming and climate change.

The political decisions we make today will decide the future. We must reduce our dependence on conventional fuels and redirect our policies.

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REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN HEROES AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

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

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, on Memorial Day we take time to honor all those who sacrificed so much to secure our Nation's freedom, peace, and prosperity. This week, I came together with a bipartisan group of my freshman colleagues to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. We paid respect to our Nation's fallen heroes, especially those known only to God.

In my opinion, there is no more special place in our Nation's capital than Arlington. When you enter the gates, all labels but American are shed. And no words are necessary, for the countless rows of white markers speak volumes. With the sometimes vigorous debate in this Chamber, it is important to remember those who rest just 4 miles from here. There we find what holds our country together.

The Book of Wisdom teaches that: "The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They are at peace." What comfort, indeed, for our fallen heroes.

REDUCE THE COST OF COLLEGE

(Ms. FRANKEL of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, higher education has always been the pathway to economic prosperity in this country. In fact, a Georgetown University study—my alma mater—shows that a college graduate earns

over \$1 million more over a lifetime than a non-graduate. Yet, today our college students are graduating with debt despair instead of job security.

That's why Barbara Malloy called my office. She's a single mom, an elementary school teacher. She's got a son, James, in his freshman year of college. She is very, very worried that she's not going to be able to afford to keep her son in college because they're racking up tens of thousands of dollars in debt.

Mr. Speaker, that's why I oppose today's plan. I think we have to do better. We need to find a way to reduce the cost of college, not raise the cost of college, and I hope that we can in a bipartisan way do a better job.

MEMORIAL DAY 2013

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, they are from every State and territory. They are of all races, both sexes. They are from farms, ranches, and cities. They are rich and poor, but generally they are young. They all to a person are volunteers, the all-American volunteers, volunteers to defend America. Some have gone off to war in Iraq and Afghanistan. Some have returned. Some have returned with the wounds of war, and some have returned with an American flag draped over their coffin.

Here are 37 warriors from the Second Congressional District in Texas who died protecting us from the forces of evil in Afghanistan and Iraq. You see they are very diverse. They are all races, they are young, they are old, they are from privates to colonels, enlisted to even West Point graduates, they are from different branches of the service.

So this Memorial Day we remember them all, those who gave all, and we thank their families for giving America their sons and their daughters, for the worst casualty of war is to be forgotten.

And that's just the way it is.

Mr. Speaker, I submit for the RECORD the list of the 37 warriors killed in Afghanistan and Iraq from the Second Congressional District of Texas.

SSgt Russell Slay, U.S. Marine Corps, 11/9/2004.

LCpl Wesley J. Canning, U.S. Marine Corps, 11/10/2004.

LCpl Fred Lee Michael, U.S. Marine Corps, 1/26/2005.

PFC Wesley R. Riggs, U.S. Army, 5/17/2005.

SGT William B. Meeuwse, U.S. Army, 11/23/2005.

LCpl Robert A. Martinez, U.S. Marine Corps, 12/1/2005.

SSG Jerry Michael Durbin, U.S. Army, 1/26/2006.

TSgt Walter M. Moss Jr., U.S. Air Force, 3/30/2006.

PFC Kristian Menchaca, U.S. Army, 6/16/2006.

SSG Benjamin D. Williams, U.S. Army, 6/20/2006.

LCpl Ryan A. Miller, U.S. Marine Corps, 9/14/2006.

SSG Edward Reynolds, Jr., U.S. Army, 9/26/2006.

CPT Michael Fraser, U.S. Army, 11/26/2006.

LCpl Luke Yepsen, U.S. Marine Corps, 12/14/2006.

SPC Dustin R. Donica, U.S. Army, 12/28/2006.

SPC Ryan R. Berg, U.S. Army, 1/9/2007.

SSG Terrance D. Dunn, U.S. Army, 2/2/2007.

LCpl Anthony Aguirre, U.S. Marine Corps, 2/26/2007.

PFC Brandon Bobb, U.S. Army, 7/17/2007.

PFC Zachary Endsley, U.S. Army, 7/23/2007.

SPC Kamisha Block, U.S. Army, 8/16/2007.

CPL Donald E. Valentine III, U.S. Army, 9/18/2007.

LCpl Jeremy W. Burris, U.S. Marine Corps, 10/8/2007.

SSG Eric Duckworth, U.S. Army, 10/10/2007.

CPL Scott A. McIntosh, U.S. Army, 3/10/2008.

SGT Shawn Tousha, U.S. Army, 4/9/2008.

Lt. Col. Mark Stratton II, U.S. Air Force, 5/26/2009.

SPC Jarrett Griemel, U.S. Army, 6/3/2009.

Cpl Jeremy W. Johnson, U.S. Marine Corps, 5/11/2010.

P03 Zarian Wood, U.S. Navy, 5/16/2010.

Sgt. Brandon Bury, U.S. Marine Corps, 6/6/2010.

SPC Matthew Ryan Catlett, U.S. Army, 6/7/2010.

SSG Edward Loreda, U.S. Army, 6/24/2010.

SSG Jessie Ainsworth, U.S. Army, 7/10/2010.

SSG Leston "Tony" Winters, U.S. Army, 7/15/2010.

SFC Calvin Harrison, U.S. Army, 9/20/2010.

PFC Cody R. Norris, U.S. Army, 11/9/2011.

NFL ATHLETE SAFETY

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

Mr. GARCIA. Mr. Speaker, there are few things Americans enjoy more than watching Sunday football with their friends and family. But the excitement of football, the clashing of helmets, the tackles, can cause long-term health damage to our Nation's athletes.

Last May, Junior Seau, a former Miami Dolphin and one of the top linebackers in NFL history, sadly took his life after battling a debilitating depression associated with repeated head trauma.

Last season alone, we saw high profile players sent back into the game immediately after suffering concussions. This is unfair to athletes, their families, and it is also unfair to taxpayers since they pick up the cost when these athletes can no longer afford the cost of their injuries.

The NFL has the power to ensure that the American pastime—this American pastime—becomes safe.

PATRICK HENRY COLLEGE'S NATIONAL MOOT COURT TEAM

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

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Patrick Henry College's National Moot Court Team on their fifth consecutive national championship this year. The team boasts

two two-time national champions, as well as a national orator champion who holds the record for the most points earned in the history of the league.

Patrick Henry College, or PHC, has now won a total of seven national moot court championships and has built a strong reputation for success nationwide. I thank the coaches—Dr. Michael Farris, founder of PHC, and Dr. Frank Guliuzza—for their leadership and investment in these young leaders.

In a time when we are asking the government to get out of the way, PHC serves as a shining example of what can be achieved when freed from the binds of the government's purse strings. From day one, the college has not accepted Federal funding.

I congratulate Patrick Henry College, and its talented young people, for the example it has and will continue to set for higher education in America.

I also thank Congressman FRANK WOLF for graciously giving me the opportunity to make these remarks.

MEMORIAL DAY

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as we leave here today, many of us will anxiously return to our constituency to be able to celebrate and pay tribute to soldiers, those who have fallen, and of course those who are now veterans.

As I look out—and will look out—into the vast audience at the Houston veterans cemetery, I can tell you that I will see an array of America; families who have come to say thank you to the fallen. Those who have no relatives at that particular site are just being Americans. And as we, as Members of Congress, are sent to the podium to say thank you and to talk about the work we have done, the beautiful sunshine will shine on those faces, and we will feel that America is a country that really understands the love and affection for our soldiers and those who are on the battlefield.

I want to thank the city of Jacinto City, which will be placing flags to honor our soldiers. And I want to thank the community of Heights, where I will go later and place flags at the World War II memorial and draw the community together.

It is a day when we bond together as Americans because we are not of any party, of any region, of any political persuasion. We are simply Americans saying thank you to the soldiers, God bless you to America. For those who have fallen, we will never, never forget you, never any day of our lives.

IN RECOGNITION OF DEPUTY CHRIS JONES

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