

Etheridge	Levin	Rehberg
Evans	Lewis (CA)	Reichert
Everett	Lewis (KY)	Renzi
Farr	Lipinski	Reynolds
Ferguson	LoBiondo	Rogers (AL)
Filner	Lofgren, Zoe	Rogers (KY)
Fitzpatrick (PA)	Lowey	Rogers (MI)
Foley	Lucas	Rohrabacher
Forbes	Lungren, Daniel	Ros-Lehtinen
Ford	E.	Ross
Fortenberry	Lynch	Roybal-Allard
Fox	Mack	Royce
Franks (AZ)	Maloney	Ruppersberger
Frelinghuysen	Manzullo	Ryan (OH)
Garrett (NJ)	Marchant	Ryan (WI)
Gerlach	Markey	Ryun (KS)
Gilchrest	Marshall	Sabo
Gillmor	Matheson	Salazar
Gingrey	Matsui	Sanchez, Linda
Gohmert	McCarthy	T.
Gonzalez	McCauley (TX)	Sanchez, Loretta
Goode	McCollum (MN)	Sanders
Goodlatte	McCotter	Saxton
Gordon	McCreery	Schakowsky
Granger	McGovern	Schiff
Graves	McHenry	Schwartz (PA)
Green (WI)	McHugh	Schwartz (MI)
Green, Al	McIntyre	Scott (GA)
Green, Gene	McKeon	Scott (VA)
Gutknecht	McKinney	Sensenbrenner
Hall	McMorris	Sessions
Harman	McNulty	Shadegg
Harris	Meehan	Shaw
Hart	Meek (FL)	Sherman
Hastings (WA)	Meeks (NY)	Sherwood
Hayes	Melancon	Shimkus
Hayworth	Menendez	Shuster
Hefley	Mica	Simmons
Hensarling	Michaud	Simpson
Herger	Millender	Skelton
Herseth	McDonald	Slaughter
Higgins	Miller (FL)	Smith (NJ)
Hinchee	Miller (NC)	Smith (TX)
Hoekstra	Miller, Gary	Smith (WA)
Holden	Miller, George	Snyder
Holt	Mollohan	Solis
Honda	Moore (KS)	Spratt
Hooley	Moore (WI)	Stearns
Hoyer	Moran (KS)	Stupak
Hunter	Moran (VA)	Sullivan
Hyde	Murphy	Tancredo
Inglis (SC)	Musgrave	Tanner
Inslee	Myrick	Tauscher
Israel	Nadler	Taylor (MS)
Issa	Napolitano	Taylor (NC)
Jackson (IL)	Neal (MA)	Thomas
Jackson-Lee	Neugebauer	Thompson (CA)
(TX)		Thompson (MS)
Jindal	Northup	Thornberry
Johnson (CT)	Norwood	Tiahrt
Johnson (IL)	Nunes	Tierney
Johnson, Sam	Oberstar	Turner
Jones (NC)	Oliver	Udall (CO)
Kanjorski	Osborne	Udall (NM)
Kaptur	Otter	Upton
Keller	Oxley	Van Hollen
Kelly	Pallone	Vislosky
Kennedy (MN)	Pascarell	Walden (OR)
Kennedy (RI)	Pastor	Walsh
Kildee	Pearce	Wamp
Kind	Pence	Wasserman
King (IA)	Peterson (MN)	Schultz
Kingston	Peterson (PA)	Waters
Kirk	Petri	Watson
Kline	Pickering	Waxman
Knollenberg	Pitts	Weiner
Kolbe	Platts	Weller
Kucinich	Poe	Westmoreland
Kuhl (NY)	Pombo	Wexler
LaHood	Pomeroy	Whitfield
Langevin	Porter	Wicker
Lantos	Price (GA)	Wilson (NM)
Larsen (WA)	Price (NC)	Wilson (SC)
Larson (CT)	Putnam	Wolf
Latham	Ramstad	Wu
LaTourette	Rangel	Wynn
Leach	Regula	Young (AK)

NOT VOTING—56

Bachus	Fattah	Obey
Bean	Feeney	Ortiz
Becerra	Fossella	Pelosi
Berman	Gallely	Pryce (OH)
Bishop (UT)	Gibbons	Radanovich
Brown, Corrine	Gutierrez	Rahall
Brown-Waite,	Hinojosa	Reyes
Ginny	Hobson	Rothman
Buyer	Hostettler	Rush
Cannon	Hulshof	Shays
Clay	Istook	Sodrel
Cole (OK)	Jefferson	Souder
Costello	Jenkins	Strickland
Cramer	Kilpatrick (MI)	Sweeney
Cunningham	King (NY)	Terry
Sabo	Linder	Tiberi
Davis (FL)	Miller (MI)	Weldon (FL)
Delahunt	Miller (MI)	Weldon (PA)
Diaz-Balart, M.	Murtha	Young (FL)
Doolittle	Nussle	

On rollcall No. 415, the Velázquez amendment to H.R. 3070, I would have voted “aye.”
 On rollcall No. 416, passage of H.R. 3070, I would have voted “aye.”
 On rollcall No. 417, passage of H.J. Res. 59, I would have voted “yea.”
 On rollcall No. 418, passage of H. Con. Res. 181, I would have voted “yea.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 417, “yea” on rollcall No. 418, and “yea” on rollcall No. 419.

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of the resolution was amended so as to read: “Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Federal Trade Commission should investigate the publication of the video game ‘Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas’ to determine if the publisher deceived the Entertainment Software Ratings Board to avoid an ‘Adults-Only’ rating.”

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from this Chamber today. I would like to the RECORD to show that, had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall votes 417, 418 and 419.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, personal business prevents me from being present for legislative business scheduled for today, Monday, July 25, 2005. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on H.J. Res. 59, expressing the sense of Congress concerning the establishment of an appropriate day for the commemoration of the women suffragists who fought for and won the right of women to vote in the United States (rollcall No. 417); “yea” on H. Con. Res. 181, supporting the goals and ideals of National Life Insurance Awareness Month (rollcall No. 418); and “yea” on H.R. 2977, designating the “Abraham Lincoln Birthplace Post Office Building” (rollcall No. 419).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for a series of rollcall votes occurring the morning of July 22, 2005. During that time I was attending a memorial service for my friend, Avon Williams III, held at the Pentagon. I was also unable to be present for a series of rollcall votes held on the evening of July 25, 2005. During that time I incurred an unavoidable transportation delay.

Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION AND THE REAL ID ACT

(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, on Sunday the Chattanooga Times Free Press ran an op-ed that I wrote about the READ ID Act. They also ran an op-ed by a college professor who disagrees with the READ ID Act.

I want to thank the editors of that paper for being sure that both sides were represented on this issue. That is what every newspaper should strive for: equal time and let the readers decide.

As I pointed out in my op-ed, illegal immigration is clearly a matter of national security, and for too long States like Tennessee have known and done nothing about the ease with which illegal aliens are obtaining valid government IDs. I believe it is unacceptable. I think most Tennesseans agree with me.

When I was in the State Senate in Tennessee, I fought to fix the problem, and now I am pleased that Congress and this Republican leadership have supported the READ ID Act. We are taking critically important steps toward tightening our licensing and identification policies to fight illegal immigration and terrorism.

UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS

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

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, I just want to respond to the previous speech, and that is to say I wish that we would call people “undocumented workers.” I do not think it is too much to call people “undocumented workers” because that is who they are. Many times people are working hard in our communities, with families, who are trying to get their families food at night, a place for them to sleep.

To call them aliens, I think, is degrading to them, and I think it is unfitting for this country to refer to people in that

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Abercrombie	Hastings (FL)	Paul
Berkley	Johnson, E. B.	Payne
Blumenauer	Jones (OH)	Serrano
Conyers	Lee	Stark
Flake	Lewis (GA)	Towns
Frank (MA)	McDermott	Velázquez
Grijalva	Owens	Woolsey

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manner. And I would hope that, in the rest of the debate, instead of calling them “illegal aliens,” Members would call them what they are, and that is “undocumented workers.”

FIGHTING CHILDHOOD OBESITY

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a young lady from my district who is inspiring her peers to live a healthy lifestyle.

Eleven-year-old Madison Newberry of Lewisville, North Carolina was just like any other kid at Lewisville Elementary School, except that she was never able to fit into a pair of jeans. Madison is one of approximately 15 percent of American children who are overweight.

Yet Madison grew tired of wearing stretch pants. And when her doctor told her she had high cholesterol, she knew it was time to make a lifestyle change.

Madison lost 15 pounds by switching to a healthy diet and exercising. In April of 2004, Subway chose Madison to appear in two nationally televised commercials as part of its childhood obesity prevention campaign. Then in July, 2004, she marched in Washington with Subway spokesperson Jared Fogle to help kick off the restaurant's national childhood obesity program.

Obesity among young Americans is a serious problem that can have serious ramifications in the long run. The number of kids affected by obesity has tripled since 1980, and this can be traced in large part to lack of exercise and a healthy diet. I am proud of Madison Newberry for serving as a positive role model to other kids and look forward to seeing more of her peers follow in her footsteps.

THE WAR ON TERROR AND OFFERING SYMPATHY TO THE PEOPLE OF EGYPT

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

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as we did just 2 weeks ago and then just 4 days ago on behalf of the people of London to offer them our sympathy for the tragedy of another terrorist attack, I rise today to offer my sympathy to the people of Egypt, who have experienced an enormous tragedy over the last couple of days.

Militant terrorists have terrorized a tourist area where Americans and many others from around the world come in harmony to enjoy summer vacation. This should tell us that we are united and should be united in the war on terror. The war on terror does not have a face, and it does not discriminate. It does not distinguish. It is attacking people of goodwill around the world.

My sympathies to President Mubarak, who stood fast and said that, as the terrorists acted in Egypt, they were going to find them and bring them to justice.

This is the kind of war on terror that we need to join hands with people from around the world. We are not losing the battle, but we need all of the help that we possibly can get; and our focus should be united around those terrorists who do not have country, do not have mind, do not have care, and are attacking people from everywhere all over the world.

We need to stand united against the war on terror.

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SUPPORT ASSOCIATION HEALTH PLANS

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

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, the number one problem facing small businesses today is the skyrocketing cost of health insurance. Association health plans are a big part of the solution.

I met with many small-business people from my hometown of Orlando, Florida, and they told me that they need association health plans. I believe them, and I will tell you why.

Of the 45 million Americans now without health insurance, 60 percent are small-business employees and their families. They do not have health insurance because their employers cannot afford it. If we allowed these small businesses to join together, they could have the same bargaining power as a large corporation, which could lower their health insurance premiums by up to 30 percent.

Mr. Speaker, association health plans will increase access to health care for millions of Americans now without health insurance.

I urge my colleagues to vote yes on association health plans.

CRITICIZING DRUG LIABILITY PROVISION IN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE LEGISLATION

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

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, this body is scheduled to vote on medical malpractice legislation. This bill contains an egregious provision to protect drug companies from any form of liability.

Why would this Congress protect companies like Merck, who deceived the American public by hiding the side effects of Vioxx? An estimated 139,000 people have had heart attacks as a result of taking Vioxx, and, according to the FDA, 55,000 people have died. I am not aware of any other industry that would receive this type of liability protection just for going through the government approval process.

The fact is that drug companies have made a smart investment. There is no other place in the world that would give them this type of return on their investment but this Congress.

On one side of the screen, Americans are fighting for fairness in the court. On the other side of the screen, Congress is mounting a rear-guard action to protect the pharmaceutical companies.

Mr. Speaker, when Congress takes up this medical malpractice legislation, I will introduce the Vioxx amendment to strike this blatantly beneficial provision just for the drug companies. When the Speaker's gavel comes down, it is intended to open the people's House, not the auction house.

COMMENDING FELLOW CONGRESSMAN CHRIS COX OF CALIFORNIA

(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 commend one of our colleagues, the gentleman from California (Mr. Cox). Tomorrow he will go before the Senate Committee on Financial Services, Housing, and Urban Affairs to have his nomination considered for the Securities and Exchange Commission, and I would like to extend congratulations to him and his family. I have every confidence that in his new capacity, CHRIS will do an excellent job.

CHRIS has made such a positive and lasting impression during his tenure here in the House, and he will be sorely missed.

Since 1988, CHRIS has made countless contributions, especially as the first chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security. In this capacity, he oversaw a momentous and much-needed reorganization of the Nation's security authority.

I feel privileged to have worked with such a distinguished Member of Congress, and I wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors.

THE TIME IS NOW FOR PENSION REFORM

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

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, the time to pass pension reform is now.

Today, with Senator JOHNNY ISAKSON and the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. WESTMORELAND), I spoke with Delta employees and retirees at the Delta Pension Reform Support Day in Atlanta. The sense of urgency for a solution to our Nation's pension crisis could not have been more evident.

In the face of high fuel costs and a post-9/11 world, financial losses continue to hinder legacy airline carriers' ability to fully fund their pension plans. Having airlines keep their commitments to their employees and not burden taxpayers is what this is all about.