

All crimes are crimes of hate. Whenever a person harms another, there is hate. Should we enact federal legislation to punish hate directed towards one person more severely than hate directed against another, merely because of the victim's classification? I do not believe so.

Under our present laws, the killers of James Byrd and Matthew Shepard (crimes which would have fallen under the Kennedy hate crimes provision) were severely punished for their illegal and gruesome crimes. James Byrd's killer was sentenced to death, and Matthew Shepard's killer was sentenced to two life sentences without the possibility of parole. These and other heinous crimes are prosecuted, and the perpetrators punished; under existing laws. People who commit such crimes are not going unpunished. Current federal and state laws are effective, and they are being used. There is no void here that new, "hate" legislation is needed to fill. Moreover, the effect of this legislation, were it to be enacted, might have the opposite effect to that intended by its proponents. By making the prosecutor's job more complex, and forcing prosecutors to prove additional elements of a "hate" offense, and not defining adequately the terms in these laws, such prosecutions would be rendered more difficult than prosecutions under current laws.

However, this deficiency apparently won't slow down the political agenda at work here.

Including this bill in the Defense Reauthorization bill would clearly be putting the value of one life over and above another. Let us not send that type of signal to our citizens. All life is valuable and should be protected, equally.

Vote no on Representative JOHN CONYERS' motion to instruct.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct offered by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS).

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 232, nays 192, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 471]

YEAS—232

Abercrombie	Boswell	DeFazio
Ackerman	Boucher	DeGette
Allen	Brady (PA)	Delahunt
Andrews	Brown (FL)	DeLauro
Baca	Brown (OH)	Deutsch
Baird	Capps	Diaz-Balart
Baldacci	Capuano	Dicks
Baldwin	Cardin	Dingell
Barrett (WI)	Carson	Dixon
Bass	Castle	Doggett
Becerra	Clay	Dooley
Bentsen	Clayton	Doyle
Berkley	Clement	Edwards
Berman	Clyburn	English
Biggert	Condit	Etheridge
Bilbray	Conyers	Evans
Bishop	Costello	Farr
Blagojevich	Coyne	Fattah
Blumenauer	Crowley	Filner
Boehrlert	Cummings	Foley
Bonior	Danner	Forbes
Bono	Davis (FL)	Ford
Borski	Davis (IL)	Frank (MA)

Frelinghuysen	LoBiondo
Frost	Lofgren
Galleghy	Lowe
Gejdenson	Luther
Gephardt	Maloney (CT)
Gibbons	Maloney (NY)
Gillmor	Markey
Gilman	Mascara
Gonzalez	Matsui
Gordon	McCarthy (MO)
Green (TX)	McCarthy (NY)
Greenwood	McCollum
Gutierrez	McCrery
Hall (OH)	McDermott
Hastings (FL)	McGovern
Hill (IN)	McKinney
Hilliard	McNulty
Hinchee	Meehan
Hinojosa	Meek (FL)
Hoeffel	Meeks (NY)
Holden	Menendez
Holt	Millender-McDonald
Hoolley	Miller, George
Horn	Minge
Houghton	Mink
Hoyer	Moakley
Inslee	Mollohan
Jackson (IL)	Moore
Jackson-Lee (TX)	Moran (VA)
Jefferson	Morella
Johnson (CT)	Murtha
Johnson, E.B.	Nadler
Jones (OH)	Napolitano
Kanjorski	Neal
Kaptur	Oberstar
Kelly	Obey
Kennedy	Olver
Kildee	Ortiz
Kilpatrick	Owens
Kind (WI)	Pallone
Klecicka	Pascrell
Kolbe	Pastor
Kucinich	Payne
Kuykendall	Pelosi
LaFalce	Pickett
LaHood	Pomeroy
Lampson	Porter
Lantos	Price (NC)
Larson	Quinn
LaTourette	Rahall
Leach	Rangel
Lee	Regula
Levin	Reyes
Lewis (GA)	Rivers

NAYS—192

Aderholt	Cunningham	Hutchinson
Archer	Davis (VA)	Hyde
Armey	Deal	Isakson
Bachus	DeLay	Istook
Baker	DeMint	Jenkins
Ballenger	Dickey	John
Barcia	Doolittle	Johnson, Sam
Barr	Dreier	Jones (NC)
Barrett (NE)	Duncan	Kasich
Bartlett	Dunn	King (NY)
Barton	Ehlers	Kingston
Bereuter	Ehrlich	Knollenberg
Berry	Emerson	Largent
Bilirakis	Everett	Latham
Bliley	Ewing	Lewis (CA)
Blunt	Fletcher	Lewis (KY)
Boehner	Fossella	Linder
Bonilla	Fowler	Lipinski
Boyd	Ganske	Lucas (KY)
Brady (TX)	Gekas	Lucas (OK)
Bryant	Goode	Manzullo
Burr	Goodlatte	Martinez
Burton	Goodling	McHugh
Buyer	Goss	McInnis
Callahan	Graham	McIntosh
Calvert	Granger	McIntyre
Camp	Green (WI)	McKeon
Candady	Gutknecht	Metcalfe
Cannon	Hall (TX)	Mica
Chabot	Hansen	Miller (FL)
Chambliss	Hastings (WA)	Miller, Gary
Chenoweth-Hage	Hayes	Moran (KS)
Coble	Hayworth	Myrick
Coburn	Hefley	Nethercutt
Collins	Herger	Ney
Combest	Hill (MT)	Northup
Cook	Hillery	Norwood
Cooksey	Hobson	Nussle
Cox	Hoekstra	Ose
Cramer	Hostettler	Oxley
Crane	Hulshof	Packard
Cubin	Hunter	Paul

Rodriguez	Pease
Roemer	Peterson (MN)
Ros-Lehtinen	Peterson (PA)
Rothman	Petri
Roukema	Phelps
Roybal-Allard	Pickering
Rush	Pitts
Sabo	Pombo
Sanchez	Portman
Sanders	Pryce (OH)
Sandlin	Radanovich
Sawyer	Ramstad
Saxton	Riley
Schakowsky	Rogan
Scott	Rogers
Serrano	Rohrabacher
Shaw	Royce
Shays	Ryan (WI)
Sherman	Ryun (KS)
Shimkus	Salmon
Sisisky	Sanford
Skelton	Scarborough

Schaffer	Taylor (MS)
Sensenbrenner	Taylor (NC)
Sessions	Terry
Shadegg	Thomas
Sherwood	Thornberry
Shows	Thune
Shuster	Tiahrt
Simpson	Toomey
Skeen	Trafficant
Smith (MI)	Vitter
Smith (TX)	Walden
Souder	Wamp
Spence	Watkins
Stearns	Watts (OK)
Stenholm	Weldon (FL)
Stump	Weldon (PA)
Sununu	Whitfield
Sweeney	Wicker
Talent	Wilson
Tancredo	Wolf
Tanner	Young (AK)
Tauzin	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—9

Campbell	Franks (NJ)	Lazio
Engel	Gilchrist	Reynolds
Eshoo	Klink	Vento

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Mr. BLILEY changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. CLYBURN changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the motion to instruct was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was not present for rollcall vote No. 471 because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE MATTHEW G. MARTINEZ, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON) laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable MATTHEW G. MARTINEZ, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 27, 2000.

Hon. JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives, H-154,
Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. TRANDAHL: Effective July 26, 2000, please change my party designation on your official records and databases to "REPUBLICAN."

Your assistance is appreciated.

Sincerely,

MATTHEW G. MARTINEZ,
Member of Congress.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE MARTIN FROST, CHAIRMAN, DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable MARTIN FROST, Chairman of the Democratic Caucus:

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
September 13, 2000.

Hon. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you that the Honorable Matthew Martinez of