ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempe (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

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So the bill was passed.
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded. A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:
Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I inadvertently did not vote during Roll Call #64 on passage of H.R. 50, the Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2015. Had I voted, I would have voted "nay."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for votes on Wednesday, February 4, 2015.

Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on roll call vote 59, and "nay" on roll call vote 60.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on roll call vote 61, "yea" on roll call vote 62, and "yea" on roll call vote 63.

I would have voted "nay" on roll call vote 64 in strong opposition to H.R. 50, the Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2015.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote today because of a serious illness in my family. Had I been present, I would have voted:

Rollcall #59—YEA
Rollcall #60—AYE
Rollcall #61—NO
Rollcall #62—NO
Rollcall #63—NO
Rollcall #64—AYE

HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 8:45 a.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempe. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 279

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed from H.R. 279, to amend the Communications Act of 1934.

The SPEAKER pro tempe. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

CLAY HUNT SAV ACT WILL SAVE VETERANS’ LIVES

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

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, those who sign up to serve and defend our country deserve our respect and support when they return home. Sadly, there is a crisis in our country when it comes to our veterans’ health care.

With an average of 22 veterans a day taking their own lives, we are failing them.

That is why Congress took action to pass the Clay Hunt Suicide Prevention for American Veterans Act so as to improve mental health care services and suicide prevention programs at the VA and at the Department of Defense. By establishing pilot programs to recruit and keep psychiatrists and to establish support networks for veterans, the Clay Hunt SAV Act will help service-members transition to life after the military. The bill is named after Clay Hunt, a brave soldier who served in both Iraq and Afghanistan. Tragically, Clay took his own life when he returned home.

I want to thank my Minnesota colleague, Tim Walz, for his leadership on this issue, and I encourage the President to quickly sign this legislation into law and get our veterans the support that they deserve.

THE PASSING OF CHARLIE SIFFORD

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

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note the passing of a great American.

Golf pioneer Charlie Sifford died last night at the age of 92. Often called the “Jackie Robinson of golf,” Sifford wrote in his autobiography, “Just Let Me Play,” about his fateful meeting with the man who broke baseball’s color barrier:

“He asked me if I was a quitter,” Sifford wrote.

“I told him: ‘No.’”

“He said: ‘If you’re not a quitter, you’re probably going to experience some things that will make you want to quit.’”

Sifford experienced unspeakable acts of racial abuse, slurs, and threats as he became the first African American to play the PGA Tour.

Born in Charlotte, North Carolina, in 1922, Sifford worked as a caddie and dominated the all-Black United States Golfers Association, winning five straight national titles. He challenged the PGA’s Whites-only rule, and, in 1961, they rescinded it. Sifford won the Greater Hartford Open in 1967 and the Los Angeles Open in 1969. He also won the 1975 Senior PGA Championship. In 2004, he became the first African American inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame.

Last year, President Barack Obama awarded Sifford the Medal of Freedom, joining Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer as the only golfers to receive our Nation’s highest civilian honor.