

Whitfield Wilson Young (AK)
Wicker Wolf Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—63

Ballenger Hall (OH) Millender-
Barton Hilliard McDonald
Becerra Hinojosa Miller, Gary
Bishop Hooley Nadler
Bliley Jackson-Lee Neal
Blumenauer (TX) Owens
Boucher Jefferson Oxley
Campbell Johnson, E. B. Payne
Capuano Jones (OH) Rangel
Clay Klink Sensenbrenner
Clayton LaFalce Serrano
Clyburn LaHood Shows
Cooksey Lazio Shuster
Costello Linder Skelton
Danner Lofgren Thompson (MS)
Deal Martinez Toomey
Engel McCollum Towns
Ewing McDermott Velazquez
Filner McIntyre Vento
Ganske McKinney Watt (NC)
Green (TX) Meek (FL) Watts (OK)
Greenwood Meeks (NY)

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So the motion to recommit was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). The question is on passage of the bill.

Under clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 204, nays 172, not voting 59, as follows:

[Roll No. 291]

YEAS—204

Aderholt Emerson Largent
Archer English Latham
Army Everett LaTourette
Bachus Fletcher Leach
Baker Foley Lewis (CA)
Ballenger Fossella Lewis (KY)
Barrett (NE) Fowler LoBiondo
Bartlett Franks (NJ) Lucas (OK)
Bass Frelinghuysen Manullo
Bateman Gallegly Mascara
Bereuter Ganske McCreery
Biggart Gekas McHugh
Billbray Gilchrest McInnis
Billrakis Gillmor McIntosh
Blunt Gilman McKeon
Boehrlert Goode Mica
Boehner Goodlatte Miller (FL)
Bonilla Goodling Mollohan
Bono Goss Moran (KS)
Brady (TX) Graham Morella
Bryant Granger Murtha
Burr Green (WI) Myrick
Burton Gutknecht Nethercutt
Buyer Hastert Ney
Callahan Hastings (WA) Northup
Calvert Hayes Norwood
Camp Hayworth Nussle
Canady Hill (MT) Oberstar
Cannon Hilleary Ose
Castle Hobson Packard
Chabot Hoekstra Pease
Chambliss Holden Peterson (PA)
Coble Horn Petri
Coburn Houghton Pickering
Collins Hulshof Pitts
Combest Hunter Pombo
Cook Hutchinson Porter
Cox Hyde Portman
Crane Isakson Pryce (OH)
Cubin Istook Quinn
Davis (VA) Jenkins Radanovich
DeLay Johnson (CT) Rahall
DeMint Johnson, Sam Ramstad
Diaz-Balart Jones (NC) Regula
Dickey Kasich Reynolds
Doolittle Kelly Riley
Doyle King (NY) Rogan
Dreier Kingston Rogers
Duncan Knollenberg Ros-Lehtinen
Dunn Kolbe Roukema
Ehlers Kuykendall Ryan (WI)
Ehrlich LaHood Ryun (KS)

Salmon Sanford Souder Upton
Sanford Spence Vitter
Saxton Stearns Walden
Scarborough Stump Walsh
Schaffer Sununu Wamp
Sessions Sweeney Watkins
Shadegg Talent Watts (OK)
Shaw Tancredo Weldon (FL)
Shays Tauzin Weldon (PA)
Sherwood Taylor (MS) Weller
Shimkus Taylor (NC) Whitfield
Simpson Terry Wicker
Skeen Thomas Wilson
Smith (MI) Thornberry Wolf
Smith (NJ) Thune Young (AK)
Smith (TX) Traficant Young (FL)

NAYS—172

Abercrombie Gephardt Pallone
Ackerman Gibbons Pascrell
Allen Gonzalez Pastor
Andrews Gordon Paul
Baca Hall (TX) Pelosi
Baird Hansen Peterson (MN)
Baldacci Hastings (FL) Phelps
Baldwin Hefley Pickett
Barcia Herger Pomeroy
Barr Hill (IN) Price (NC)
Barrett (WI) Hinchey Reyes
Bentsen Hoeffel Rivers
Berkley Holt Rodriguez
Berman Hostettler Roemer
Berry Hoyer Rohrabacher
Blagojevich Insee Rothman
Bonior Jackson (IL) Roybal-Allard
Borski John Royce
Boswell Kanjorski Rush
Boyd Kaptur Sabo
Brady (PA) Kennedy Sanchez
Brown (FL) Kildee Sanders
Brown (OH) Kilpatrick Sandlin
Capps Kind (WI) Sawyer
Cardin Kleczka Schakowsky
Carson Kucinich Scott
Chenoweth-Hage Lampson Sherman
Clement Lantos Sisisky
Condit Larson Slaughter
Conyers Lee Smith (WA)
Coyne Levin Snyder
Cramer Lewis (GA) Spratt
Crowley Lipinski Stabenow
Cummings Lowey Stark
Cunningham Lucas (KY) Stenholm
Davis (FL) Luther Strickland
Davis (IL) Maloney (CT) Stupak
DeFazio Maloney (NY) Tanner
DeGette Markey Tauscher
Delahunt Matsui Thompson (CA)
DeLauro McCarthy (MO) Thurman
Deutsch McCarthy (NY) Tiahrt
Dicks McGovern Tierney
Dingell McKinney Turner
Dixon McNulty Udall (CO)
Doggett Meehan Udall (NM)
Dooley Menendez Visclosky
Edwards Metcalf Waters
Eshoo Miller, George Waxman
Etheridge Minge Weiner
Evans Mink Wexler
Farr Moakley Weygand
Fattah Moore Wise
Forbes Moran (VA) Woolsey
Ford Napolitano Wu
Frank (MA) Obey Wynn
Frost Olver
Gejdenson Ortiz

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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.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend, the distinguished gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY), for the purpose of inquiring about the schedule.

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the House has completed its legislative business for the week.

The House will next meet on Monday, June 19, at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business. We will consider a number of measures under suspension of the rules, a list of which will be distributed to Members' offices tomorrow. On Monday, no recorded votes are expected before 6 p.m. We will also consider H.R. 4635, VA-HUD appropriations for fiscal year 2001 on Monday under an open rule. Members should expect to work until about 9 p.m. on VA-HUD Monday evening.

On Tuesday, June 20 and the balance of the week, the House will consider the following measures:

H.R. 4601, the Debt Reduction and Reconciliation Act of 2000;

H.R. 4201, the Noncommercial Broadcasting Freedom of Expression Act of 2000;

H.J. Res. 90, withdrawing the approval of the United States from the agreement established in the World Trade Organization;

H.R. 4516, Legislative Branch appropriations for fiscal year 2001;

H.R. 4461, Agricultural Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2001;

Departments of Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2001.

Mr. Speaker, we have just completed a very productive week in the House. I want to thank my colleagues for all their hard work. Obviously, next week we have laid out another very ambitious schedule for the House; and so I would caution my colleagues to be prepared to work late nights Monday through Thursday.

Mr. Speaker, I wish all my colleagues a good weekend back in their districts and a happy Father's Day.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY) for the information. I note that the prescription drug bill is not on the calendar for next week, Mr. Leader; but I am wondering, notwithstanding that, can the gentleman confirm for us the discussions we have had that, because this is a matter of such importance to the American people, that when the bill does come up, that the minority will at a minimum have the opportunity to

offer our substitute proposal that has brought this issue to the floor when it does come to the floor?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, let me thank the gentleman for that inquiry, and the gentleman is absolutely correct. It is an important issue. The committee expects to mark it up and prepare it for the House by Wednesday of next week.

We would hope to have it on the floor then the following week; and then, of course, the Committee on Rules will deliberate on that. And I am sorry I cannot answer at this time what rule will be reported.

I do appreciate the concern the minority has, and I will relay that on to the Committee on Rules.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for his reply, and I understand the fact that he may not be able to predict what the Committee on Rules would do, but can the distinguished Leader, based upon what I understand are conversations that I have not participated in, but I think some have, can the Leader advise me whether or not it would be his intention to advise the Committee on Rules that the minority have the opportunity to offer its substitute on an issue of such magnitude to the American people?

Mr. ARMEY. Let me again thank the gentleman for his inquiry. I have not participated in the discussions to which the gentleman refers. I will consult with those Members of our leadership that have been involved in those discussions and then act in accordance with what I understand from those discussions.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for his response, and, again, would hope very sincerely that on a matter of this magnitude that the House would have the opportunity of considering at least two substantive alternatives and the substantive alternative offered by the minority party as it sees fit to offer it.

Mr. ARMEY. I appreciate the gentleman's interests; and certainly I understand, having been in the minority, myself, how strongly you must feel about that.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman.

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF MEDAL OF HONOR TO ED W. FREEMAN, JAMES K. OKUBO, AND ANDREW J. SMITH

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the Senate bill (S. 2722), to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to Ed. W. Freeman, James K. Okubo, and Andrew J. Smith, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the Senate bill, as follows:

S. 2722

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

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY TO AWARD MEDAL OF HONOR TO ED W. FREEMAN, JAMES K. OKUBO, AND ANDREW J. SMITH.

(a) INAPPLICABILITY OF TIME LIMITATIONS.—Notwithstanding the time limitations in section 3744(b) of title 10, United States Code, or any other time limitation, the President may award the Medal of Honor under section 3741 of such title to the persons specified in subsection (b) for the acts specified in that subsection, the award of the Medal of Honor to such persons having been determined by the Secretary of the Army to be warranted in accordance with section 1130 of such title.

(b) PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE MEDAL OF HONOR.—The persons referred to in subsection (a) are the following:

(1) Ed W. Freeman, for conspicuous acts of gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life and beyond the call of duty on November 14, 1965, as flight leader and second-in-command of a helicopter lift unit at landing zone X-Ray in the Battle of the Ia Drang Valley, Republic of Vietnam, during the Vietnam War, while serving in the grade of Captain in Alpha Company, 229th Assault Helicopter Battalion, 101st Cavalry Division (Airmobile).

(2) James K. Okubo, for conspicuous acts of gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life and beyond the call of duty on October 28 and 29, and November 4, 1944, at Foret Domaniale de Champ, near Biffontaine, France, during World War II, while serving as an Army medic in the grade of Technician Fifth Grade in the medical detachment, 442d Regimental Combat Team.

(3) Andrew J. Smith, for conspicuous acts of gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life and beyond the call of duty on November 30, 1864, in the Battle of Honey Hill, South Carolina, during the Civil War, while serving as a corporal in the 55th Massachusetts Voluntary Infantry Regiment.

(c) POSTHUMOUS AWARD.—The Medal of Honor may be awarded under this section posthumously, as provided in section 3752 of title 10, United States Code.

(d) PRIOR AWARD.—The Medal of Honor may be awarded under this section for service for which a Silver Star, or other award, has been awarded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Colorado (Mr. HEFLEY) is recognized for 1 hour.

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

Mr. Speaker, S. 2722 authorizes the award of the Medal of Honor to three individuals who have been recommended for the award following a review by the Secretary of the Army.

In authorizing an award S. 2722, waives the time limits established in the law for the award of the Medal of Honor. The three cases involve extraordinary valor in combat and represent well the high standard for bravery that is the hallmark of our Nation's most cherished decoration, the Medal of Honor.

Corporal Andrew J. Smith, 55th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, saved the regimental colors from capture on November 30, 1864, during the Battle of Honey Hill, South Carolina, when an assault left one-half of the regiment's officers and a third of the enlisted men killed or wounded.

Technician Fifth grade, James K. Okubo, Medical Detachment 442nd Reg-

imental Combat Team, rescued several badly wounded members of his unit while under heavy enemy fire on October 28, 29, and November 4, 1944, near Biffontaine France.

Captain Ed. W. Freeman, 229 Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, repeatedly flew into one of the hottest and most embattled landing zones of the Vietnam War to provide essential supplies and evacuate wounded on November 14, 1965, at landing zone X-ray during the battle of the LaDrang Valley, Republic of Vietnam.

The legislation would provide the appropriate honors posthumously to three valiant Americans of very different backgrounds, engaged in three very different battles. No matter how different the men, no matter how different the tactical or technological aspects of the conflicts in which they found themselves, they each reflected the best character of the American soldier.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to note that this legislation would, if adopted by the House, permit Mr. Okubo's family to receive his medal along with other Asian-American veterans who will receive Medals of Honor in a White House Ceremony on June 21.

I urge my colleagues to join me in support of S. 2722.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend and colleague, the gentleman from Hawaii (Mr. ABERCROMBIE).

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. HEFLEY) for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 2722, which is before the House today authorizing the Medal of Honor for James K. Okubo, Ed. W. Freeman, and Andrew J. Smith for the heroic actions as outlined by the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. HEFLEY).

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These three individuals are highly deserving of this award for their conspicuous bravery under fire in the defense of our great nation.

I am particularly pleased that this legislation is the culmination of an exhaustive effort to recognize James K. Okubo for his valor during World War II. Mr. Okubo, a Japanese-American, originally from Washington State, like hundreds of others was sent to an internment camp in California at the outset of World War II. Despite being subjected to this shameful treatment, he never wavered in his patriotism and dedication to this country.

James Okubo entered the Army and was assigned as a medic in the legendary 442nd Regimental Combat Team. In October of 1944, Technician Okubo and his unit were tasked with the rescue of the "Lost Battalion" from Texas. The "Lost Battalion" was surrounded by German forces and threatened with annihilation.

During a 2 day period of heavy machine gun fire, mortar and artillery fire, Technician Okubo provided first-aid to 25 fellow soldiers wounded in the