

Mr. Speaker and Members, I know that we often recognize Americans who have left their mark upon their communities and it is appropriate to do so. It is also appropriate to recognize that some persons provide decades of exemplary service to this nation not merely because they are paid to do their job but because they are in love with their work and receive payment many times over by watching the fruits of their efforts flower for future generations. Larry Buckmaster loves his job and has now chosen to retire. I find it hard to believe that we are going to let him leave. Let us honor a wonderful American, a great father and husband, and a civic treasure. Larry Buckmaster will be remembered for the lives that he improved, the leaders he inspired and the smiles that he brought to our faces. Let's wish him well on the golf course. He deserves a second hole in one.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I missed the following votes during this week:

On rollcall vote No. 419, On agreeing to the Gallego Amendment to H.R. 2610, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 420, On agreeing to the Young Amendment H.R. 2610, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 421, On the Grayson Amendment to H.R. 2610, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 422, On the McClintock Amendment to H.R. 2610, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 423, On the Hastings of Florida Amendment to H.R. 2610, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 424, On the Second Hastings of Florida Amendment to H.R. 2610, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 425, On the Third Hastings of Florida Amendment to H.R. 2610, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 426, On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 1911, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 427, On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 850, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 428, On the Waxman Amendment to H.R. 1582, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 429, On the Connolly Amendment to H.R. 1582, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 430, On the Murphy of Pennsylvania Amendment to H.R. 1582, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 431, On the Motion to Recommit to H.R. 1582, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 432, On Passage of H.R. 1582, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 433, On Ordering the Previous Question to H. Res. 322, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 434, On Agreeing to H. Res. 322, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 435, On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1897, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 436, On Passage of H.R. 2879, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 437, On the Scalise Amendment to H.R. 367, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 438, On the Smith of Missouri Amendment to H.R. 367, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 439, On the Latham Amendment to H.R. 367, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 440, On the Nadler Amendment to H.R. 367, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 441, On the Johnson of Georgia Amendment to H.R. 367, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 442, On the Jackson-Lee Amendment to H.R. 367, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 443, On the Moore Amendment to H.R. 367, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 444, On the Motion to Recommit H.R. 367, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 445, On Passage of H.R. 367, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 446, On Passage of H.R. 2009, I would have voted "no."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 431 I was unavoidably detained in a meeting at the White House with the President. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, due to attending the funeral of Colonel George E. "Bud" Day, I missed the following rollcall Votes: No. 428–447 on August 1, 2013 and August 2, 2013.

If present, I would have voted:

Rollcall Vote No. 428—Waxman of California Amendment to H.R. 1582, "nay".

Rollcall Vote No. 429—Connolly of Virginia Amendment to H.R. 1582, "nay".

Rollcall Vote No. 430—Murphy of Pennsylvania Amendment to H.R. 1582, "aye".

Rollcall Vote No. 431—H.R. 1582, Motion to Recommit, "nay".

Rollcall Vote No. 432—H.R. 1582, Energy Consumers Relief Act, "aye".

Rollcall Vote No. 433—H. Res. 322, On Ordering the Previous Question, "aye".

Rollcall Vote No. 434—H. Res. 322, Resolution Providing for the Consideration of H.R. 367, H.R. 2009, and H.R. 2879, "aye".

Rollcall Vote No. 435—H.R. 1897—Vietnam Human Rights Act of 2013, as amended, "aye".

Rollcall Vote No. 436—H.R. 2879, Stop Government Abuse Act, "aye".

Rollcall Vote No. 437—Scalise of Louisiana Amendment to H.R. 367, "aye".

Rollcall Vote No. 438—Smith of Missouri Amendment to H.R. 367, "aye".

Rollcall Vote No. 439—Latham of Iowa Amendment to H.R. 367, "aye".

Rollcall Vote No. 440—Nadler of New York Amendment to H.R. 367, "nay".

Rollcall Vote No. 441—Johnson of Georgia Amendment to H.R. 367, "nay".

Rollcall Vote No. 442—Jackson Lee of Texas Amendment to H.R. 367, "nay".

Rollcall Vote No. 443—Moore of Wisconsin Amendment to H.R. 367, "nay".

Rollcall Vote No. 444—H.R. 367, Motion to Recommit, "nay".

Rollcall Vote No. 445—H.R. 367, Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2013, "aye".

Rollcall Vote No. 446—H.R. 2009, Motion to Recommit, "nay".

Rollcall Vote No. 447—H.R. 2009, Keep the IRS Off Your Health Care Act of 2013, "aye".

ENHANCING THE U.S.-INDIA TRADE PARTNERSHIP

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, India has been our strategic partner for years and we should continue to strengthen this relationship. One way to do so is by enhancing our trade partnership. U.S.-India bilateral trade is nearly \$100 billion—up from barely \$15 billion in 2000, but we can do better. Unfortunately, India's recent trend towards raising trade barriers has hampered this relationship, and both American firms and American workers have been on the losing end of these policies.

These discriminatory policies jeopardize manufacturing and other jobs back at home in Pennsylvania. For example, India's system of cascading tariffs, taxes, and other import charges is often cost-prohibitive. The pronounced disparity between bound rates (rates that generally cannot be exceeded under WTO rules) and applied rates (the actual rates charged) means that India's average applied rate is among the highest in the world. Furthermore, India's trade-weighted average tariff rate is 8.2 percent versus the U.S. rate of 1.6 percent, burdening U.S. manufacturers and making U.S. exports cost-prohibitive for Indian consumers. Lastly, India's tariff schedule is hard to find in one public place and this lack of transparency and accessibility is also burdensome.

By resolving these issues and seeking greater market-based reforms, we can strengthen the U.S.-India trade relationship and unleash the economic energy that will create prosperity for both the U.S. and India. This is a future worth striving towards.