

Polis	Schneider	Tsongas
Pompeo	Schock	Turner
Posey	Schrader	Upton
Price (GA)	Schwartz	Valadao
Price (NC)	Schweikert	Van Hollen
Quigley	Scott (VA)	Vargas
Radel	Scott, Austin	Veasey
Rahall	Scott, David	Vela
Rangel	Sensenbrenner	Velázquez
Reed	Serrano	Visclosky
Reichert	Sessions	Wagner
Renacci	Sewell (AL)	Walberg
Ribble	Shea-Porter	Walden
Rice (SC)	Sherman	Walorski
Richmond	Shimkus	Walz
Rigell	Shuster	Wasserman
Roby	Simpson	Schultz
Roe (TN)	Sinema	Waters
Rogers (AL)	Sires	Watt
Rogers (KY)	Slaughter	Waxman
Rogers (MI)	Smith (MO)	Weber (TX)
Rokita	Smith (NE)	Webster (FL)
Ros-Lehtinen	Smith (NJ)	Welch
Roskam	Smith (TX)	Wenstrup
Ross	Southerland	Westmoreland
Rothfus	Stivers	Whitfield
Roybal-Allard	Stockman	Williams
Royce	Stutzman	Wilson (FL)
Ruiz	Swalwell (CA)	Wilson (SC)
Runyan	Takano	Wittman
Ruppersberger	Terry	Wolf
Ryan (WI)	Thompson (CA)	Womack
Salmon	Thompson (MS)	Woodall
Sánchez, Linda	Thompson (PA)	Yarmuth
T.	Thornberry	Yoder
Sanchez, Loretta	Tiberi	Yoho
Sarbanes	Tierney	Young (AK)
Scalise	Tipton	Young (IN)
Shakowsky	Titus	
Schiff	Tonko	

NAYS—3

Flores	Harris	Massie
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ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Mulvaney

NOT VOTING—38

Amodei	Frankel (FL)	McMorris
Bishop (GA)	Grijalva	Rodgers
Bishop (UT)	Gutiérrez	Neugebauer
Bonner	Hanna	Noem
Brown (FL)	Hastings (WA)	Rohrabacher
Castor (FL)	Higgins	Rooney
Clarke	Kaptur	Rush
Costa	Labrador	Ryan (OH)
DesJarlais	Lamborn	Sanford
Engel	Lee (CA)	Smith (WA)
Fincher	Markey	Speier
Fleischmann	Matheson	Stewart
Forbes	McCarthy (NY)	Young (FL)

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 287 on H.R. 2383, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, to designate the new Interstate Route 70 bridge over the Mississippi River connecting St. Louis, Missouri, and southwestern Illinois as the "Stan Musial Veterans Memorial Bridge", I am not recorded because I was absent due to a death in the family. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 288 on H.R. 1092, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, to designate the air route traffic control center located in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center", I am not recorded because I was absent due to a death in the family. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1213

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1213.

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

There was no objection.

WAR ON COAL

(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, I rise today to express my frustration and disappointment with President Obama's war on coal. This war on coal is a war on the middle class. It's a war on good-paying jobs, and it's a war on American prosperity.

You cannot pay for our critical social safety net programs unless you have a growing economy. You will not have a growing economy without low-cost American energy.

President Obama's new regulations will shutter coal mines and power plants. It will raise energy costs and significantly impact moms and dads sitting around the kitchen table paying their monthly utility bills.

It is time for President Obama to stop forcing Americans out of work and to stop giving a leg up to foreign competitors like China. It is time for President Obama to take his hand off the dimmer switch for the American economy. It is time to end this war on low-cost American energy so Americans can grow, prosper, and shine brightly once again.

CONGRATULATING CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS

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

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the 2013 Stanley Cup Champion Chicago Blackhawks. Last night, sorrow quickly turned to joy when the Hawks netted two goals in 17 seconds late in the game to avoid a game seven. The crowd at Palmer Place in LaGrange erupted as Chelsea Dagger played, and we celebrated a second Cup in 4 years.

Congratulations especially to Captain Jonathan Toews, Conn Smyth Trophy winner Patrick Kane, and goalie Corey Crawford. But this was truly a team victory—from all of the players on the ice, to Coach Q, to GM Stan Bowman, to owner Rocky Wirtz. The entire organization deserves to be commended, and I thank all of them for once again making us proud.

I also want to congratulate the Boston Bruins for their great season and a hard-fought final befitting an Original Six matchup.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Chicago Blackhawks, and I look forward to seeing the Cup back in Chicago.

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PRESIDENT OBAMA'S WAR ON AMERICAN ENERGY

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today the President declared war on America's energy. The administration issued an imperial-style edict ordering the EPA, in essence, to shut down domestic energy: oil, natural gas, and coal.

Never mind the consequences. By shutting down coal, for instance, he's shutting down 37 percent of America's energy. But he doesn't care that Congress has rejected this policy in the past. He just wants it his way.

Well, he won't get it without a fight. I have introduced the Ensuring Affordable Energy Act. This bill will put an end to the back-door, monarch-style administration that ignores Congress and circumvents the will of the people.

The bill would prohibit any EPA funds from being used to implement the regulation of greenhouse gases. The White House's new war on energy will only raise the costs for our families, cripple the economy, and put Americans out of work.

This war is out of touch with the real world. It's a war against America that Americans can't afford to lose.

And that's just the way it is.

ADDRESSING HEINOUS HATE CRIMES

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

Mr. SWALWELL of California. No American should live in fear of becoming a victim of a violent hate crime. In my role as the former lead hate crimes prosecutor for the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, I saw, firsthand, the devastating impact that hate crimes can have on our communities.

Sadly, since taking office I have heard from constituents and leaders from the Hindu, Sikh, and Arab American communities about the ongoing threats that they face. That is why in March I sent a letter to the FBI Advisory Policy Board requesting that the FBI add three additional hate crime categories to track anti-Hindu, anti-Sikh, and anti-Arab American hate crimes.

Gathering this information will encourage the affected community members to report hate crimes to law enforcement and will help strengthen relationships among communities, local and State law enforcement, and the FBI.

I'm happy to report that the policy board followed up on my letter and has

recommended that FBI Director Robert Mueller make these additions. Our progress towards addressing heinous hate crimes is possible because of groups like the Hindu American Foundation, who have been tireless advocates for the safety of their communities.

I urge Director Mueller to act swiftly on the policy board's recommendation. This important step would extend protection to millions of Americans.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PTSD DAY

(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, I rise in recognition of National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Day. PTSD is a serious mental condition affecting many of our Nation's servicemen and -women, both past and present. Up to 20 percent of those who have been returning from Iraq and Afghanistan are at risk of dealing with PTSD, and their personal battles can continue far beyond their time spent overseas.

I'd like to especially recognize the Minnesota National Guard and their Beyond the Yellow Ribbon program and their initiative in this area. This comprehensive and very unique program has helped many of our returning servicemen and -women with their transition to home life, and it has inspired programs around the country to ensure our military members and families have the support they need after they leave active service.

So let's continue to do what we need to do to support our veterans in their time of need and ensure that they have the best services and care available to them upon their return home, especially those that are suffering from dealing with PTSD.

MILITARY RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

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

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, an enemy of religious freedom who has a hotline to the Pentagon is at it again. Mikey Weinstein is still fighting to prevent our military personnel from expressing their religious beliefs.

Last week, in a rant, Weinstein referred to Christians as bigoted slimeballs, homophobes, Islamophobes, and carpetbaggers for Christ who spout twisted Christian-jihad poison and who committed spiritual rape and are faith-based racists.

The First Amendment protects Weinstein's right to such words of hatred against Christians. Unfortunately, he has high-level influence with the Pentagon, bragging that he made a threatening phone call and, within an hour, the Air Force rushed to remove a piece of artwork from a dining hall that referred to a Bible verse that said

simply, "Blessed are the Peacekeepers."

I now officially and publicly call upon DOD to stop following Weinstein's anti-First Amendment orders and return him to the status of an ordinary citizen, where he belongs.

SAY NO TO THE WAR ON COAL

(Mrs. CAPITO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn President Obama's announcement that he is going to forge ahead with the war on coal. The President's own climate advisor shed some light on the administration's plan for coal when he said, "A war on coal is exactly what's needed."

Well, I'm here to tell you that is not what West Virginia or this Nation needs. Not only will these regulations put good, hardworking West Virginians out of a job, but they will drive up the cost of electricity for our consumers at a time when the economy is still so weak.

The President failed to get his environmental agenda through Congress for a reason. Congress recognized the effects it would have on our Nation's economy. Yet, despite our opposition and common sense, the President has decided unilaterally on this job-killing agenda.

By dictating these devastating regulations, the President will shut down existing coal plants and the development of clean coal technology facilities. Not only will his decision hamstring our Nation's ability to become energy independent, but it will prove devastating for American workers and, in particular, for our West Virginia families.

Mr. President, don't turn the lights out on our Nation's economy.

PRESIDENT OBAMA'S CLIMATE CHANGE PLAN

(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, the Obama administration's excessive regulatory actions have been taking their toll on the Nation's economy for some time now.

Unfortunately, the President's new climate change plan announced today appears even more costly and contentious than his previous proposals, which were resoundingly rejected by his Democratic colleagues in the Senate.

America needs a diverse supply of low-cost and abundant energy sources. Coal is, by far, the cheapest and most abundant source of energy. Protecting the environment and developing our abundant natural resources such as coal are not mutually exclusive, but that's not what the President would have us believe.

The Obama administration continues to grossly underestimate the cumulative impact of its regulatory actions, and this new plan to unilaterally impose new energy regulations will cost more jobs and further harm family budgets through higher electricity prices.

PRESIDENT OBAMA'S WAR ON COAL

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

Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia. Ladies and gentlemen of the House, I too am here to discuss the President's war on coal.

The President would have you believe that we must choose between the environment and affordable, reliable energy, but that is not the case. There is a better way, and the President could even take some credit.

Based on research that is currently out there, there are technologies that the Department of Energy has invested in on clean coal which will make a huge difference and will allow us to use our abundant coal resources and protect the environment. But instead of focusing on those possibilities, and focusing on that, the President, instead, wants to regulate coal out of existence.

The timelines that will be set up will not allow this new technology to take place in a timeframe that will work for the American public and for our economy. So, folks, there is a better way, and I urge the President to stop the war on coal and seek the better path.

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THE ROLE OF EDUCATION IN REBUILDING THE AMERICAN ECONOMY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2013, the gentleman from California (Mr. GARAMENDI) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, thank you for the opportunity for this hour. Joining me tonight will be MARK TAKANO from the State of California.

We just heard 4 or 5, maybe 10 minutes of talk about the energy issue. I would like to put a slightly different face on it. It's not the main subject matter of this hour, which is really about jobs and how education fits into that, but this is sort of along the line, and it follows directly on what my Republican colleagues are talking about: denying that there is real climate change going on.

We can no longer deny the fact that we as human beings have, over this last century, been putting into the atmosphere a vast amount of carbon dioxide that is changing our environment. But what I want to spend just a moment on here is to discuss how education fits