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So 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

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I was not present on votes held earlier this morning. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on H.R. 458, rollcall No. 324; and "no" on the previous question on H.R. 341, rollcall 325.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, earlier today I joined local community leaders from my district on behalf of Fort Bragg, Pope Air Force Base, going to the BRAC hearing in Charlotte and thereby missed a number of rollcall votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall votes 322, 323, and 324, and would have voted "no" on rollcall votes 325, 326, 327, and 328.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H. CON. RES.

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H. Con. Res. 140.

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

There was no objection.

THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

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

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, tonight President Bush talked with America about the great struggle and the suffering that our country has endured since September 11. It is clear that these memories are seared for us of that horrific day, and our hearts break for the soldiers that we have lost and the families that they have left behind.

But the President reminded us that when tragedy struck, we pulled ourselves together; got to work, as we always do; and that we have taken this war to those who attacked us, to be sure that our children never suffer through another September 11.

We do not believe in appeasing terrorism. We do not believe in turning a blind eye as evil gathers, hoping it will strike someone else. We are Americans. It is not our way to let bullies and thugs intimidate and destroy what we and other free nations have worked so hard to build. That is why we are in Afghanistan and that is why we are in Iraq.

Mr. Speaker, the front lines of this war are on America's main streets. They are also in Kabul and Baghdad. We are in this together and we will win together.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and did not vote on the Deal amendment during consideration of H.R. 3057. Had I been present, I would have voted no.

A POOR AND FLAWED INTERPRETATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

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

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, five U.S. Supreme Court Justices yesterday strained the credibility of the court, ignored America's founding principles and denigrated the importance of the Ten Commandments and the Judeo-Christian faith in American culture and history. Allowing Texas to display the Ten Commandments on State property but disallowing Kentucky courthouses from doing the same is a poor and flawed interpretation of the U.S. Constitution.

This schizophrenia departs from the clear intent of our Founding Fathers. The court must remember that the first amendment says we should have freedom of religion, not freedom from religion.

American government was founded on a belief and a faith in God and in doing what is right and just. I would hope that in future cases the court will interpret the U.S. Constitution with a less jaundiced eye and heed the original intent of our founders.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. McHenry). Pursuant to the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 955(b) note), and the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the National Council on the Arts:

Mr. McKeon, California; Mr. Tiberi, Ohio.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HON. NANCY PELOSI, DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Nancy Pelosi, Democratic Leader:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER,
Washington, DC, April 28, 2005.
Hon, J. DENNIS HASTERT.

Speaker of the House, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 955(b) note), I hereby appoint Rep. Betty McCollum of Minnesota to the National Council On The Arts. Best regards,

NANCY PELOSI.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES, JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to Section 2(a) of the National Cultural Center Act (20 U.S.C. 76h(a)), amended by Public Law 107–117, and the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts:

Mr. KENNEDY, Rhode Island.

MAKING IN ORDER CALL OF PRI-VATE CALENDAR ON TOMORROW

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the call of the Private Calendar be in order tomorrow.

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

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, and under a previous order