

Neugebauer	Rogers (MI)	Strickland
Ney	Rohrabacher	Stupak
Northup	Ross	Sullivan
Norwood	Rothman	Tancredo
Nunes	Roybal-Allard	Tanner
Nussle	Royce	Tauscher
Oberstar	Ruppersberger	Taylor (MS)
Obey	Rush	Taylor (NC)
Olver	Ryan (OH)	Terry
Ortiz	Ryan (WI)	Thomas
Osborne	Ryun (KS)	Thompson (CA)
Ose	Sabo	Thompson (MS)
Otter	Sánchez, Linda	Thornberry
Owens	T.	Tiahrt
Oxley	Sanchez, Loretta	Tiberi
Pallone	Sanders	Tierney
Pascarell	Sandlin	Towns
Pastor	Saxton	Turner (OH)
Paul	Schakowsky	Turner (TX)
Payne	Schiff	Udall (CO)
Pearce	Schrock	Udall (NM)
Pelosi	Scott (GA)	Upton
Pence	Scott (VA)	Van Hollen
Peterson (MN)	Sensenbrenner	Velázquez
Peterson (PA)	Serrano	Visclosky
Petri	Sessions	Vitter
Pickering	Shadegg	Walden (OR)
Pitts	Shaw	Walsh
Platts	Shays	Wamp
Pombo	Sherman	Waters
Pomeroy	Sherwood	Watson
Porter	Shimkus	Watt
Portman	Shuster	Waxman
Price (NC)	Simmons	Weldon (FL)
Pryce (OH)	Simpson	Weldon (PA)
Putnam	Skelton	Weller
Quinn	Slaughter	Wexler
Rahall	Smith (MI)	Whitfield
Ramstad	Smith (NJ)	Wicker
Rangel	Smith (TX)	Wilson (NM)
Regula	Smith (WA)	Wilson (SC)
Rehberg	Snyder	Woolsey
Renzi	Solis	Wu
Reyes	Souder	Wynn
Reynolds	Spratt	Young (AK)
Rodriguez	Stark	Young (FL)
Rogers (AL)	Stearns	
Rogers (KY)	Stenholm	

NOT VOTING—34

Andrews	Frost	McCrery
Baldwin	Gephardt	Meek (FL)
Bishop (UT)	Gonzalez	Meeks (NY)
Buyer	Granger	Radanovich
Collins	Gutierrez	Ros-Lehtinen
Davis (AL)	Hastings (FL)	Sweeney
Davis (FL)	Hoeffel	Tauzin
Deutsch	Inslee	Toomey
Dooley (CA)	Isakson	Weiner
Dunn	Jefferson	Wolf
Ford	Klecicka	
Frelinghuysen	Kucinich	

□ 1925

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from the chamber today during rollcall votes No. 118, No. 119, and No. 120. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all of these votes.

HOUR OF MEETING ON THURSDAY,
APRIL 22, 2004

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Wednesday, April 21, 2004, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 22, 2004, for the purpose of receiving in this Chamber former Members of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TERRY). Is there objection to the re-

quest of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER TO
DECLARE A RECESS ON THURSDAY,
APRIL 22, 2004, FOR THE
PURPOSE OF RECEIVING
FORMER MEMBERS OF CON-
GRESS

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it may be in order on Thursday, April 22, 2004, for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in this Chamber former Members of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

ASSAULT WEAPONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mrs. MCCARTHY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, in 146 days assault weapons will be back on our streets. In 146 days drug lords, criminals, cop killers will be able to buy the gun of their choice. If this House is not allowed to bring up the renewal of assault weapons ban, in 146 days we will be going back 10 years in time.

We have proof that, since assault weapons have been off the streets, many lives have been saved.

Unfortunately, today is the fifth anniversary of the Columbine High School shooting. One of the weapons used in the shooting that day was the Tec-9. This weapon of war allowed two high school students to fire 55 rounds into students and teachers in a matter of minutes. Thirteen people were killed that day, 21 wounded.

The gun did what it was designed to do. It is an excellent product. It is a product that is out there to shoot rapidly, to kill as many people as possible in a short period of time. This gun did its job that day. In 146 days we are going to allow these guns back on the street.

These are the guns that we see being used over in Iraq, the same as an AK-47, the Uzis, the guns that were on our streets 10 years ago. And now we are going to go back and allow those guns back on the streets?

Where is the common sense? Gun owners across this country agree that these guns should not be allowed on the streets. Our police throughout this Nation have enough on their hands try-

ing to find the terrorists that are supposedly in this country; and yet this administration, this House, will do nothing.

President Bush in 2000 said that he would sign a bill to renew the assault weapons if it came onto his desk. The President has been extremely effective. Every bill that has come through this House has landed on his desk. But that is because he worked it.

It is going to be up to the American people to start e-mailing their Congressmen, their Senators, the Speaker of the House, everyone, to allow this bill to come back on the floor for a vote.

Mother's Day in 2000, we had over 750,000 moms, dads, uncles, victims gathered down here in Washington to try to do something about gun violence in this country.

□ 1930

This Mother's Day, again, the million moms are coming down here to have their voices heard. We are going to be doing this all over the Nation. Again, the American people have the opportunity to make a difference, but you cannot just talk about it. You have to really get out there and say, enough is enough.

We should be having an assault on the assault weapons. The millions of dollars that are spent every single year on gun violence in this country could be used towards our schools. The billions of dollars that it costs this country on health care because of gun violence could be used towards our health care system.

One person can make a difference, but it is a lot easier when that one becomes two and three and then thousands. We can do this. Many of us here on the House floor will fight for you, but we have to outnumber the NRA. Believe me, the numbers are small. They talk about 4 million NRA members. There are only actually 435,000 of them that have a grip on this House. Our nurses across the country, our doctors, if we only took the health care providers, we could make a difference.

I ask the American people for help. It is 146 days before the assault weapons go back on our streets. Is that what we want in our communities? Is that what we want for our children of this Nation? Is that the bloodshed we want to see in this country?

THE FREEDOM FLAT TAX ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TERRY). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, during these last 2 weeks back home in my district, I had a lot of discussion about income tax, because, of course, April 15 fell during our recess this year. A lot of people are asking me, what has ever happened to the concept of fundamental tax reform in the House of Representatives? Why can we not as the