

But there is good news. I do congratulate their CEO, Ms. Irene Rosenfeld, who got a 50 percent pay increase in the last few months at the same very time over 300 workers from my district were getting laid off.

Mr. Speaker, it is not right. Say "no" to Oreo.

TAKE DOWN THE CONFEDERATE BATTLE FLAG

(Mr. PRICE of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, we have just learned that the Interior Appropriations bill will be pulled from the floor today.

A number of Southern "irreconcilable" Republican Members apparently planned to vote against the bill, unless it permitted the display of the Confederate battle flag in our national parks and permitted vendors to sell Confederate souvenirs. This is unbelievable, and I say that as a Southern representative.

It is unbelievable, after the unspeakable tragedy in Charleston and the action in the South Carolina Legislature yesterday to remove the battle flag from South Carolina's Capitol grounds. But the House Republican leadership last night chose to accommodate the Southern Republican irreconcilables with an amendment, and now, they are pulling the Interior bill, lest the irreconcilables bring it down.

Mr. Speaker, we shouldn't have to debate whether a symbol of hatred and oppression in our Nation's darkest hour should be displayed on Federal lands. Is the Republican majority really that out of touch? Let us join together to take down that battle flag.

CONFEDERATE FLAG

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

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, so I have heard that the Republicans have pulled their Interior Appropriations bill from the floor, and I sure hope it is because they have reconsidered their support for flying the Confederate battle flag, overturning an earlier decision of this very body by unanimous voice vote to take it down.

Last night, unbelievably, unforgivably, House Republicans acted to uphold the Confederate battle flag at the very moment that South Carolina was voting to take it down. House Republicans surreptitiously rushed to have National Park Service continue to sell this symbol of hate and to keep the Confederate flag flying on Federal lands.

Even worse, House Republicans tried to cloak this shady move by wrapping it in language about our American flag and the MIA-POW flag—how dare they.

Sears, Amazon, and many other retailers have stopped selling that symbol of hate, and that is what a Repub-

lican State Representative in South Carolina tearfully called it.

It is astonishing that the Republicans are so out of touch. We cannot allow this shameful decision to hold. Take down the flag.

NUCLEAR AGREEMENT WITH IRAN

(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, a strong nuclear agreement that truly forestalls Iran's weapons breakout ability could be positive for regional and national security. However, I fear too many concessions are being made to secure a deal, and a bad deal will be worse than no deal at all.

We must remember Iran sponsors terrorism throughout the region. They are constantly provocative and a serious threat toward our ally Israel.

We all want to see the threat of war with Iran diminished and to disable their nuclear pursuits, but giving them too much to secure a vapid deal will only increase Iran's threat. That is why any agreement must have unsatisfactory standards for inspections any time in any place.

Access to all background on their prior military nuclear research must also be in the agreement. The strictest limits on centrifuges and enrichments must be there. A breakout time of no less than 1 year and a phased performance-based sanctions relief and airtight snapback sanctions when Iran violates these standards must also be included. Anything less should be rejected.

CALVERT AMENDMENT

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

Mr. LEWIS. Mr. Speaker, 50 years ago, when we were beaten on the Edmund Pettus Bridge and attempted to march from Selma to Montgomery, there were officers of the law wearing the Confederate battle flag on their helmet.

When the Klan marched through our neighborhoods in Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina, countless homes in Birmingham were bombed and burned. When they set fire to Black churches throughout the South, the Confederate battle flag was the symbol of their cruelty and injustice.

There is no way, but no way that the Federal Government should ever display this flag on any Federal site or sell it on Federal property. It is a symbol of division and a symbol of separation. It is a symbol of hate. It is a relic of our dark past.

We must defeat every attempt to return this flag to Federal properties.

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SOUTH CAROLINA'S REMOVAL OF THE CONFEDERATE BATTLE FLAG

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

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, following the horrific murder of nine of my constituents during their Bible study class at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, many Members of this body came to Charleston to help celebrate the life and legacy of Reverend Senator Clementa Pinckney.

I thank the Speaker of the House and the bipartisan delegation for coming, showing their concern.

And I thank the Governor of South Carolina for calling for the removal of the Confederate battle flag from the State house grounds.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon, she is going to sign the bill, which passed this morning around 1:30 a.m. by a vote of 94-20, to remove that flag from the State house grounds. Tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, they will remove that flag.

I cannot believe that today we have been asked to condone a backward step. Why we in this body would do such is beyond me.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. CLYBURN).

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 13, noes 402, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 424]

AYES—13

Bass	Doggett	Johnson (GA)
Blumenauer	Farr	Lee
Boyle, Brendan	Gallo	Schakowsky
F.	Grijalva	Slaughter
Castro (TX)	Jackson Lee	

NOES—402

Abraham	Bishop (UT)	Calvert
Adams	Black	Capps
Aderholt	Blackburn	Capuano
Aguilar	Blum	Cárdenas
Allen	Bonamici	Carney
Amash	Bost	Carson (IN)
Ashford	Boustany	Carter (GA)
Babin	Brady (TX)	Carter (TX)
Barletta	Brat	Cartwright
Barr	Bridenstine	Castor (FL)
Barton	Brooks (AL)	Chabot
Beatty	Brooks (IN)	Chaffetz
Becerra	Brownley (CA)	Chu, Judy
Benishek	Buchanan	Cicilline
Bera	Bucson	Clark (MA)
Beyer	Burgess	Clarke (NY)
Bilirakis	Bustos	Clawson (FL)
Bishop (GA)	Butterfield	Clay
Bishop (MI)	Byrne	Cleaver

Clyburn	Higgins	Moore	Stutzman	Vargas	Westerman
Coffman	Hill	Moulton	Swalwell (CA)	Veasey	Westmoreland
Cohen	Himes	Mullin	Takai	Vela	Whitfield
Cole	Hinojosa	Mulvaney	Takano	Velázquez	Williams
Collins (GA)	Holding	Murphy (FL)	Thompson (CA)	Viscosky	Wilson (FL)
Collins (NY)	Honda	Murphy (PA)	Thompson (MS)	Wagner	Wilson (SC)
Comstock	Hoyer	Nadler	Thompson (PA)	Walberg	Wittman
Conaway	Hudson	Napolitano	Thornberry	Walden	Womack
Connolly	Huelskamp	Neal	Tiberi	Walorski	Woodall
Conyers	Huffman	Neugebauer	Tipton	Walters, Mimi	Yarmuth
Cook	Huizenga (MI)	Newhouse	Titus	Walz	Yoder
Cooper	Hultgren	Noem	Tonko	Wasserman	Yoho
Costa	Hunter	Nolan	Torres	Schultz	Young (AK)
Costello (PA)	Hurd (TX)	Norcross	Trott	Waters, Maxine	Young (IA)
Courtney	Hurt (VA)	Nugent	Tsongas	Watson Coleman	Young (IN)
Cramer	Israel	Nunes	Turner	Weber (TX)	Zeldin
Crawford	Issa	O'Rourke	Upton	Webster (FL)	
Crenshaw	Jeffries	Olson	Valadao	Weich	Zinke
Crowley	Jenkins (KS)	Palazzo	Van Hollen	Wenstrup	
Cuellar	Jenkins (WV)	Pallone			
Culberson	Johnson (OH)	Palmer			
Cummings	Johnson, E. B.	Paulsen			
Curbelo (FL)	Johnson, Sam	Pearce			
Davis (CA)	Jolly	Pelosi			
Davis, Danny	Jordan	Perlmutter			
Davis, Rodney	Joyce	Perry			
DeFazio	Kaptur	Peterson			
DeGette	Katko	Pingree			
Delaney	Keating	Pittenger			
DeLauro	Kelly (IL)	Pitts			
DelBene	Kelly (MS)	Pocan			
Denham	Kelly (PA)	Poe (TX)			
Dent	Kennedy	Poliquin			
DeSantis	Kildee	Polis			
DeSaulnier	Kilmer	Posey			
DesJarlais	Kind	Price (NC)			
Deutch	King (IA)	Price, Tom			
Diaz-Balart	King (NY)	Quigley			
Dingell	Kinzinger (IL)	Ratcliffe			
Dold	Kirkpatrick	Reed			
Donovan	Kline	Reichert			
Doyle, Michael F.	Knight	Renacci			
Duckworth	Kuster	Ribble			
Duffy	Labrador	Rice (NY)			
Duncan (SC)	LaMalfa	Rice (SC)			
Duncan (TN)	Lamborn	Richmond			
Edwards	Lance	Rigell			
Ellison	Langevin	Roby			
Ellmers (NC)	Larson (CT)	Roe (TN)			
Emmer (MN)	Latta	Rogers (AL)			
Engel	Lawrence	Rogers (KY)			
Eshoo	Levin	Rohrabacher			
Esty	Lewis	Rokita			
Parenthold	Lieu, Ted	Rooney (FL)			
Fincher	Lipinski	Ros-Lehtinen			
Fitzpatrick	LoBiondo	Roskam			
Fleischmann	Loebsack	Ross			
Fleming	Long	Rothfus			
Flores	Loudermilk	Rouzer			
Fortenberry	Love	Royal-Allard			
Foster	Lowenthal	Royce			
Foxx	Lowey	Ruiz			
Frankel (FL)	Lucas	Ruppersberger			
Franks (AZ)	Luetkemeyer	Rush			
Frelinghuysen	Lujan Grisham (NM)	Russell			
Fudge	Luján, Ben Ray (NM)	Ryan (OH)			
Gabbard	Lummis	Ryan (WI)			
Garamendi	Lynch	Salmon			
Garrett	MacArthur	Sánchez, Linda T.			
Gibbs	Maloney, Sean	Sanchez, Loretta			
Gohmert	Maloney, Carolyn	Sanford			
Goodlatte	Marshall	Sarbanes			
Gosar	McCarthy	Scalise			
Gowdy	McCaul	Schiff			
Graham	McClintock	Schrader			
Granger	McCormick	Schweikert			
Graves (GA)	McDermott	Scott (VA)			
Graves (LA)	McDowell	Scott, Austin			
Graves (MO)	McDowell	Scott, David			
Grayson	McCormick	Sensenbrenner			
Green, Al	McCormick	Serrano			
Green, Gene	McDowell	Sessions			
Griffith	McGovern	Sewell (AL)			
Grothman	McHenry	Sherman			
Guinta	McKinley	Shimkus			
Guthrie	McMorris	Shuster			
Gutiérrez	Rodgers	Simpson			
Hahn	McNerney	Sinema			
Hanna	McSally	Sires			
Hardy	Meadows	Smith (MO)			
Harper	Meehan	Smith (NE)			
Harris	Meeks	Smith (NJ)			
Hartzler	Meng	Smith (TX)			
Heck (NV)	Messer	Smith (WA)			
Heck (WA)	Mica	Speier			
Hensarling	Miller (MI)	Stefanik			
Herrera Beutler	Moolenaar	Stewart			
Hice, Jody B.	Mooney (WV)	Stivers			

NOT VOTING—18

Ms. ADAMS, Messrs. HIMES, MCKINLEY, WESTERMAN, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California, Messrs. MOULTON and MEEKS changed their vote from “aye” to “no.”

Ms. LEE changed her vote from “no” to “aye.”

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to rule IX, I rise in regard to a question of the privileges of the House, and I send to the desk a privileged resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 355

Whereas, at 4 p.m. today, July 9th, the Governor of South Carolina will sign legislation to remove the display of the Confederate battle flag;

Whereas, on December 20, 1860, South Carolina became the first State to secede from the Union;

Whereas, on January 9, 1861, Mississippi seceded from the Union, stating in its ‘Declaration of Immediate Causes’ that ‘[o]ur position is thoroughly identified with the institution of slavery—the greatest material interest of the world.’;

Whereas, on February 9, 1861, the Confederate States of America was formed with a group of 11 States as a purported sovereign nation and with Jefferson Davis of Mississippi as its president;

Whereas, on March 11, 1861, the Confederate States of America adopted its own constitution;

Whereas, on April 12, 1861, the Confederate States of America fired shots upon Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina, effectively beginning the Civil War;

Whereas, the United States did not recognize the Confederate States of America as a sovereign nation, but rather as a rebel insurrection, and took to military battle to bring the rogue states back into the Union;

Whereas, on April 9, 1865, General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in Vir-

ginia, effectively ending the Civil War and preserving the Union;

Whereas, during the Civil War, the Confederate States of America used the Navy Jack, Battle Flag, and other imagery as symbols of the Confederate armed forces;

Whereas, since the end of the Civil War, the Navy Jack, Confederate battle flag, and other imagery of the Confederacy have been appropriated by groups as symbols of hate, terror, intolerance, and as supportive of the institution of slavery;

Whereas, groups such as the Ku Klux Klan and other White supremacist groups utilize Confederate imagery to frighten, terrorize, and cause harm to groups of people toward whom they have hateful intent, including African-Americans, Hispanic-Americans, and Jewish Americans;

Whereas, many State and Federal political leaders, including United States Senators Thad Cochran and Roger Wicker, along with Mississippi House Speaker Philip Gunn and other State leaders, have spoken out and advocated for the removal of the imagery of the Confederacy on Mississippi’s State flag;

Whereas, many Members of Congress, including Speaker John Boehner, support the removal of the Confederate flag from the grounds of South Carolina’s capitol;

Whereas, Speaker John Boehner released a statement on the issue saying, ‘I commend Governor Nikki Haley and other South Carolina leaders in their effort to remove the Confederate flag from Statehouse grounds. In his second inaugural address 150 years ago, and a month before his assassination, President Abraham Lincoln ended his speech with these powerful words, which are as meaningful today as when they were spoken on the East Front of the Capitol on March 4, 1865: ‘With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation’s wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.’;

Whereas, the House of Representatives has several State flags with imagery of the Confederacy throughout its main structures and House office buildings;

Whereas, it is an uncontested fact that symbols of the Confederacy offend and insult many members of the general public who use the hallways of Congress each day;

Whereas, Congress has never permanently recognized in its hallways the symbols of sovereign nations with whom it has gone to war or rogue entities such as the Confederate States of America;

Whereas, continuing to display a symbol of hatred, oppression, and insurrection that nearly tore our Union apart and that is known to offend many groups throughout the country would irreparably damage the reputation of this august institution and offend the very dignity of the House of Representatives; and

Whereas, this impairment of the dignity of the House and its Members constitutes a violation under rule IX of the Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall remove any State flag containing any portion of the Confederate battle flag, other than a flag displayed by the office of a Member of the House, from any area within the House wing of the Capitol or any House office building, and shall donate any such flag to the Library of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution presents a question of privilege.