

to work and to ensure that suspension bills are covered under the new earmark rule.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, that is an issue the gentleman I suggest should take up with his leadership. I do not have much of a say in that matter.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LOBIONDO. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to Congresswoman KELLY from New York.

Mrs. KELLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Coast Guard reauthorization. I am pleased to see that the section that Mr. BARROW of Georgia and I authored in a bipartisan fashion is included in the measure before us.

Our provision would clarify the role of the Coast Guard in protecting our Nation's nuclear power plants along navigable waterways. This language will allow the Coast Guard to work with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to better safeguard nuclear facilities like the Indian Point facility along the Hudson River in my district and provide vessels and weaponry capable of thwarting waterborne attacks.

I want to thank Chairman YOUNG and Coast Guard Subcommittee Chairman LOBIONDO for their great work in support of the U.S. Coast Guard and for working so cooperatively with Congressman BARROW and me to have this provision included. This provision will go a long way towards protecting a segment of our Nation's energy infrastructure that still remains vulnerable of attack.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I think we have essentially resolved the issue of the gentleman from Arizona.

Madam Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LOBIONDO. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I would like to thank all my colleagues again, thank Mr. YOUNG, Mr. OBERSTAR, and Mr. FILNER on the subcommittee for working so closely for such an excellent product.

I would like to remind all of the Members of the sacrifices that the men and women of the Coast Guard make every day on our behalf. Unsung heroes, underrecognized, underappreciated men and women who are putting their lives on the line for our country with extraordinary dedication. This bill will help give them the tools and the equipment necessary for them to carry out their jobs.

It is, I guess, somewhat fitting that within a very short period of time all of America will have an opportunity to have a much better understanding of what the Coast Guard does because of a film that is being released, I believe, tomorrow, that will paint an extraordinary picture, realistic picture, of Coast Guard rescue swimmers and the danger that the men and women put themselves in every day on our behalf.

So I once again would urge all of my colleagues to please vote "yes."

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. LOBIONDO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5681, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS

Mr. COLE of Oklahoma, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-700) on the resolution (H. Res. 1053) waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, 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. 5441, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. 3930, MILITARY COMMISSIONS ACT OF 2006; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4772, PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS IMPLEMENTATION ACT OF 2006

Mr. COLE of Oklahoma, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-701) on the resolution (H. Res. 1054) waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 5441) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes and providing for consideration of the bill (S. 3930) to authorize trial by military commission for violations of the law of war, and for other purposes and consideration of the bill (H.R. 4772) to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges under the United States Constitution have been deprived by final actions of Federal agencies or other government officials or entities acting under color of State law, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### ROBERT J. THOMPSON POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6075) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service lo-

cated at 101 East Gay Street in West Chester, Pennsylvania, as the "Robert J. Thompson Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 6075

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. ROBERT J. THOMPSON POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 East Gay Street in West Chester, Pennsylvania, shall be known and designated as the "Robert J. Thompson Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Robert J. Thompson Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. MARCHANT) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, H.R. 6075, offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PITTS), would designate the facility of the Post Office in West Chester, Pennsylvania, as the "Robert J. Thompson Post Office Building."

Born on November 30, 1937, Senator Thompson graduated from Penn State University in 1959 and was known to be a loyal and devoted fan of the Nittany Lions.

He was a native of West Chester, Pennsylvania, and began his career in public service in 1970 as a member of the West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors. He began serving as a member of the Pennsylvania State Senate in 1995, representing the 19th District, which includes parts of Chester and Montgomery Counties. During his distinguished career as Senator, Thompson also served as chairman of the Appropriations Committee and vice chairman of the State Government Committee.

But his contributions were not limited to just the public arena. He and his wife, Nancy, were very dedicated to the community in which they lived. Senator Thompson's list of involvements was impressive. He was the founding Executive Director of the Chester County Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Chester County Hospital Board, a member of the Immaculata College President's Council, and was an elder at the First Presbyterian Church of West Chester.

He passed away in January of 2006 and will be greatly missed by friends, family, and the community.

I urge all Members to come together and vote in favor of H.R. 6075.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, H.R. 6075, legislation sponsored by Representative JOSEPH PITTS, was unanimously passed by the Government Reform Committee on September 21, 2006. The bill designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 East Gay Street in West Chester, Pennsylvania, as the "Robert J. Thompson Post Office Building."

Robert Thompson, a member of the Pennsylvania State Senate since 1995 and Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, passed away in January of 2006.

Madam Speaker, Robert Thompson was a distinguished citizen who gave much of himself and much of his life to public service, and one way of recognizing and remembering the contribution that he made is to name this postal facility in his honor.

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honor of Robert J. Thompson and I rise in support of H.R. 6075, the Senator Bob Thompson Post Office Designation Act.

I've introduced this bill with my fellow colleagues from Pennsylvania and I thank them for their support.

It's a great privilege to be able to commemorate the life and public service of the late Senator Robert Thompson—Bob, as he was known to his friends.

Senator Thompson was a distinguished legislator and respected public servant. He served the people of southern Pennsylvania for more than 30 years as an elected official.

Bob got his start in public life in 1970 as a member of the West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors.

In 1995, Bob was elected to the State Senate where he represented the good people of Chester and Montgomery counties and served as Majority Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

I had the great privilege of serving with him in the Pennsylvania State legislature before coming to Congress—an honor I will always cherish.

Throughout his tenure in Harrisburg, Bob earned a solid reputation as an honest and sincere representative who always made his constituents his first priority.

Despite his health challenges that required him to be in the hospital frequently, his friends and colleagues fondly recall the encouraging and humorous e-mails he would send on his Blackberry from his hospital room.

Those who knew Bob loved his gentle demeanor, cheerful spirit, and great sense of humor.

His kindness and generosity were evidenced by his dedication to community service and civic participation.

He served on the board of numerous civic associations and community groups, including the Chester County Historical Society, the

Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club, Chester County Library, and the West Chester Area Day Care Association.

Despite his many accomplishments as a respected public servant, I believe Bob would most like to be remembered as a devoted husband to Nancy and a loving father and grandfather.

Although Pennsylvania lost a great public leader, his kind and gentle countenance will not be forgotten by the many men and women who have served alongside him.

The Bob Thompson Post Office will be a fitting tribute to his life and work for many years to come.

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great public servant and friend, the late Pennsylvania State Senator Robert J. Thompson. Today, the House of Representatives has the unique opportunity to designate the United States Postal Service facility located at 101 East Gay Street in West Chester, Pennsylvania, the "Robert J. Thompson Post Office Building".

Bob, a native of Chester County, Pennsylvania, gave his life to public service as a township supervisor, county commissioner, member of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, and finally as State Senator representing the 19th District of Pennsylvania. In all of these endeavors, he represented his constituents with honor, dignity, and professionalism. He was also known throughout the community as a loving father and grandfather with a tremendous sense of humor and love of life. So, it is an honor for me to take this time to remember a man I worked closely with and who I greatly respected as a mentor and a friend.

Bob and his wife Nancy made community service, civic participation, and faith-based activities paramount in their lives. When not serving on countless commissions, committees, and caucuses, Bob made sure he was there for his family as well. In short, Bob was a "legislator's legislator," a highly honored servant and a loving family man.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to stand before this House today to help remember State Senator Robert Thompson. He is sorely missed by his family, his constituents, and myself, and I know that by naming the post office in West Chester after him, his legacy of public service will live on.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. MARCHANT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6075.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### CHUCK FORTENBERRY POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6078) to designate the facility

of the United States Postal Service located at 307 West Wheat Street in Woodville, Texas, as the "Chuck Fortenberry Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 6078

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. CHUCK FORTENBERRY POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 307 West Wheat Street in Woodville, Texas, shall be known and designated as the "Chuck Fortenberry Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Chuck Fortenberry Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. MARCHANT) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

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#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, H.R. 6078 as introduced by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BRADY) would designate the post office in Woodville, Texas, as the "Chuck Fortenberry Post Office."

Chief Warrant Officer Fortenberry was a 19½-year Army veteran who was serving with the 1st Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, out of Fort Hood, Texas. During the course of his distinguished career, he also served in the 82nd Airborne Division, became an Army Ranger, and worked in Alaska before joining the warrant officer program to fly helicopters.

Officer Fortenberry was killed on Easter Sunday, April 11, 2004, when his AH-64 Apache helicopter was shot down over Baghdad. On that Sunday, a convoy traveling through Baghdad en route to Fallujah came under enemy fire. Someone on the ground called for air support, and Fortenberry and his partner, Chief Warrant Officer Lawrence "Shane" Colton, responded within moments. The convoy was saved, but their helicopter was shot down. Officer Fortenberry and his crewman paid the ultimate price for their country and their comrades, and I hope all members will join me in supporting this bill to honor such bravery and sacrifice.

Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BRADY).

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, I appreciate Congressman