

I urge my colleagues to oppose the Pence amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2011

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I ask that the RECORD show that I mistakenly voted in favor of amendment number 192 to H.R. 1 offered by the gentlewoman from Illinois, Mrs. BIGGERT. I am a strong supporter of the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy, and I oppose efforts to defund the program.

MAJOR WILLIAM EDWARD ADAMS
TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, it is my sincere honor to stand and pay tribute to a heroic American who was awarded our nation's highest honor for his conspicuous gallantry in the Kontum Province in the Central Highlands of Vietnam. Major William Edward Adams is an inspiration to every citizen of our great nation, and a reminder to all Americans that some will sacrifice everything to preserve our way of life.

Maj. Adams was born in Casper, Wyoming, and raised in Craig, Colorado. He went to high school in Missouri at the Wentworth Military Academy. He graduated from Colorado State University, where he also met his future wife Sandra Adams. Upon graduation he joined the United States Army. Major Adams was deployed to Vietnam in 1970.

On May 25th, 1971, Maj. Adams willingly volunteered for a helicopter rescue mission that would undoubtedly endanger his lightly armored aircraft and his life. The mission was to fly into a remote fire base that was under heavy attack to pick up three critically wounded soldiers. Maj. Adams was fully aware of the advantageous position of the enemy's formidable anti-aircraft guns; as well as the clear skies that would provide no cover from the imminent barrage. While directing and coordinating fire support from other attack helicopters, Major Adams landed his aircraft and picked up the three wounded soldiers. As he began his return flight, Maj. Adams' helicopter was bombarded with enemy rocket and gunfire. He calmly regained control of the aircraft, and prepared to make an emergency landing, but the helicopter exploded before Maj. Adams could touch down. For these actions, Major William Edward Adams posthumously received the Medal of Honor.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me pride to know that I have fellow countrymen who are capable of such selfless feats of bravery. It has been a true privilege to rise and pay tribute to Maj. William Edward Adams.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICK MULVANEY

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2011

Mr. MULVANEY. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 87, I inadvertently missed the two-minute rollcall No. 87 on February 17, 2011. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

NETWORKS WIN LAP DOG AWARD
FOR IGNORING CORRUPTION AT
LIBERAL GROUP

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, ABC, CBS, and NBC are the winners of this week's Media Fairness Caucus "Lap Dog Award" for biased news coverage.

Undercover videos released earlier this month show employees of Planned Parenthood, a taxpayer-funded liberal group, giving advice on how to obtain abortions for underage girls and circumvent sex crime laws.

All three television networks ignored the controversy for an entire week. ABC and NBC still have not devoted any coverage to the story, according to a Lexis-Nexis search.

Can you imagine if it were discovered that a conservative group was willing to aid and abet the sexual exploitation of minors? It would be all over the news.

The national media should give Americans the facts, not ignore them.

FULL-YEAR CONTINUING
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 17, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1) making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes:

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Chair, this bipartisan amendment places a reasonable limit on the Government's ability to spy on American citizens using Patriot Act powers, by narrowly targeting the Patriot Act provision which allows the Government to seize library or bookstore records to determine what Americans are reading and thinking. Protection against this type of intrusion into our thoughts and minds is at the heart of our most fundamental freedoms and what it means to be an American. For these reasons, I vote in favor of the Nadler/Conyers amendment.

FULL-YEAR CONTINUING
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 17, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1) making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes:

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Chair, I move to strike the last word.

I rise today in strong opposition to the Pence Amendment to the Republican Continuing Resolution which would eliminate all federal funding to Planned Parenthood facilities across the country.

Planned Parenthood has been a vital healthcare provider for low and moderate income women since its formation in 1916. It is one of the largest providers of basic healthcare in the country offering a variety of services including cancer screenings, HIV/AIDS testing, blood pressure examinations and general reproductive care for more than 3 million patients annually.

If passed, this amendment would have a detrimental impact on women's access to basic healthcare services and would severely limit a woman's right to control her own reproductive health.

Over 90% of the services Planned Parenthood administers are preventative care services that keep low and moderate income women healthy. Planned Parenthood also gives women access to contraception and important family planning services.

6 in 10 women who receive healthcare from women's health centers such as Planned Parenthood consider these facilities to be their primary source of basic, preventative care. Taking away these options for millions of women is not acceptable.

Research has shown that every dollar invested in family planning programs saves American taxpayers \$4. Clearly, the goal of this amendment is not to reduce the deficit but to restrict women's access to basic healthcare services.

In the long-term, the preventative care services that Planned Parenthood offers will certainly save millions of dollars for the American taxpayer who would otherwise be forced to foot the medical bills of patients who had been denied access to preventative care services as a result of this amendment.

The Republicans claim that this Continuing Resolution is about cutting the deficit. However, this amendment is inconsistent with that objective. Instead of focusing on creating jobs, an issue that is at the center of the American people's mind, the Republicans are focusing on eliminating funding to health centers that actually save the American taxpayers money.

In these tough economic times, women who rely on health centers such as Planned Parenthood for basic care may not have any other options for seeking treatment if funding for these facilities were to disappear.

This amendment does not reduce the deficit, it does not create jobs and it severely hinders women's right to affordable, basic healthcare.

Thank you.