

Sodrel	Tiaht	Watt	Cramer	Jackson (IL)	Ortiz	Towns	Wasserman	Wexler
Solis	Tiberi	Waxman	Crenshaw	Jackson-Lee	Otter	Turner	Schultz	Whitfield
Souder	Tierney	Weiner	Crowley	(TX)	Oxley	Udall (CO)	Waters	Wicker
Spratt	Towns	Weldon (FL)	Cubin	Jefferson	Pallone	Udall (NM)	Watson	Wilson (NM)
Stark	Turner	Weldon (PA)	Cuellar	Jenkins	Pascarell	Upton	Watt	Wilson (SC)
Stearns	Udall (CO)	Weller	Culberson	Jindal	Pastor	Van Hollen	Waxman	Wolf
Strickland	Udall (NM)	Westmoreland	Cummings	Johnson (CT)	Paul	Velázquez	Weiner	Woolsey
Stupak	Upton	Wexler	Davis (AL)	Johnson (IL)	Payne	Visclosky	Weldon (FL)	Wu
Sullivan	Van Hollen	Whitfield	Davis (CA)	Johnson, E. B.	Pearce	Walden (OR)	Weldon (PA)	Wynn
Tancredo	Velázquez	Wicker	Davis (IL)	Johnson, Sam	Pelosi	Walsh	Weller	Young (AK)
Tanner	Visclosky	Wilson (NM)	Davis (KY)	Jones (NC)	Pence	Wamp	Westmoreland	Young (FL)
Tauscher	Walden (OR)	Wilson (SC)	Davis (TN)	Jones (OH)	Peterson (MN)			
Taylor (MS)	Walsh	Wolf	Davis, Jo Ann	Kanjorski	Peterson (PA)			
Taylor (NC)	Wamp	Woolsey	Davis, Tom	Kaptur	Petri			
Thomas	Wasserman	Wu	Deal (GA)	Keller	Pickering			
Thompson (CA)	Schultz	Wynn	DeFazio	Kelly	Pitts			
Thompson (MS)	Waters	Young (AK)	DeGette	Kennedy (MN)	Platts			
Thornberry	Watson	Young (FL)	Delahunt	Kennedy (RI)	Poe			

NOT VOTING—35

Abercrombie	Evans	Moran (VA)
Bass	Ford	Myrick
Beauprez	Gohmert	Nadler
Biggert	Gutierrez	Osborne
Bonner	Hinchee	Otter
Brown, Corrine	Istook	Owens
Costa	Lucas	Rohrabacher
Costello	McCollum (MN)	Roybal-Allard
Davis (FL)	Melancon	Rush
DeLay	Millender	Skelton
Diaz-Balart, M.	McDonald	Sweeney
Doolittle	Miller, Gary	Terry

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So (two-thirds of those voting having responded in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO AWARD A CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DENT). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 1259, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1259, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 400, nays 0, not voting 32, as follows:

[Roll No. 16]

YEAS—400

Ackerman	Blackburn	Camp (MI)	Cramer	Jackson (IL)	Ortiz	Towns	Wasserman	Wexler
Aderholt	Blumenauer	Campbell (CA)	Crenshaw	Jackson-Lee	Otter	Turner	Schultz	Whitfield
Akin	Blunt	Cannon	Crowley	(TX)	Oxley	Udall (CO)	Waters	Wicker
Alexander	Boehler	Cantor	Cubin	Jefferson	Pallone	Udall (NM)	Watson	Wilson (NM)
Allen	Boehner	Capito	Cuellar	Jenkins	Pascarell	Upton	Watt	Wilson (SC)
Andrews	Bonilla	Capps	Culberson	Jindal	Pastor	Van Hollen	Waxman	Wolf
Baca	Bono	Capuano	Cummings	Johnson (CT)	Paul	Velázquez	Weiner	Woolsey
Bachus	Boozman	Cardin	Davis (AL)	Johnson (IL)	Payne	Visclosky	Weldon (FL)	Wu
Baird	Boren	Cardoza	Davis (CA)	Johnson, E. B.	Pearce	Walden (OR)	Weldon (PA)	Wynn
Baker	Boswell	Carnahan	Davis (IL)	Johnson, Sam	Pelosi	Walsh	Weller	Young (AK)
Baldwin	Boucher	Carson	Davis (KY)	Jones (NC)	Pence	Wamp	Westmoreland	Young (FL)
Barrett (SC)	Boustany	Carter	Davis (TN)	Jones (OH)	Peterson (MN)			
Barrow	Boyd	Case	Davis, Jo Ann	Kanjorski	Peterson (PA)			
Bartlett (MD)	Bradley (NH)	Castle	Davis, Tom	Kaptur	Petri			
Barton (TX)	Brady (PA)	Chabot	Deal (GA)	Keller	Pickering			
Bass	Brady (TX)	Chandler	DeFazio	Kelly	Pitts			
Bean	Brown (OH)	Choccola	DeGette	Kennedy (MN)	Platts			
Becerra	Brown (SC)	Clay	Delahunt	Kennedy (RI)	Poe			
Berkley	Brown-Waite,	Cleaver	DeLauro	Kildee	Pombo			
Berman	Ginny	Clyburn	Dent	Kilpatrick (MI)	Pomeroy			
Berry	Burgess	Coble	Diaz-Balart, L.	Kind	Porter			
Bilirakis	Burton (IN)	Cole (OK)	Dicks	King (IA)	Price (GA)			
Bishop (GA)	Butterfield	Conaway	Dingell	King (NY)	Price (NC)			
Bishop (NY)	Buyer	Conyers	Doggett	Kingston	Pryce (OH)			
Bishop (UT)	Calvert	Cooper	Doyle	Kline	Putnam			
			Drake	Knollenberg	Radanovich			
			Draier	Kolbe	Rahall			
			Duncan	Kucinich	Ramstad			
			Edwards	Kuhl (NY)	Rangel			
			Ehlers	LaHood	Regula			
			Emanuel	Langevin	Rehberg			
			Emerson	Lantos	Reichert			
			Engel	Larsen (WA)	Renzi			
			English (PA)	Larson (CT)	Reyes			
			Eshoo	Latham	Reynolds			
			Etheridge	LaTourette	Rogers (AL)			
			Everett	Leach	Rogers (KY)			
			Farr	Lee	Rogers (MI)			
			Fattah	Levin	Ros-Lehtinen			
			Feeney	Lewis (CA)	Ross			
			Ferguson	Lewis (GA)	Rothman			
			Finler	Lewis (KY)	Royce			
			Fitzpatrick (PA)	Linder	Ruppersberger			
			Flake	Lipinski	Ryan (OH)			
			Foley	LoBiondo	Ryan (WI)			
			Forbes	Lofgren, Zoe	Ryun (KS)			
			Fortenberry	Lowe	Sabo			
			Fossella	Lungren, Daniel	Salazar			
			Fox	E.	Sánchez, Linda			
			Frank (MA)	Lynch	T.			
			Franks (AZ)	Mack	Sanchez, Loretta			
			Frelinghuysen	Maloney	Sanders			
			Galleghy	Manzullo	Saxton			
			Garrett (NJ)	Marchant	Schakowsky			
			Gerlach	Markey	Schiff			
			Gibbons	Marshall	Schmidt			
			Gilchrest	Matheson	Schwartz (PA)			
			Gillmor	Matsui	Schwarz (MI)			
			Gohmert	McCarthy	Scott (GA)			
			Gonzalez	McCaul (TX)	Scott (VA)			
			Goode	McCotter	Sensenbrenner			
			Goodlatte	McCrery	Serrano			
			Gordon	McDermott	Sessions			
			Granger	McGovern	Shadegg			
			Graves	McHenry	Shaw			
			Green (WI)	McHugh	Shays			
			Green, Al	McIntyre	Sherman			
			Green, Gene	McKeon	Sherwood			
			Grijalva	McKinney	Shimkus			
			Gutknecht	McMorris	Shuster			
			Hall	McNulty	Simmons			
			Harman	Meehan	Simpson			
			Harris	Meek (FL)	Slaughter			
			Hart	Meeks (NY)	Smith (NJ)			
			Hastings (FL)	Melancon	Smith (TX)			
			Hastings (WA)	Mica	Smith (WA)			
			Hayes	Michaud	Snyder			
			Hayworth	Miller (FL)	Sodrel			
			Hefley	Miller (MI)	Solis			
			Hensarling	Miller (NC)	Souder			
			Herger	Miller, George	Spratt			
			Herseth	Mollohan	Stark			
			Higgins	Moore (KS)	Stearns			
			Hinojosa	Moore (WI)	Strickland			
			Hobson	Moran (KS)	Stupak			
			Hoekstra	Murphy	Sullivan			
			Holden	Murtha	Tancredo			
			Holt	Musgrave	Tanner			
			Honda	Napolitano	Tauscher			
			Hooley	Neal (MA)	Taylor (MS)			
			Hostettler	Neugebauer	Taylor (NC)			
			Hoyer	Ney	Terry			
			Hulshof	Northup	Thomas			
			Hunter	Norwood	Thompson (CA)			
			Hyde	Nunes	Thompson (MS)			
			Inglis (SC)	Nussle	Thornberry			
			Insee	Oberstar	Tiaht			
			Israel	Obey	Tiberi			
			Issa	Oliver	Tierney			

NOT VOTING—32

Abercrombie	Evans	Miller, Gary
Beauprez	Ford	Moran (VA)
Biggert	Gingrey	Myrick
Bonner	Gutierrez	Nadler
Brown, Corrine	Hinchee	Osborne
Costa	Istook	Owens
Costello	Kirk	Rohrabacher
Davis (FL)	Lucas	Roybal-Allard
DeLay	McCollum (MN)	Rush
Diaz-Balart, M.	Millender	Skelton
Doolittle	McDonald	Sweeney

□ 1920

So (two-thirds of those voting having responded in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A Bill to award a congressional gold medal on behalf of the Tuskegee Airmen, collectively, in recognition of their unique military record, which inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces".

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 the RECORD to show that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 14, 15 and 16.

FOREIGN COUNTRIES OWNING AMERICAN PORTS

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

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, the decision to let a United Arab Emirates-owned company take over operations at U.S. ports is dangerous and defies common sense. This is a matter of domestic security. The UAE, although our alleged friends now, recognized the Taliban, laundered money to 9/11 terrorists, and continues to participate in the Arab boycott against Israel.

These same foreign entities would have access to U.S. manifests showing what cargo is being shipped and where and when it is going. This decision affects military terminals in my district, like the port of Beaumont, where one-third of all military cargo deployed to and from Iraq comes through this port. Even the Coast Guard seems to be uneasy about this decision. There is an inherent problem and a national security risk in having state-owned foreign companies buying interest in American ports. This decision is unwise. We are putting a fox in our own hen house, and this decision ought not to be.

Mr. Speaker, allowing a foreign-owned business to infiltrate our ports

is just a risky business. And that's just the way it is.

NATIONAL SECURITY AND OUR TRADE AGREEMENTS

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

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I applaud the House Republican leadership for finally standing up to the President and saying no on this agreement, this \$6.8 billion contract with the company from the United Arab Emirates.

The problem, however, is more fundamental than just stopping this one. It is what happens with national security in our trade agreements. We are in the middle of negotiating a trade agreement with the United Arab Emirates. If this trade agreement had already been signed, we could not back out of this deal with this United Arab Emirates country. It would be an unfair trade practice.

The administration and the Congress have it exactly backwards. Before signing trade agreements, before negotiating a new trade agreement, we need a provision to address national security concerns first. That means a review about all the implications of national security before we sign these trade agreements. That is why I am introducing legislation tonight to do just that.

HONORING MARGARET ROGERS GHIOTTO OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA

(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, tomorrow is March 1, and each March we celebrate the achievements of our American women during Women's History Month.

This year I want to take the opportunity to honor Margaret Rogers Ghiotto from Brooksville, Florida. A decorated and accomplished business leader and humanitarian, she deserves special recognition for her good work and deeds throughout her 89 years. She was a pillar in the Hernando County community until her death earlier last month. Her story is an inspiration to all Americans, but especially women.

Known by her friends and family as Weenie, her success as a businesswoman came at a time when a woman's place was supposed to be in the home. She owned and managed Rogers Christmas House, as well as Jennings House in Brooksville, Florida, that is on the National Register.

It was with great reverence and admiration that friends, family, and members of the community paid their respects to Margaret on February 18, 2006. Margaret's story is an inspiration not only to women business owners but to all residents throughout the Nation.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE GET IT

(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, I think it is important, as we have participated in the rising thunder of the discussion of port ownership around America, to say that the American people get it. What they get is that we are in a new day after 9/11. We want to make sure that our constitutional rights are protected, but we also want to make sure the homeland is secure. That is the promise that this administration made to the American people. And, frankly, to know that our ports are subjected to the potential of being bought and sold on the open market is a frightening concept.

It is well known that a tanker massed with weapons of mass destruction at any one of our ports could be probably more devastating than the horrific events of 9/11. Tomorrow, I will introduce legislation that will ask for a moratorium for the Nation's ports and the buying and selling to foreign entities, not entities in the Middle East, not entities in Europe, but all foreign entities. I will ask, as well, for a GAO study to determine what is the status of security for our ports. And finally, I will ask for a report on the security status of the 10 largest ports in America.

Let's give a solution. We don't need contracts that sell away our security.

HONORING NATIONAL PEACE CORPS WEEK AND THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEACE CORPS

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

Mr. KLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the nearly 8,000 Peace Corps volunteers who served in more than 70 countries across the globe last year. More specifically, to celebrate National Peace Corps Week, I would like to acknowledge the 30 Peace Corps volunteers in Minnesota's Second Congressional District who graduated from St. Olaf or Carleton Colleges, which annually are among the Nation's small college leaders in providing volunteers to the Peace Corps.

The Peace Corps, celebrating its 45th anniversary, provides practical assistance to host countries by sharing America's most precious resource, its people. I commend the Peace Corps volunteers for teaching those throughout the developing world how to build a better life for themselves, their children, and their communities.

We should take time to honor these selfless volunteers for their valuable service.

Mr. Speaker, I include for the RECORD a list of Peace Corps volunteers from Minnesota's Second District.

ST. OLAF COLLEGE

Kraig R. Lothe, Christopher D. Stillion, Sarah A. Chambers, Elizabeth M. Kidd, Megan M. Gregory, Leah A. Gross, Anne E. Fraser, Autumn A. Notter, Matthew M. Toburen, Leslie A. Nechville, Colin T. Forman, Aaron D. Gerber, Erik N. Peterson, Jenell C. Stewart, Kai M. Logan, Kari L. Lewis, and Micheal J. Miller.

CARLETON COLLEGE

Susan E. Johnson, Katherine L. Jumbe, Nicholas Boekelheide, Katherine M. Valaas, Robert A. Valaas, Jesse M. Lamarre-Vincent, Sara A. Lehoullier, April K. Wilhelm, Nicholas R. Kasparek, Theodore J. Stroomer, Carl G. Ebeling, Ambrosia D. Mosby, and Elliot T. Hoel.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. RAMSTAD) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. RAMSTAD addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

LETTER FROM NAJIM ABDULLAH ABID AL-JIBOURI

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. KING) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I have with me a letter written by Najim Abdullah Abid Al-Jibouri, the mayor of Tall 'Afar, Iraq who saluted the Third Armored Cavalry Regiment. The mayor of Tall 'Afar saw that the United States soldiers were sacrificing and turning that city into a city that had an opportunity for freedom and prosperity, has carefully penned this letter, and a letter to the Third Armored Cavalry Regiment.

It states: "In the name of God, the compassionate and merciful, to the courageous men and women of the Third Armored Cavalry Regiment, who have changed the city of Tall 'Afar from a ghost town in which terrorists spread death and destruction, to a secure city flourishing with life. To the lion hearts who liberated our city from the grasp of terrorists who were beheading men, women and children in the streets for many months. To those who spread smiles on the faces of our children and gave us restored hope through their personal sacrifice and brave fighting and gave new life to the city after hopelessness darkened our days and stole our confidence in our ability to re-establish our city. Our city was the main base of operations for Abu Mousab Al Zarqawi.

□ 1930

"The city was completely held hostage in the hands of his henchmen. Our