

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained during rollcall 568. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

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Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, due to business in my district, I was unable to vote during the following rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as indicated below.

Rollcall No. 564: "No."
Rollcall No. 565: "No."
Rollcall No. 566: "No."
Rollcall No. 567: "No."
Rollcall No. 568: "Yes."

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Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, on November 3, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote Nos. 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567 and 568.

Rollcall vote No. 562 was on the motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall vote No. 563 was on agreeing to the resolution H. Res. 527. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall vote No. 564 was on agreeing to the Nadler amendment. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Rollcall vote No. 565 was on agreeing to the Moran (VA) amendment. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Rollcall vote No. 566 was on agreeing to the Turner amendment. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Rollcall vote No. 567 was on agreeing to the Watt amendment. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Rollcall vote No. 568 was on final passage of H.R. 4128. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PRIVILEGED REPORT ON RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-269) on the resolution (H. Res. 488) requesting that the President transmit to the House of Representatives information in his possession relating to contracts for services or construction related to Hurricane Katrina recovery, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3057, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-270) on the resolution (H. Res. 532) waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3057) making appropriations

for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 889, COAST GUARD AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees:

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. YOUNG of Alaska, LOBIONDO, COBLE, HOEKSTRA, SIMMONS, MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, BOUSTANY, OBERSTAR, FILNER, TAYLOR of Mississippi, HIGGINS, and Ms. SCHWARTZ of Pennsylvania.

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of section 408 of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. BARTON of Texas, GILLMOR, and DINGELL.

From the Committee on Homeland Security, for consideration of sections 101, 404, 413, and 424 of the House bill, and sections 202, 207, 215, and 302 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, REICHERT, and THOMPSON of Mississippi.

From the Committee on Resources, for consideration of sections 426, 427, and title V of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. POMBO, JONES of North Carolina, and PALLONE.

There was no objection.

BUDGET CUTS

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

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) encouraged that we take a minute to speak today about the draconian budget cuts that are coming out of the Budget Committee recommendation.

I am going to include in my statement that of the gentleman from Texas (Mr. EDWARDS) who did what I think was so very appropriate and timely. He tied in the fact that we have just honored the first woman in American history to lie in honor in the Rotunda, and yet we may be seriously dishonoring her memory by cutting school lunch programs, student aid, Medicaid, health care programs, and it seems to me that we ought to try to reconcile these.

STATEMENT BY CONGRESSMAN CHET EDWARDS ON THE DEFICIT REDUCTION ACT OF 2005 HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE/NOVEMBER 3, 2005

Yesterday, we honored Rosa Parks as the first woman in American history to lie in

state in the rotunda of our nation's Capitol. Yet, today, the House leadership and this Committee dishonors all that she stood for by cutting child support, by cutting 40,000 children off of school lunch programs and by robbing billions of dollars from student financial aid and health care programs for low-income families.

Rosa Parks didn't just fight for a seat on a bus. She fought for fairness for every American and to see that every child has a chance to reach his or her highest God-given potential. This bill is an attack upon those high principles.

The mean-spirited cuts in this bill will hurt decent, hard-working American families who are doing their best to help their children have a better life. And, why? So, that people making a million dollars a year in dividend income can keep every penny of their recently passed \$220,000 annual tax break. Where is the fairness in that?

If this is compassionate conservatism, where is the compassion?

If this is a faith-based program, what major religion preaches the values of taking the most from those who have the least while asking nothing from those who have the most?

This budget makes a mockery of the American values of fairness and shared sacrifice during time of war.

Rosa Parks understood that actions speak far louder than words. We in Congress should truly honor her life and spirit by standing up against this bill.

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REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 4011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 4011.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SCHWARZ of Michigan). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

IMPENDING REPUBLICAN BUDGET CUTS COMPOUND HARDSHIP FOR AMERICA'S IMPOVERISHED CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, the Republican's budget priorities are clear, and they are shameful. To provide \$70 to \$100 billion in new tax cuts for the powerful and the privileged, they are going after every single mother and their children in this country, every single mom and her kids.

Instead of these new tax cuts, we could provide an estimated 11.5 million Head Start slots for eligible children who cannot get into a Head Start program and health care for more than 52 million American children and families who receive marginal health care or none at all.

Another \$500 million in Republican cuts will leave 250,000 children without quality child care.

They are even slashing funding for child support enforcement. \$4.9 billion in Republican cuts will let deadbeat